

# **NDC Partnership Embedded Advisor on Climate Investment Programs in Rwanda**

## Terms of Reference

### **BACKGROUND**

The Government of Rwanda, through the work of the Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance, has identified two key areas of intervention that will accelerate the mobilization of resources necessary to achieve national climate goals, including those that form Rwanda's commitment to the Paris Agreement. These interventions include (i) the need to streamline Technical Assistance and (ii) the need to transition away from projects and promote investment planning to implement programs that demonstrate long term impacts and sustainability.

In October 2021, the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and Green Fund – FONERWA launched the NDC implementation framework, which includes NDC action priorities in line with the Green Growth and Climate Resilient Strategy (GGCRS) and its long-term vision to make Rwanda a developed, low carbon and climate resilient economy by 2050. The GGCRS integrates the NDC, the SDGs, as well as other key national development policies and strategies informing the country's low carbon development, such as the National Environment and Climate Change Policy enacted in 2019 and the National Strategy for Transformation (NST 1) with the goal of achieving a climate resilient nation with a clean and healthy environment.

The successful implementation of GGCRS requires a transformational change in access to climate finance at the national and local levels based on a programmatic and coordinated approach that builds on other existing program-based initiatives. Climate financing of programs aims to catalyze more systemic change at national and sub-national levels through increasing efficiency through cross sector coordination. This in turn requires country ownership for entities to program larger sums under one investment. Importantly, this approach presents the potential for enhanced access to resources to foster integrated, and multi-sector results towards strategic and sustainable climate responsive impact. Such an approach also aims to encourage collaboration among fund providers to coordinate and harmonize delivery of climate finance in a way that optimizes their climate commitments, benefits and impacts.

The GGCRS, updated in 2023, is responsive to emerging trends and climate challenges, and serves as an implementation-ready, reliable instrument for program financing that meets long term climate and green growth targets by 2050, with associated milestones in 2030 and 2035. As a result, the updated GGCRS is structured to successfully deliver climate compatible results basing on programmatic planning and investments.

In this context, the Rwanda Ministry of Environment (MoE) through the Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA), in collaboration with other national institutions and development partners, seeks support to develop a pipeline of investment plans tailored to the programs of action within the Green Growth Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS) and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

### **CLIMATE INVESTMENT ADVISOR MODEL**

To support access to climate finance through a programmatic approach, the Government of Rwanda requested technical support from the NDC Partnership for developing systemic and programmatic responses that mobilize finance for climate action. This support will work from existing pipelines and priorities for action, including the NDC implementation framework, the GGCRS programs of action and previously developed investment plans. In response to this request, the NDC Partnership is hiring an embedded advisor to support Rwanda in this process to coordinate sectors and development partners in developing investment plans with specific roles as outlined below. This advisor position will work directly with FONERWA and under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment. It will also coordinate directly with the Strategic Advisor for the Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance, as well as the NDC Partnership’s in-country facilitator supporting the Ministry of Environment.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the recruitment of the consultants aimed to support the development of the investment plans ensuring collaboration with sectors and the technical team of FONERWA to develop the Terms of reference for the investment plans prioritizing the GGCRS programs of Action
- Coordinate technical assistance, international experts or firms, that lead investment planning activities, including for example: costing, impact analysis, activity sequencing, among others
- Ensure the NDC implementation framework priority projects are integral to GGCRS programs of Action and that the investment plans aim to deliver results on adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology transfer and capacity building components of the updated NDC
- Support stakeholders’ consultations at all levels and ensure the strong ownership of sectors. The consultant will engage the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning including financial sector to ensure alignment of the investment plan with the national strategic targets and other ongoing initiatives at the national and sub-national levels.
- Provide oversight and ensure reliable and timely deliverables towards investment plan pipeline that sets out the programming directions that facilitate and inform coordinated and comprehensive resources mobilization
- Work closely with the strategic advisors for the Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance and the NDC Partnership in-country facilitator in engaging development partners to accelerate access to climate finance for successful climate action through implementation of GGCRS and reporting on NDC/SDGs targets
- Support capacity development of individual as well as institutional expertise in programmatic climate financing

## Deliverables

Deliverables	Timeframe
Transparent and inclusive consultative planning process with sectors on investment programming	March – July 2023
Terms of reference developed and finalized with sectors and FONERWA technical team for engaging additional technical assistance (supported by development partners) on investment planning	June 2023
At least 2 investment plans scoped and underway	November 2023

At least 15 technical staff in Environment and Natural Resources Sector have received training involving coaching and mentoring in program development	November 2023
At least 2 high level strategic workshops including development partners have been held to validate the investment plans	June and September 2023
Prioritized investment opportunities submitted to at least 5 development partners for climate finance mobilization.	November 2023
NDC implementation framework is updated and used appropriately to inform program development and investment planning	Ongoing
A final report on lessons learned and key recommendations for investment planning and programmatic climate financing	November 2023
At least 2 high level strategic workshops including development partners to validate the investment planning approach	TBD

## Timeframe and Duty Station

This is a full- time position based in Kigali, Rwanda for a period between March to the end of November, 2023, with possible extension. The expected start date is 20 March, 2023.

## Requirements

- A postgraduate qualification in finance, economics, environment, natural sciences, or another related area
- At least 7 years of relevant working experience in the areas of climate change and climate finance
- Experience with results-based management and logical frameworks
- Proven experience leading other experts in the field of climate finance, environment and other related field
- Experience in providing oversight and managing stakeholders at national, regional and international levels
- Demonstrated experience in resource mobilization for environmental and natural resources management and climate adaptation and mitigation.
- Demonstrated experience in organizing stakeholder capacity building workshops and producing knowledge products.
- Good understanding of planning processes and stakeholders of Rwanda
- Demonstrated skills and experience in policy support, research and analysis, training, capacity building and institutional strengthening particularly in the area of environmental management and climate change
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English
- Proven skills and applications in Microsoft office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)

## How to Apply

To apply, please submit a complete application package that includes CV, cover letter and daily remuneration expectation to:

- Margaret Barihaihi: [margaret.barihaihi@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:margaret.barihaihi@ndcpartnership.org)
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Applications packages should also be copied to [ndcpaf@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:ndcpaf@ndcpartnership.org), using the subject line '**Rwanda NDC Partnership Climate Investment Program Advisor Application**'. The deadline for applications is March 9, 2023.