FACILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NDCs (NATIONAL DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS)

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**From strengthening “climate” governance to supporting project preparation**

**THREE COMPLEMENTARY AREAS OF OPERATION FINANCED BY AFD**

1. **Support for the strengthening of institutional capacities and “climate” governance for the consolidation, implementation and monitoring of contributions**
   - Support the NDC review process;
   - Strengthening of existing institutional processes to implement and monitor NDCs;
   - Development of technical capacities and awareness-raising for stakeholders to ensure there is more effective ownership of the NDCs.

2. **Support for the translation of NDCs into sectoral public policies in the field of adaptation and renewable energies**
   - Assistance in translating NDCs into one or two sectoral policies selected on the basis of their relevance (strategic nature of the sector for mitigation and adaptation, importance of the sector for the NDC, extent to which public policies take them into account, institutional capacity, complementarity with existing support, etc.);
   - Improvement in the vulnerability profiles (sectoral) of countries;
   - Identification of institutional reforms, of processes for civil society consultation/participation in the preparation of these public policies, and of needs in terms of institutional capacities;
   - Development of action plans and investment programming.

3. **Support for the preparation of structural projects/programmes in the field of adaptation and renewable energies**
   - Financing of feasibility or prefeasibility studies for some structural programmes/projects for the country;
   - Support the search for financing sources/financial partners (including AFD).

**Local monitoring committee: national authorities, technical experts, AFD, Expertise France and other partners involved**

**Implementation stages for each country**

- **Identification mission:** needs analysis and definition of priority activities
- **Signing of MoU with the country**
- **Recruitment of experts and implementation of activities based on the 3 areas**
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Expertise France is the French agency for international technical cooperation. The agency implements large-scale technical assistance programs in the key sectors of development assistance, including the fight against climate change, and provides integrated services by mobilising multidisciplinary public and private experts. Expertise France assists a number of partner countries and local authorities in the development and implementation of low-carbon and climate-resilient policies, thereby participating in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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