

# **RFP for NDC Partnership Partner Program Mapping**

## **OVERVIEW**

The NDC Partnership Support Unit is looking for a vendor or consultant to support improved coordination of climate-related development assistance by mapping implementing and development partners' (IP/DPs') programming priorities, planning cycles, and presence in member developing countries. The consultant will collaborate with members of the Support Unit's Country Engagement and Knowledge and Learning teams to map out the funding cycle of development partners at the country level, develop a database on implementing and development partners' climate-related programming; and build a template to present this information in an actionable way to developing country Focal Points and development partners. This support will be conducted in accordance with the NDC Partnership Work Program 2021-2025 and its M&E Framework, annual work plans, Country Engagement Strategy, Knowledge and Learning Strategy, Gender Strategy and Youth Engagement Plan.

This contract is deliverable based over a period of six months with possibility of extension. The anticipated start date is end of June 2022.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **The NDC Partnership**

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition that works with national governments, international institutions, and civil society, to fast-track climate and development action. To date, the Partnership's membership brings together 118 countries—developed and developing—48 institutional members, and 36 associate members (as of February 2022). Through the Partnership, members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs in order to combat climate change and build a better future.

In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These historic accords presented countries with an unprecedented opportunity to align the climate and sustainable development agendas to spur economic growth and improve the livelihoods of all people. Nations signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement through Nationally Determined Contributions (or NDCs) - each country's strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resiliency against the negative effects of a changing climate. One of the unique value propositions that the NDC Partnership brings through its in-country work is leveraging the support from a consortium of partners towards a common objective set by the government. The Partnership, through its Country Engagement process, engages directly with ministries and other stakeholders to assess climate-related needs and identify opportunities for collaboration around these needs—across sectors, regions, and international partners. Through targeted and coordinated technical assistance, members of the Partnership support countries with, for example, policy and strategy formulation for NDC

mainstreaming, development of NDC implementation plans and resource mobilization, NDC revision and enhancement, or green economic recovery post-pandemic.

The NDC Partnership is hosted by the World Resources Institute in Washington DC, US; UNFCCC and UNOPS in Bonn, Germany.

## PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

### Objectives

The key objectives of this work are to:

- **Identify key partners<sup>1</sup> climate-related programming priorities, budget cycles, and presence in member developing countries** to inform alignment with countries' needs and gaps in support. The information to be mapped includes:
  - Funding cycles, mechanisms, and arrangements, including to what extent funds are untied<sup>2</sup>, any relevant thematic funds, etc.;
  - Current institutional requirements and/or priorities for how climate-related development cooperation is targeted, including geographic and thematic focuses;
  - Climate-related programs and initiatives;
  - Planning timeframes and procedures, including any key planning milestones and external consultations; and
  - In-country operational presence in member developing countries, noting any regional presence or local delivery partners intended to cover in-country operations.
- **Consolidate this information in an excel database** and develop the process and recommendations for continuously updating and maintaining that database;
- **Develop a template for sharing country-level information about the in-country partner program landscape with member developing countries** to support improved coordination with and between partners in support of NDC implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> The list of partners and programs to be mapped will be determined as part of this scope of work, but at a minimum should consist of: UN agencies and programs (e.g. UNDP (including Climate Promise), UNEP, UNIDO); World Bank (including the Climate Support Facility, and Global Infrastructure Facility); EBRD (including the Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility); EIB; The Commonwealth Secretariat; IDB (including the NDC Pipeline Accelerator Multi-Donor Trust Fund, IDB Invest, and NDC Invest); AfDB (including the NDC Hub); ADB (including the Asia Pacific Project Preparation Facility); IsDB; GCF; EU (including the Global Climate Change Alliance+, Euroclima+, NDC Facility); Germany (BMZ, BMU, IKI, NAMA Facility, DKTI); UK (FCDO, DEFRA, BEIS, UK PACT, NAMA Facility); US (USAID, State Department); Sweden; Norway; Netherlands; Denmark; France; Spain; Canada; and Japan.

<sup>2</sup> "Untying ODA means removing the legal and regulatory barriers to open competition for procurement funded by official development assistance. In practical terms, ODA is considered untied when the development partner does not attach geographical constraints on its use." OECD/UNDP (2019), Making Development Co-operation More Effective: 2019 Progress Report, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/26f2638f-en>.

## Deliverables and Schedule of Work

Table 1: Deliverables

#	Deliverable	Anticipated Invoicing Date
1	Detailed workplan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>List of partners and programs to be included in mapping exercise, developed in consultation with the Support Unit. List to include between 20-30 partners/programs;</li><li>Description of proposed data-gathering methodology, including desk research and partner consultation components and suggestions to keep the data updated post-contract completion; and</li><li>Proposal for database's structure and content.</li></ul>	June 2022
2	Report on results of partner consultations	July 2022
3	Database of IP/DP climate-related development assistance, programming priorities, planning cycles, and in-country presence	August 2022
4	Factsheet template that can be tailored to any country, drawing on the information from the database	September 2022
5	Completed factsheets for five pilot countries	October 2022

## BUDGET

The maximum budget for this work is USD 100,000. Proposals should include a proposed budget per deliverable presented above.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

### Requirements

#### Experience:

- A minimum of seven years' demonstrated experience in climate change/environmental/natural resource economics, policy, or a related field;
- Minimum of three years demonstrable experience in international cooperation and/or project management-related activities. This should include experience dealing with Governments, bilateral and/or multilateral organizations, private sector, and/or civil society actors;
- Excellent understanding of the international development partner landscape and climate support programs.
- Good knowledge of the Paris Agreement and its architecture as well as the current status of climate change negotiations. Similarly, a familiarity with international climate policy, and international cooperation in the field of climate/environmental change is expected;
- Excellent computer literacy and skills on MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; and database systems; and

- High level of organization, flexibility, ability to work in a team, to work well under pressure, and successfully manage multiple deadlines and competing demands.

### Language:

- Excellent writing and verbal communications skills in English.

## Proposal Content

Prospective consultants should submit:

- a. A statement of interest providing a brief narrative proposal for delivering the scope of work (up to five pages, including a proposed methodology and work plan);
- b. A description of the project team, the CVs of team members, how they meet the requirements, and how they will be assigned to the implementation of tasks described above;
- c. An example of a similar project or deliverable, including references; and
- d. A proposed budget with a breakdown of costs. Budget should be presented per deliverable as outlined above.

## How to Apply

Please proposals to Clarissa Lehne ([clarissa.lehne@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:clarissa.lehne@ndcpartnership.org)) by 1 June 2022, COB EST, with the subject “Proposal for NDC Partnership Partner Program Mapping.”