

NDC Partnership In-Country Facilitator for Sudan

Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND

Context

The NDC Partnership is a coalition of countries (which Sudan joined in 2018) and institutions committed to supporting countries in implementing and increasing the ambition of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

The Higher Council of Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR) is the arm of the Council of Ministers of the Government of Sudan responsible for environmental protection and sustainable development of the country's natural resources. The HCENR is the inter-ministerial government agency coordinating the environmental affairs and sustainable management of natural resources across all sectors of economic and social activities at federal and state levels under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Amongst others, it is mandated to oversight and facilitate the implementation and enforcement of the government environmental policies and legislation in coordination with respective executive bodies of the federal and state governments. The HCENR aims to promote international cooperation and coordinate participation in global environmental conventions and protocols and utilise associated multilateral financing instruments and technology transfer mechanisms. HCENR hosts various focal points such as UNFCCC, Global environment facility GEF, and Green climate fund GCF.

The NDC partnership supported the NDC update process through the Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) and has also assisted a **National Facilitator** whose primary duties are to:

- Provide technical support for HCENR in the NDC update process.
- Coordinate and ensure the realisation of objectives for the CAEP partners and Partnership members.

Upon completing the NDC update process, the NDC implementation phase is to be commenced. Sudan and the NDC Partnership recognise the importance of having an in-country expert to serve as a Facilitator. The Facilitator will be supporting HCENR in matters related to climate change and NDCs implementation and will be embedded in HCENR to assist in the coordination and resource mobilisation for the implementation of the NDC, promote a whole-of-government and coordinated approach to adaptation and mitigation actions, and regularly update on progress. The Facilitator will also support the Partnership focal point in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFEP) in actions related to climate change and the integration of climate change considerations into MOFEP mandates and activities.

Facilitation Model

The Facilitator will be reporting to the Partnership’s Focal Point in the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR) and the NDC Partnership Support Unit regularly and will coordinate closely with other line Ministries and other embedded specialists supporting Sudan in climate change issues.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Facilitator is to support the Government in engaging, coordinating, facilitating and mobilising actors and resources for the implementation of Sudan’s NDC. The Facilitator’s support to Sudan will be focused on two broad components.

Component I: NDC Implementation - Coordination and Institutional support

The NDC In-country Facilitator will support the mobilisation and coordination of Government institutions and partners to support the implementation of the revised NDC priorities and will provide regular updates on progress.

Specific Tasks

Activities	Deliverables
With guidance from the Focal Points, and support from NDC Partnership Support Unit, Support HCENR in developing an implementation plan	Sudan NDC Implementation Plan and Narrative Document drafted and endorsed
Migration of the NDC Implementation Plan to Sudan’s online platform for ease of access, update and navigation	Sudan NDC Implementation Plan accessible in the NDC Partnership online platform
With guidance from the Focal Point, and support from NDC Partnership Support Unit, share the NDC Implementation Plan with Partners to map support and mobilise additional support	Partners (partnership members and non-members) aligned their support and commitments against Sudan’s priorities in the NDC Implementation Plan
Regular follow-ups with partners and donors that pledge support to Sudan’s NDC Implementation and support to the design of concept notes, ToRs and other resource mobilisation tools	Sudan accessed Technical Assistance and other resources from Partners to advance climate action

Activities	Deliverables
Support Government focal points in tracking the progress of implementation of the NDC Implementation Plan in collaboration with the other government focal point institutions, including NDC sector line ministries and Implementation Partners	Agreed mechanisms on tracking progress and reporting of the implementation of the NDC Implementation Plan in collaboration with implementing partners
Compile monthly, quarterly, and annual country update reports on the implementation of the NDC for internal and external sharing	Quarterly Country Update reports on the implementation of the NDC Implementation Plan shared by the Government to Partners, in addition to monthly and annual internal reports
Facilitate internal coordination of NDC Partnership focal points for effective NDC implementation.	Participate in coordination platforms within governments and development partners, i.e. technical sub-committee of HCENR and Development Partners coordination Platform – discussing the progress of the NDC Implementation Plan
Periodically update the implementation status of the various actions of the NDC Implementation Plan, through reviews of national, sub-national and sectoral policies, legislation and plans to map priorities and linkages to the NDC Mitigation and Adaptation targeted actions, document changes in operational context and identify gaps, strategies and actions necessary to advance NDC implementation	Annual update of the NDC Implementation status Annual update of targeted assessments as requested
Popularise the NDC Implementation Plan with various non-state actors - development Partners coordination platforms and Private sector platforms while leveraging and mobilising their respective advantages in support of the NDC Implementation Plan actions	Donor coordination Platforms meeting minutes – discussion of supporting NDC implementation Plan NGOs platforms meetings Private Sector platforms meetings
Conduct ongoing capacity development (i.e., technical assistance and formal/informal on-the-job training) of HCENR and line ministries involved in the implementation of the NDC	Capacity building plans highlighting capacity gaps and proposed actions implemented

Activities	Deliverables
Support HCENR and MOFEP to secure technical assistance and coordinate resource mobilisation in increasing access to climate finance	Direct support and contribution to at least two project proposals/concept notes for mobilising resources to NDC implementation per year
Support HCENR to secure technical assistance in mainstreaming gender and climate change actions, specifically in the NDC planning and implementation and tracking of gender-responsive actions	Government securing TA across sectors to mainstream gender and climate actions in their sector plans
Support Government to foster state and local governments engagement and the whole of society approach while implementing climate actions	Number of state and local governments planning and allocating budgets to NDCs targets

Component II: Knowledge and Learning and Communications:

The NDC in-country Facilitator will work closely with the knowledge and learning teams of NDC Partnership SU in generating lessons and stories of change and organising learning events.

Specific Tasks

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Liase with the NDC Partnership Support Unit for vertical (national / regional / global) information-sharing, including both contributing to and accessing knowledge products	Knowledge products such as blogs, insight briefs, and others highlighting Sudan's best practices and implementation stories
Work with Focal Points in identifying and disseminating information on best practices and stories of change	At least one story of change per year
Support HCENR in organising platforms (workshops and meetings) aimed at engaging all relevant stakeholders, including development partners that are not NDC Partnership members and facilitation of annual stop and reflect exercises on the NDC Implementation Plan implementation	National workshops conducted One "stop and reflect" workshop per year

Timeframe and Duty Station

This is a full-time position based in Khartoum, Sudan for 12 months, with possible extension. The targeted start date is June/July 2022.

Requirements

Skills

- Excellent communication and coordination skills, a good understanding of different interests and seeks conciliation and coordination of activities
- Meets goals and deadlines with quality and consistency.
- Works to deliver agreed goals, dealing with challenges in a constructive way.
- Assumes responsibility and works for target achievement, overcoming obstacles, setbacks and uncertainties.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English.
- Uses resources, methods, partners and information effectively.
- Takes initiative and leads processes with a strong ability to quickly grasp new topics.
- Analyses complex technical materials (including data) and makes them concise and relevant.
- Introduces complex conceptual ideas in practical terms to others.
- Adapts communication to the specific public/audience.
- Build informal networks internally and externally and visualise them as part of the value creation process.
- Constantly looks for opportunities to learn and share.
- Demonstrates behaviors such as teamwork, knowledge sharing, and relationship maintenance.
- Encourages collaboration and improves performance, with ability to work in diverse cultural situations.

Qualifications

A Master's Degree in Climate Change, Public Policy, Environmental Sciences, Land Use Planning, Project Management or other fields related to the portfolio.

Professional Experience

At least ten years of experience in public, private or third sector institutions with a special focus on:

- Coordination and articulation of different stakeholders
- Preparation and implementation of multi-stakeholder work plans
- Monitoring and project evaluation and project management, including results-based management
- Experience in multilateral and national governance and processes related to climate change and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in Sudan
- In-depth knowledge of Sudan context of national plans, strategies and policies related to climate change is required and experience of other national contexts is desirable
- Experience working with the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources, NDC revision and implementation in Sudan will be a differential

- Advanced experience and relevant skills in the use of the Office suite (MS Word, MS Project, Excel, PowerPoint and other tools and packages for project management purposes etc.)
- Advanced degree in public policy (climate/environment), economics, public finance, sustainable development, or a similar field;

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) and Joaquim Leite (joaquim.leite@ndcpartnership.org), copying ndcpaf@ndcpartnership.org at the NDC Partnership Support Unit by **June 2, 2022**, with the subject '**Sudan NDC Partnership In-country Facilitator Application**'.