



Announcement for Consultancy

Mitigation Division/NDC Partnership Support Unit Holistic Approach Project in Jordan

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Expected date for entry on duty	Duration of appointment	Duty Station
14 April 2024 hrs CET	24/CON02/M	As soon as possible	One year	Amman, Jordan (within commuting distance)

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The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address climate change. The UNFCCC secretariat supports the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties and the implementation of commitments. It is a dynamic organization working in a politically challenging environment to help resolve one of the defining environmental issues of our time.

The **Mitigation division** supports Parties in implementing ambitious climate action to limit temperature increases below 2 °C and pursue efforts to limit this increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. The division assists Parties in developing, communicating, and implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in a way that promotes clarity, transparency, understanding, and accountability. To achieve this, the division employs collaborative approaches, mechanisms, framework engagements, and economic instruments that broaden mitigation action and promote sustainable development.

The **NDC Partnership** is a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. In 2015, the world endorsed the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Nations signal their commitments to the Paris Agreement through NDCs - each country's strategy to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience against the negative effects of a changing climate. The Partnership advances the goals of the Paris Agreement by bringing together nearly 200 countries and institutions in new ways to accelerate NDC implementation and enhance ambition over time. The Partnership's work through 120 partners supporting over 80 countries produces many examples of impact, lessons learned and ideas for the future.

Purpose

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat and the NDC Partnership are seeking a consultant to implement a one-year pilot project in Jordan to promote a holistic and sustainable approach to implementing key substantive areas of the Paris Agreement, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Long-term, low greenhouse emission development strategies (LT-LEDS), and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) through the development of institutional arrangements and the provision of capacity-building tools. Lessons learned through this project will support the operationalization of this integrated approach through the NDC Partnership's Thematic Call on LT-LEDS and NDC alignment, update, and enhancement.

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to prepare successive and increasingly ambitious NDCs and to communicate them every five years, which are to be informed by the outcomes of the Global Stocktake (GST). These efforts should feed into the articulation of LT-LEDS that support countries to achieve the Paris Agreements' mitigation and adaptation objectives by 2050 while also meeting their national development



goals. The recently concluded first GST encouraged all Parties to communicate in 2025 their NDC with an end date of 2035. And in this context, invites all Parties to put in place new or intensify existing domestic arrangements for preparing and implementing their successive NDCs (paras 170 & 171 of GST outcome decision).

The modalities, procedures and guidelines for the ETF adopted in Katowice (COP 25) and Glasgow (COP 26) offer flexibility to those developing countries that need it in the light of their capacities, but Parties will nevertheless need to enhance their domestic capacity to manage the increased scope, depth, and frequency of planning and implementation cycles, reporting, and review. Although developing countries have already made impressive strides in meeting their obligations under the Paris Agreement with international support, a lot of this work has happened on a project-by-project basis.

It is critical to identify approaches to build sustainable and country-owned institutional arrangements that ensure success not just for the next submission of NDCs and LT-LEDS or reporting requirements, but to enable full implementation of national climate commitments and build sustained national capacity to address climate change. This approach will also require more active engagement of local actors in capacity-building activities, including national academic and/or research organizations, and the private sector.

Tasks

The consultant, under the direct supervision of the Partnership's Focal Point at the Ministry of Environment of Jordan, and with the support of the UNFCCC secretariat and the NDC Partnership Support Unit, will implement the Holistic Approach project as detailed in the Tasks and Outputs.

The consultant will develop and implement the project to deliver in-country recommendations in the form of a concrete action plan and early results in the following areas:

1. Strengthened institutional arrangements and enhanced national capacity to support iterative compliance with key areas of the Paris Agreement such as NDCs, LT-LEDS and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), in a holistic and coherent manner, taking fully into account national development plans and strategies;
2. Accelerated integration of climate action planning and implementation into national systems, including development planning and budgeting processes; and
3. Development of a systemic approach to identify capacity-building needs to support implementation of the Paris Agreement's provisions (NDCs, LT-LEDS, ETF, etc.).

These recommendations will aim to inform subsequent requests for assistance to develop and/or align NDCs and LT-LEDS, where needed (including through the Partnership's Thematic Call) and develop or strengthen the Transparency system in line with the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) of the ETF. The project will have a duration of up to 12 months and will seek potential further support for implementation of the action plan following the project's conclusion.

The project will take into account and build upon the work conducted by the Ministry of Environment and identify synergies with the World Bank's projects in developing 2050 Long-Term Low-carbon and Climate Resilient Strategy (LTS) for Jordan. Guidance for the consultant and governmental officers will be provided by the UNFCCC secretariat and the NDC Partnership Support Unit throughout the project.



Outputs

The consultant shall present a detailed description of work performed through the submission of monthly reports (12 in total), detailing the days worked during the reported period and any outputs finalised -in line with the table below. The submission of the reports should be accompanied by the Government and the Partnership's SU approval.

Output	Description	Timeline
1) Monthly reports	Detailing activities completed during reporting period and progress on outputs below	End of each month
2) Project Implementation plan	In consultation with the government Focal Point and the project coordinator at UNFCCC secretariat, the consultant will draft the project implementation plan of how to conduct the project and review the timeline	To be presented during the first 10 working days
3) Comprehensive analysis of existing institutional arrangements and structures for the implementation of the Paris Agreement	Take stock at National Level of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The institutional arrangements in place (regulations, institutions, monitoring and data systems, tools, strategies, etc.) Identify institutional, regulatory and capacity building needs and gaps. Identify synergies and built-on World Bank's project in developing 2050 Long-Term Low-carbon and Climate Resilient Strategy (LTS) for Jordan 	To be finalized during the first 3 months – advances presented in monthly reports. The report should include among others: gap analysis, recommendations and tools to bridge identified gaps.
4) Country-Specific Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize the institutional arrangements and capacity building needs identified in the gap analysis report Develop recommendations and timeline for the strengthening of institutional arrangements focused on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NDC and LTLEDS preparation alignment of short- & long-term plans compliance with the ETF tracking climate actions private sector involvement carbon markets benefits <p>This Action Plan should identify where further international technical assistance may be needed, including via potential</p>	Continuous. Advances included in monthly reports. Final draft one month before the end of contract



	requests for support through the NDC Partnership's Thematic Call.	
5) Capacity-Building Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations for how to enhance coherence and coordination of capacity-building efforts to maximise impact, ensure country ownership and retain capacities particularly at the institutional level. • Identify ways and means to better engage private sector through capacity building activities. 	<p>Continuous. Advances reported in monthly reports.</p> <p>Final draft one month before the end of contract</p>
6) Policy Brief or Blueprint of the "consolidated national framework for the implementation of the Paris Agreement"	<p>Synthesis and compilation of deliverables and lessons learned through the implementation of the project.</p> <p>The blueprint should include, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations • Timeline • Budget • Available options for support 	<p>Continuous. Advances reported in monthly reports.</p> <p>Final draft one month before the end of contract</p>

Timeframe

As soon as possible for a period of one-year

Duty station and places of travel

Amman, Jordan

Travel during assignment may be required and will be arranged for separately if funds are available.

Requirements

The consultant should have the following qualifications:

Education:

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in administration, finance, international relations, international development or a related field. A Bachelor's degree with 2 years of additional relevant work experience will be acceptable.

Experience:

- At least 5 years of relevant, full-time experience in grant management in the field of international development.



Skills:

- Good knowledge of international climate policy and of national climate policy making.
- Strong project management skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work and communicate with teams from different countries.
- Capacity to work well under pressure and successfully manage multiple deadlines and competing demands.

How to apply:

Candidates, whose qualifications and experience match what we are looking for, should use the on-line application system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>

Please note:

1. UNFCCC is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons with disabilities to apply.
2. We will confirm receipt of your application. However, only candidates under serious consideration and contacted for an interview will receive notice of the final outcome of the selection process.
