

Terms of Reference

Climate Finance Consultant - Energy and Climate Change

Location:	Home-based with mission travel
Type of Contract:	Individual Contract
Languages required:	English
Starting date:	2 January 2020
Estimated duration of assignment	60 days through 31 December 2020
Supervisor(s):	Principal Technical Advisor, Climate Change Mitigation & Energy & Head of Energy

Background

UNDP is the knowledge frontier organization for sustainable development in the UN Development System and serves as the integrator for collective action to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNDP's policy work carried out at HQ, Regional and Country Office levels forms a contiguous spectrum of deep local knowledge to cutting-edge global perspectives and advocacy. In this context, UNDP invests in the Global Policy Network (GPN), a network of field-based and global technical expertise across a wide range of knowledge domains and in support of the signature solutions and organizational capabilities envisioned in the Strategic Plan.

Within the GPN, the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) has the responsibility for developing all relevant policy and guidance to support the results of UNDP's Strategic Plan. BPPS staff provides technical advice to Country Offices; advocates for UNDP corporate messages; represents UNDP at multi-stakeholder fora, including public-private, government and civil society dialogues; and engages in UN inter-agency coordination in specific thematic areas.

BPPS works closely with UNDP's Crisis Bureau (CB) to support emergency and crisis response. BPPS ensures that issues of risk are fully integrated into UNDP's development programmes. BPPS assists UNDP and partners to achieve higher quality development results through an integrated approach that links results-based management and performance monitoring with more effective and new ways of working. BPPS supports UNDP and partners to be more innovative, knowledge and data driven including in its programme support efforts.

As a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Implementing Agency and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Accredited Entity, UNDP also supports countries in addressing development, climate, and ecosystem sustainability in an integrated manner. The UNDP-Global Environmental Finance (UNDP-GEF) Unit is based in BPPS and is responsible for providing leadership and technical support for, among other areas, delivery of the Environment and Sustainable Development pillar of UNDP's Strategic Plan. The principal areas of work are in environmental mainstreaming, environmental finance, adaptation to climate change, and local governance of resources, including energy.

Addressing climate change is one the key global challenges and priorities for UNDP. Working in over 170 countries and territories, UNDP is uniquely placed to work with all sectors of society to help mobilize the institutions and resources required to support countries implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the context of the Paris Agreement.

Additionally, one of six signature solutions under UNDP's current Strategic Plan is to "Close the energy gap." Access to clean and affordable energy is a critical enabler for sustainable development

whether it be for nutrition, transport, education or economic opportunity. UNDP's work in this area focuses on increasing energy access, promoting renewable energy, and enhancing energy efficiency in a manner that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of different sectors of the population (urban/rural, women/men, household/businesses), in line with the aspirations of Sustainable Development Goal 7. UNDP's offer builds on UNDP's growing portfolio of innovative interventions and projects at the country, regional and global levels, for which UNDP provides oversight, quality assurance, and policy and technical advisory services. The UNDP climate change mitigation and energy team is based in BPPS.

UNDP is seeking an individual consultant to support UNDP's Principal Technical Advisor for Climate Change Mitigation and Energy, and UNDP's Head of Energy on specific outputs and initiatives related to climate finance. The consultant will work in close collaboration with other BPPS energy staff, Regional Bureaux, Regional Service Centres, and Country Offices.

Tasks to be performed

The scope of work over the course of the period will vary depending on the specific assignment and region. The geographic scope is global.

Climate finance intelligence

- Provide strategic insights on latest developments in climate finance and energy, covering private sector and financial actors, innovations in business models and financial products;
- Contribute to strategic UNDP internal and external policy position papers, business plans, communication products and internal briefing notes.

New climate finance initiatives and partnerships

- Identify and support new and existing programming and partnership opportunities and initiatives in energy. Existing initiatives can include, but are not limited to: SDG Impact, the Climate Investment Platform, and UNDP-UNCDF collaborations on financial instruments. Partners can include, but are not limited to: multilateral development banks, vertical funds (GEF, GCF), bilateral donors, and the private sector (corporates, investors).

These tasks are expected to be completed through a combination of (1) home-based preparatory work and desk review, (2) participating in country-level missions (together with UNDP staff) in selected countries, and (3) remote technical assistance to client countries and UNDP HQ staff.

Outputs & Missions

Deliverable	Number of Days	Payment%
Support the development and implementation of new climate finance initiatives, in the form of drafting design documentation and coordinating with partners. This may include support to: (i) the Climate Investment Platform, and (ii) opportunities on clean cooling (Montreal Protocol/UNFCCC)	40 days	67%
Provide strategic guidance on five climate finance issues/opportunities, including drafting guidance notes, policy and strategy papers, trainings, communication products, slide decks and business plan inputs	20 days	33%
	Total: 60 days	100%

Expected missions

Missions	Number of Days
Three missions to Europe	3 x 3 days per mission = 9 days (March, June, Sept 2020 – tentative)

Information on Working Arrangements

- The consultant will be home-based;
- The consultant will report to and be directly supervised by the Principal Technical Advisor for Climate Change Mitigation and Energy (primary supervisor), and the Head of Energy (secondary supervisor) who are based in New York;
- The Consultant will be given access to relevant information necessary for execution of the tasks under this assignment;
- The Consultants will be responsible for providing her/his own working station (i.e. laptop, internet, phone, scanner/printer, etc.) and must have access to a reliable internet connection;
- Given the global consultations to be undertaken during this assignment, the consultant is expected to be reasonably flexible with his/her availability for such consultations taking into consideration different time zones; and
- Payments will be made upon submission of a detailed time sheet and certification of payment form, and acceptance and confirmation by the Supervisor on days worked (with a “day” calculated as 8 hours of work) and outputs delivered.

Travel

- Mission travel to Europe with an estimated duration of 3 days per mission may be required, at a minimum;
- Any necessary mission travel must be approved in advance and in writing by the Supervisors;
- The BSAFE courses must be successfully completed prior to commencement of travel;
- Individual Consultants are responsible for ensuring they have vaccinations/inoculations when travelling to certain countries, as designated by the UN Medical Director;
- Consultants are responsible for obtaining any visas and security clearances needed in connection with travel with the necessary support from UNDP;
- The Consultant is required to comply with the UN security directives set forth under <https://dss.un.org/dssweb/>;
- The consultant will be responsible for making his/her own mission travel arrangements in line with UNDP travel policies;
- All related travel expenses will be supported by UNDP funds and will be reimbursed as per UNDP rules and regulations for consultants. Costs for mission fares, terminal expenses, insurance, and living allowances should not be included in financial proposal.

Competencies

Corporate

- Demonstrates commitment to UNDP’s vision, mission and values;
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UNDP;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;

- Treats all people fairly without favouritism;
- Fulfils all obligations to gender sensitivity and zero tolerance for sexual harassment.

Technical

- Ability to provide guidance on communications strategies;
- Knowledge of methodologies, tools, and platforms to plan, monitor, and evaluate communications products;
- Ability to efficiently handle and share information and knowledge;
- Ability to plan, organize, motivate, and control resources, procedures and protocols to achieve specific goals;
- Knowledge of energy and climate change mitigation issues;
- Knowledge of environmental finance – whether public, private, or innovative finance – including key trends (e.g., impact investment), institutions (including IFIs, funds), financial models and products, and commercial actors;
- Knowledge of low-carbon energy solutions (e.g., renewable energy (rooftop PV, electricity access) and energy efficiency), including key trends, innovative business and finance models.

Client Orientation, Professionalism, and Communications

- Ability to make new and useful ideas work;
- Ability to improve performance and satisfaction;
- Ability to listen, adapt, persuade, and transform;
- Capable of working in a high-pressure environment with sharp deadlines, managing many tasks simultaneously;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a collaborative team and process;
- Ability to work with multiple stakeholders across a wide range of disciplines;
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing to in a simple and concise manner;
- Able to work independently and remotely with minimal supervision;
- Ability to work under pressure and time constraints;
- Exercise the highest level of responsibility and be able to handle confidential and politically sensitive issues in a responsible and mature manner.

Required Qualification/Experience

Education

- Master's degree in energy, environmental sciences, business or other relevant field (10 points).

Experience

- Minimum of 10 years' experience working in climate change/energy (10 points);
- Experience in developing cutting-edge new initiatives and advancing thought-leadership (papers, events) in climate finance (30 points);
- Experience with Montreal Protocol an advantage (10 points);
- Experience working with developing country contexts preferred (10 points);
- Experience working with multilateral organizations and/or the UN system an advantage (10 points).

Languages

- Excellent oral and written communications and presentations skills in English (Pass/Fail).

Evaluation Method:

- Only those applications which are responsive and compliant will be evaluated. Incomplete applications will not be considered;
- Offers will be evaluated according to the Combined Scoring method – where the technical criteria will be weighted at 70% and the financial offer will be weighted at 30%;
- The technical criteria (education, experience, language [max. 80 points] and interview [max. 20 points] will be based on a maximum 100 points. Only the top 3 candidates that have achieved a minimum of 56 points from the review of education, experience and language will be considered for the interview;
- Candidates obtaining 14 points or higher in the interview will be deemed technically compliant and considered for financial evaluation;
- Financial score (max 100 points) shall be computed as a ratio of the proposal being evaluated and the lowest priced proposal of those technically qualified;
- The financial proposal shall specify an all-inclusive lump sum fee. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal must additionally include a breakdown of this daily fee (including all foreseeable expenses to carry out the assignment);
- Applicant receiving the Highest Combined Score and has accepted UNDP's General Terms and Conditions will be awarded the contract.

Documentation to be submitted:

- Applicants must submit a duly completed and signed UNDP Personal History form (P11) and/or CV including Education/Qualification, Professional Certification, Employment Records /Experience;
- Applicants must reply to the mandatory questions asked by the system when submitting the application.
- Applicants must submit a duly completed and signed Annex II Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the Individual Contractor (IC) assignment to be downloaded from the UNDP procurement site.

Kindly note you can upload only ONE document to this application (scan all documents in one single PDF file to attach).

UNDP Personal History form (P11) required of all applicants:

http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/Careers/P11_Personal_history_form.doc.

General Conditions of Contract for the ICs:

<http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/documents/procurement/documents/IC%20-%20General%20Conditions.pdf>.

Annex II Offeror's letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability for the Individual Contractor (IC) assignment:

http://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_notice.cfm