

GCCA+ Suriname Adaptation Project-Phase 2

Criteria/ Guidelines for Concept Notes of Project Proposals

These criteria are intended to guide the proposers in their submission to the call for Concept Notes under the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA+) Suriname Adaptation Phase 2. The following criteria give guidance to the concept notes submissions and offer an overview of the administrative arrangements that are in place to review project concept notes and proposals.

Project Background

The overall objective of this GCCA+ Phase 2 project in Suriname is to support the country in adapting to the main effects of climate change by improving management of water resources and coastal ecosystems in ways that increase the well-being of coastal communities through gender responsive capacity enhancement. The project has two specific objectives/outcomes: 1) Increased resilience of coastal ecosystems and communities in the Nickerie and Coronie districts through gender responsive climate actions; 2) Improved national governance in the areas of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).

Objective call for concept notes:

Support Suriname in improving its current climate change adaptation capacity and mitigation.

Concept notes will be assessed in terms of alignment with GCCA+ Phase 2 project national strategic priorities and context, expected results, timeline, and available budget.

Submission process:

Submitted concepts will be reviewed based on administrative and technical requirements. Organizations will be notified within 4 weeks after the submission deadline if their concept note has been shortlisted.

Shortlisted concept notes do not automatically mean approved projects.

The organizations of the shortlisted concepts will need to develop a project proposal according to GCCA+ Suriname Phase 2 guidelines. A workshop on how to populate the project proposal template will be held in August/Sept 2021 where only the organizations with shortlisted concepts will participate.

Complete online concept note template and email to: procurement.sr@undp.org. Provide electronic signature, or print last page on form fill, sign, scan and email to procurement.sr@undp.org together with the following documents:

- Statutes of organization
- Photo identification of three board members
- Copy of registration in the Foundation Register (KKF)
- In case of partner organization and or beneficiary community: letter of cooperation for each partner/community

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Funding / Financing

Funding provided from the GCCA+ phase 2 may not exceed **US\$50,000**.

Please also indicate the prospective partners who will be engaged with in your project, and their quantitative contribution in this project¹.

Number of submissions:

More than 1 concept note per organization can be submitted keeping in mind implementation capacity and that funding is limited

Timeline for implementation:

Implementation of the pilot activities must be completed **within 12 months after signing of agreement**.

Eligibility and Qualification Criteria:

- The application must be from a legal Non-Governmental Organization or Community Based Organization
- The focus will be on gender responsive innovative solutions projects that will contribute to increased local knowledge and skills on climate change capacity and building climate resilient communities
- Coastal communities should benefit and be involved in the project implementation. Organizations need to ensure that a sound methodology will be used, that is replicable. Two assessments need to take place during the life of the project. A baseline assessment needs to determine the initial status immediately after the start of the project and an end-term assessment after completion of project activities.

Eligibility:

Only legal entities / organizations can submit project applications, and must meet the following criteria:

1. Establishment. The organization is based in Suriname.
2. Registration. The organization is legally registered in the Register of Foundations of the Chamber of Commerce
3. Active. It must have been active for at least three years at the time of submission of the project proposal. Documentation must be submitted to prove this.
4. Non-profit. The organization must have carried out at least one non-profit activity within the past two years, focused on a common need or the common good.
5. Governance. The organization must have an active Board.
6. Not affiliated politically. Organizations that are a registered political party or a sub-organization of a registered political party are not eligible.
7. Community. Community organizations (CBOs) are encouraged to submit projects.
8. Capacity. An organization that has executed a failed project or whose capacity is too low and is unable to attract the desired capacity is not eligible.

¹Co-financing from other UNDP projects or GEF small grants project is permitted.

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9. Cohesive. The objective of the applicant organization must correspond to the proposed activities.

10. Financial reports. This must show that the applicant can handle the financial management of a project.

Target groups and beneficiaries:

Concept notes should target coastal communities and should focus on the Coronie and Nickerie Districts, taking into consideration the following:

- Vulnerable groups: (for example but not limited to) women, youth, indigenous people, tribal community, and disadvantaged people
- Gender Mainstreaming: strategies for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation in policies and programmes in political, economic, and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally.

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Annex 1. Thematic Areas Call for Proposal²

The objective of this Call for Proposal (CfP) for Suriname GCCA+ phase 2 is to demonstrate gender responsive innovative solutions that will contribute to increased local knowledge and skills on climate change capacity and building climate resilience for coastal communities in general and those situated in the Districts of Coronie and Nickerie, specifically.

This CfP supports the following outputs from the results and resources framework of the project:

Output 1.1 Improved regulatory framework, awareness and capacity for sustainable management and use of mangroves and coastal ecosystems and Output 1.2: Improved knowledge on the Surinamese mangroves and on the effects of climate change on the coastal ecosystem and wider coastal area. For both these outputs the mainstreaming of gender equity and social inclusion is key to ensuring that women, men and youth across stakeholder groups are fully recognized as ecosystem stakeholders

Output 2.3: Improved knowledge base of policymakers for integrating latest research insights and up-to-date data, to ensure research results and insights are used to improve IWRM and ICZM practice. The objective is to increase the awareness and opinions of the general public and policy makers and to contribute to the enabling environment for improved policymaking on IWRM and ICZM.

Output 1.3: Increased capacity of Nickerie and Coronie districts for effective and immediate gender responsive climate actions. Although originally focussed for the western districts, it's essential for increased resilience of the coastal population that multiple partners and stakeholders continue to work towards improving women's empowerment and gender equality where socio-cultural traditions and practices weigh heavily on the social status of women and girls. Support coastal communities including women in sustainable livelihood activities so that their vulnerability to climate change related hazards is reduced.

The main priority CfP thematic areas:

1. Thematic Area 1: Hydrological and Water management technologies in relation to or supportive of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)

Attention in this thematic area is to focus on new research, in the area of local water governance, support integrated water resource management and innovation of management practices, involvement of stakeholders in water management structure and hydrological research in coastal wetlands. The output could also lead to actions in favour of but not limited to conservation of the Bigi Pan and Noord Coronie MUMAs as well as proposed management measures in terms of maintaining water & salinity levels in the wetlands and coastal agricultural areas. Projects can also aim to develop low-cost water management technology based on local situation and needs, as well as current and expected changes in water availability and trends. The proposed actions under this focus area may have national scope as well

2. Thematic Area 2: Gender inclusive climate actions to reduce climate vulnerability

Women are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to diverse factors, such as social status, gender, poverty level, access to resources and discrimination, which affect their capacity to adapt to

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climate change. Persons of lower socioeconomic status and those who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination may be more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change also. In general, women are more likely to experience the adverse effects of climate change than men, because women constitute most of the world's poor and are often directly dependent on threatened natural resources as their primary source of food and income. Projects under this focus area should aim to remove barriers that prevent women and persons of lower socio-economic status from having equal access to information, participation in decision making, diversification of income opportunities and business development. While also resulting in improved understanding of the gendered impacts of climate change and climate action (e.g. mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, finance and capacity building) informed by the lived experiences of women.

3. Thematic Area 3: Novel Climate Change Information development for vulnerable groups

Proposals developed under this thematic area should use existing research results generated by studies on weather, water, biodiversity, existing stocks and biodiversity coastal areas, hydrological dynamics and climate change impacts and develop innovative products or methods to provide easy accessible and useful information to climate vulnerable groups. The output should improve the overall understanding of the integrated dynamics in coastal areas and improved management, improved understanding of the impact of climate change, on expected weather events, water management for agricultural practices, increased resilience or early response. Projects proposed under this focus area may include but are not restricted to Information Technology and will be closely aligned with GCCA+ visibility and communication strategy.

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals

In line with the GCCA+ Phase 2 project, concept notes should contribute to the following Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 13 on Climate Action, SDG 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation (sub-goals 6.4 on sustainable withdrawals of freshwater, 6.5 on implementing integrated water resources management, 6.6 on protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems), SDG 15 on Life on Land (15.1 on sustainable use of ecosystems and their services, 15.5 on reduced degradation of natural habitats and halt biodiversity loss, 15.7 end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna), SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth (8.9 promotion of sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products, as well as promotion of other alternative livelihoods), SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities (11.5 reduce loss caused by disasters, including water related disasters, 11.B adopt and implement policies and plans towards climate change adaptation and holistic disaster risk management). The project is also aligned with SDG 5 on Gender Equality and SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals.