

## TERMS of REFERENCE (ToR)

### International MRV Specialist for the 'NDA strengthening in Iraq for climate finance programming, governance, regional cooperation and knowledge generation' project

<b>Location</b>	Home Based
<b>Type of Contract</b>	Individual Contract
<b>Contract Start Date</b>	15 October 2021
<b>Contract End Date</b>	14 March 2022
<b>Post Type</b>	International Consultant

### 1. Background

The UNDP Iraq Country Office, with funding from the GCF, is supporting the Government of Iraq through implementing the project 'NDA strengthening in Iraq for climate finance programming, governance, regional cooperation and knowledge generation'.

The focus of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the NDA and ensuring access to GCF funds and support to national organizations seeking accreditation at GCF. The project will enable the Government of Iraq to strengthen capacities of the newly assigned NDA to institutionalize climate action coordination mechanisms; establish/build capacity of direct access entities; enhance climate finance programming for national/regional greenhouse gas mitigation measures; mainstream information on paradigm shifts/transformation into country programming; and develop capacity to identify and develop proposals on green growth investments. The beneficiaries of the readiness proposal are the NDA, related ministries/authorities, private sector, and candidates for GCF accreditation. Low engagement of the private sector in the GFC process in Iraq is one of the main barriers that will be addressed through building capacity within the NDA to support bankable green growth proposals, development strategic priorities in addition to identification and training of strong national agency candidates for GCF accreditation. The Operational Guidelines developed under the initial readiness project did not develop an initial framework for monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) of climate finance flows. Under Iraq's existing national framework, the Ministry of Finance is directly responsible for financial monitoring of national programmes/projects, including donor assistance, with the Council of Ministers bearing overall responsibility for supervising and tracking implementation progress of such programmes/projects. This existing framework does not explicitly identify climate financing for oversight due to the lack of delineation of such financing in the national monitoring and verification system. Therefore, during this second readiness project, UNDP is supporting to focus on the development of a framework to monitor and oversee climate finance flows from GCF and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of these flows.

## 2. Objectives

The main objective of the work of the consultant is to support UNDP in implementing its project 'NDA strengthening in Iraq for climate finance programming, governance, regional cooperation and knowledge generation' to achieve the following:

- Strengthening the capacity of the NDA to enhance the country programming
- Establishment of monitoring and verification systems for climate finance flows
- Capacity building workshops on enhancement of MRV systems and processes

### Key Tasks and Responsibilities

The **International MRV specialist** will act as an international expert with the following responsibilities:

- 1- Stocktaking of NDA capacity to monitor and oversee climate finance flows from GCF and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of these flows.
- 2- Develop a framework for NDA tracking and oversight of climate finance flows and associated training.
- 3- Initiate stakeholder consultative process with public/private sector entities, including NGOs, CBOs, academia, and bilateral donors on key needs for improving climate budgeting in Iraq

The overall consultancy will involve the development of the training materials targeting stakeholders engaged in the national GCF process in Iraq including the NDA, relevant ministries, and private sector on MRV and budgeting. The training material will be used to **deliver two training/consultation events** of one day each, implemented virtually if there are any travel restrictions, to selected participants from Iraqi public and private sector. A report is required for each event and finalized based on UNDP and national stakeholders' comments.

**The consultancy will be for a period of 5 months.** The assignment will be managed under the UNDP GCF Project Coordinator and the EECC pillar head.

## 3. Scope of Work and Key Deliverables

Under the overall supervision of the GCF Project Coordinator and UNDP GCF oversight team, the **International MRV specialist** shall contribute to the provision of the following deliverables:

	Scope of work	Key deliverables
1	Needs assessment for effective oversight of climate flows, including recommendations for next steps to strengthen transparency and accountability protocols	1- Report
2	Two capacity building workshops on enhancement of MRV systems and processes and incorporating participation of women	2- Training materials 3- One report for each training event
3	Assessment report prepared that identifies entry points for improving climate budgeting and offers recommendations that account for multiple stakeholder perspectives.	4- Report
4	A framework established, and finalized for the NDA's tracking, oversight, and verification of climate finance flows.	5- Draft Framework developed 6- Final framework approved

The consultant is also required to make him/herself available to attend remote/ virtual meetings / discussions via skype/ zoom or other relevant modality for planning meetings (in person)/ feedback meetings convened by GCF Project Manager, head of the pillar, and the UNDP oversight team.

The **International MRV specialist** must be able and willing to collaborate and assist other team members in training events and provision of advice.

#### 4. Timeline for deliverables

#	Deliverables	Timeline 2021 – 2022	Payment terms
1	Deliverable 1	15 November 2021	10%
2	Deliverable 2, 3, and 4	31 January 2022	30%
3	Deliverable 5	15 January 2022	20%
4	Deliverable 6	10 March 2022	40%
<b>Total</b>			100%

#### 5. Duration

The contract is effective from the date of signature by UNDP Iraq and the international Consultant for a period of 5 months between 15 October 2021 – 14 March 2022.

If the Government of Iraq and UNAMI regulations allows, the consultant will have two missions to Iraq for one week including travel days to facilitate workshops, he/she will be entitled DSA, travel and transportation cost. The travel is optional based on the current situations of COVID-19.

#### 6. Qualification of the International MRV specialist

Qualifications, skills, and professional experience of the **International MRV specialist** should include the following:

- Hold at least a master's degree in environmental sciences, climate change, or related field. (10 points)
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, preferably in Iraq. (10 points)
- Knowledge in GHG baseline determination, GHG inventory and MRV systems, including climate finance flows. (25 points)
- Experience in capacity building programmes. (10 points)
- Previous experience with vertical funds including GCF. (20 points)
- Engagement with UN agencies in climate change related projects. (15 points)
- Exceptional analytical and quantitative skills, alongside strong synthesis and strategic thinking skills. (5 points)
- Excellent oral and written command of the English language. (5 points)