



Terms of Reference For Individual Contract

Consultant: Consultant on Identifying Lessons Learned from the Korean Green Transition
Agency/Project Name: UNDP Seoul Policy Centre
Duty Station: Home-based
Language: English and Korean
Period: January 1st, 2022 – June 30th, 2022 (up to 36 working days)

1. General background

Together with the loss of biodiversity and the increase of pollution, climate change has emerged as a crucial component of the ‘Triple Planetary Crisis.’ In this regard, the transition from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement represented a paradigm shift from a top-down form of climate governance founded on legally binding ‘targets and timeframes to a bottom-up approach promoting voluntary commitments through ‘soft reciprocity.’ Due to this paradigm shift and the inertia of the Sustainable Development Goals, global levels of climate commitments have gradually increased over the years. However, as noted in the latest IPCC¹ and Emissions Gap Report², the latest submissions of Nationally Declared Contributions do not yet reflect the ambition needed to reach the Paris goal of limiting climate change to 1.5 to 2°C, despite all future scenarios exceeding 1.5°C by 2040. Accordingly, together with the impetus to ‘[build back better](#)’ from COVID-19, the Green New Deal has emerged as a policy solution in many countries.

In this vein, the Republic of Korea (ROK) has recently announced its Korean New Deal, which incorporated a Green New Deal as one of its primary components. Through this initiative, the ROK has affirmed its commitment to promote the green transition of infrastructure, low carbon and decentralized energy, and innovation in the green industry. To this end, the ROK is planning to pursue not only stand-alone environmental projects, but also integrated projects incorporating a digital focus.

Having also published a strategy to ‘globalize’ its New Deal, the ROK has declared its intent to support other countries with facilitating similar structural changes. This is important as, despite having the political will to do so, many governments have been unable to formulate their own Green New Deal strategies. As such, the ROK will be strengthening, among other things, its ‘Green New Deal ODA’ by enhancing support for green transitions in developing countries, leading global cooperation on the Green New Deal, and building mutually beneficial partnerships. In this regard, it is worth noting that many of the ROK’s relevant strategic documents specifically mention UNDP as a potential partner organization with whom to undergo joint interventions.

¹ IPCC. 2021. AR6 Climate Change 2021 The Physical Science Basis: Summary for Policymakers. <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/#SPM>.

² UNEP. 2020. Emissions Gap Report 2020. <https://www.unep.org/emissions-gap-report-2020>.

These developments in the ROK's strategic approach are relevant for UNDP because its Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2025 outlines the need to promote the green and digital transformation of partner countries as one of its three primary drivers of change. Thus, being mandated to share the ROK's development experience, UNDP Seoul Policy Centre (USPC) is seeking to identify additional opportunities to cooperate with the ROK at both the business unit and corporate level. This builds on prior partnership experiences which involved activities such as facilitating [policy discussions](#) on 'building back better.'

2. Objective of the Assignment

This paper will provide an overview of the context upon which multilateral climate action is taking place. This should entail an analysis of recent international processes, which includes international fora such as the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, OECD DAC commitments³ as well as national initiatives such as the Green New Deals of other countries. Building on this, the paper will critically analyze how UNDP has sought to contribute to such processes by providing specific reference to relevant corporate interventions, so as to identify country-level demand for relevant policy advice as well as the niche areas upon which new partnerships could be formulated.

Against this backdrop, this paper will describe the ROK's potential relevance to such initiatives. That is, it will elaborate on the unique value that the ROK's green transition offers in this regard and the progress made hitherto. Subsequently, it will explain the overall roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders, including that of non-state actors such as the private sector.

Following this, this paper will identify green policy solutions in which the ROK possesses a comparative advantage and that may be of interest to countries in the Global South. By doing so, this paper will serve as a reference point for relevant decision-makers, while also potentially informing USPC's SDG Partnerships (which is its primary modality of knowledge exchange) and UNDP's institutional partnership with the ROK. As such, USPC seeks to assist partner countries in emulating initiatives similar to that of the ROK, thereby contributing to UNDP's strategic objective of promoting a green and digital transformation. To this end, the findings of this paper will be presented to UNDP's Global Policy Network and selected Country Offices at an USPC-facilitated event with countries that are well-positioned to benefit from the lessons learned and can provide valuable lessons based on their own experiences.

3. Scope of Work

The consultant is expected to draft a paper that will include components such as but not limited to the following:

- Executive summary
- Brief overview of relevant political processes including that of international fora such as the Conference of the Parties and national discussions on issues such as the Green New Deal

³OECD. 2021. OECD DAC Declaration on a new approach to align development co-operation with the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. <https://www.oecd.org/dac/development-assistance-committee/dac-declaration-climate-confe26.htm>.

- Critical review of how UNDP is offering support towards such initiatives and a synthesis of country-level demand for relevant policy advice and the niche areas upon which new partnerships could be formulated
- Explanation of the unique value offered by the ROK's green transition, the progress made hitherto, and the roles and responsibilities of relevant actors
- Detailed overview of three to five policies in which the ROK possesses a comparative advantage and that may be of interest to partner countries in the Global South, along with details such as but not limited to the advantages and disadvantages of such solutions, the context in which they came into being, and issues that may need to be considered when benchmarking these policies in Southern contexts.
- Conclusion and recommendations including that of future research
- References
- Annex

4. Expected Deliverables and Payment schedule

Deliverables / Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete	Target Due Dates	Review and Approvals Required from
1. Provide a detailed outline of paper content, a list of ten to fifteen noteworthy policies and the reason for their initial selection, list of selected interviewees, and interview guide in English (25%)	9 working days	15 January 2022	USPC Programme Analyst
2. Draft a paper using necessary research methods (e.g. literature review, interviews, etc.) (50%)	18 working days	15 March 2022	
3. Finalize paper by incorporating feedback from relevant stakeholders (e.g. Initial comments by USPC along with subsequent feedback sessions with relevant teams in UNDP as well as its relevant partners) (19.4%)	7 working days	15 April 2022	
4. Present the main outcomes of the paper to key stakeholders at USPC-hosted webinar with representation from at least five countries (5.6%)	2 working days	20 June 2022	

5. PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROLS

- The Consultant will report to the Programme Analyst, while under the overall supervision of the Director of the UNDP Seoul Policy Centre.

- Progress reporting for each deliverable will be required upon request. These reports will take place either through email or online discussions, and must be provided in a concise, organized, and detailed manner.
- USPC will be involved in providing some initial guidance on relevant literature, though the consultant will be expected to independently lead the literature review process.
- USPC will provide relevant contact points, whenever possible. Nonetheless, the consultant will also be expected to independently contact relevant organizations/individuals when needed.
- USPC will be responsible for quality assurance, which involves receiving several rounds of input from relevant stakeholders. The consultant will be expected to incorporate such feedback, some of which may be given via consultation sessions with organizations based in the ROK.
- USPC will be responsible for logistically organizing the channels through which the consultant will be expected to present on the findings of the paper.
- USPC will not be expected to provide any additional facilities, support personnel, support service, or logistic support. If any of these assets are needed, their cost should be included in the financial proposal.

6. Requirements for Experience and Qualifications

Education

- At least Master's degree in sustainable development, environmental policy, economics, or any related fields required.

Experience

- Minimum 8 years of relevant work experience in providing policy analysis on climate change, development, and environmental policy is required.
- Familiarity with the ROK's green transition and development cooperation is a strong asset.
- Experience with publications on topics such as sustainable development, climate, environment, and energy is a strong asset.

Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent qualitative research skills are required.
- Ability to concisely convey substantial amount of content in written form is required.
- Knowledge of UNDP corporate priorities and work on relevant topics (such as but not limited to the portfolio of the Nature, Climate, and Energy Team and UN SDG Task Team on Green Recovery) is an asset.
- Clear understanding and display of UNDP corporate values and standards is an asset.
- Ability to adhere to strict deadlines is required.
- Experience in the usage of office and online meeting software packages is required.
- Excellent command of written and oral English is required. Knowledge of Korean is considered a strong asset.

7. Duty Station / Travel

This consultancy will be home-based, with no foreseen travel.

8. Review Time Required

The review and approval of payments will be made by the assigned supervisor(s) within 10 days.

9. CONSULTANT PRESENCE REQUIRED ON DUTY STATION/UNDP PREMISES

NONE PARTIAL INTERMITTENT FULL-TIME

10. PAYMENT TERMS

Lumpsum

Daily

11. RECOMMENDED PRESENTATION OF OFFER

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents / information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- Duly accomplished Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability, using the template provided by UNDP, and Financial proposal that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total lumpsum price;
- Personal CV or P11, indicating all past experiences from similar projects, as well as the contact details (email and phone number) of the Candidate and at least three professional references; .
- Cover letter explaining why they are the most suitable candidate (max 1 page);
- Proposed methodology on how they will approach and complete the assignment (max 1 page).

Incomplete proposals may not be considered. The shortlisted candidates may be contacted and the successful candidate will be notified.

12. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THE BEST OFFER

Applicants are reviewed based on the aforementioned requirements for experience and qualifications, as well as on the technical evaluation criteria outlined below. Applicants will be evaluated based on cumulative scoring. When using this weighted scoring method, the award of the contract will be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- Being responsive/compliant/acceptable; and
Having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation where technical criteria weigh 70% and financial criteria weighs 30%.

Technical evaluation - Total 70% (70 points):

	Criteria	Max Pts
1	At least 8 years of previous experience working with international, multi-stakeholder processes or initiatives on the topic of multilateral climate action	10 points
2	Familiarity with the Korean green transition and its progress hitherto	10 points
3	Familiarity with UNDP's or other international organisations' work on climate action - minimum 1 year of relevant experience	10 points
4	Published papers on topics related to green transitions	5 points
5	Knowledge of Korean language	5 points
6	Interview (maximum of five shortlisted candidates)	30 points

Having reviewed applications received, UNDP will invite maximum of five shortlisted candidates for interviews. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Candidates obtaining a minimum of 70% (49 points) of the maximum obtainable points for the technical criteria (70 points) shall be considered for the financial evaluation. Financial score shall be computed as a ratio of the proposal being evaluated and the lowest priced qualified proposal received by UNDP for the assignment.