

IC-060-22 - International Climate Finance Specialist

Consultancy to GCF Readiness project title “NDA strengthening in Iraq for climate finance programming, governance, regional cooperation and knowledge generation”

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| Location | Home Based with possible travel to Iraq if occasion permits |
| Type of Contract | Individual Contract |
| Contract Start Date | 1 July 2022 |
| Contract End Date | 30 December 2022 |
| Post Type | 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.

2. Scope of Work

The objective of the work of the **International Climate Finance Specialist** 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:
 1. Effectively coordinate, monitor, and access climate finance, with emphasis on low-emission development.
 2. Enhance country programming to address low emission programme/project pipeline development and gender issues within climate finance programming.
 3. Effectively characterize the costs and benefits of the priority project pipeline.
- Stakeholder engagement on adopting low emission, green growth priorities in national energy planning and country programming.

3. Key Tasks and Responsibilities

The **International Climate Finance Specialist** will act as an international expert with the following responsibilities:

1. Support the update of the Country Programme in terms of climate finance accounting and the climate finance landscape, in consultation with national stakeholders
2. Deliver training and develop documents that are required in the project, for GCF engagement in the fields of **Climate Financing, strategic management, climate policy, energy, and sectoral planning.**
3. Development of an action plan to address key accreditation gaps and a prefeasibility study of potential business models for promoting private sector engagement.
4. Drafting, and finalizing reports in consultation with the GCF Project Coordinator and UNDP GCF oversight team, project's consultancy team, and national stakeholders.

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. The training material will be used to deliver over 8 training/consultation events to selected participants from Iraqi public and private sector. Each training workshop will involve an average of two working days and develop final reports in the fields including strategic management, climate change and GCF policy and sectoral planning. **The reports should be finalized** in consultation with UNDP, including the consultation team, and national stakeholders. **The consultancy will be hired for a period of 7 months.** The assignment will be managed under the UNDP GCF Project manager and the overall EECC pillar head. The **International Climate Finance Specialist** must be able and willing to collaborate and assist other team members in training events and provision of advice.

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

| # | Scope of work | Key deliverables |
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| 1 | Develop assessment reports describing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The types of institutions, policies and procedures necessary for the NDA and future DAEs to become ready for scaled up, transformational climate finance programming • Capacity building needs, in consultation with national institutions, with a focus on low emission project preparation | Assessment reports |
| 2 | Submitting and/or supporting the submission of the reports (in collaboration with other experts in the project) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation gap analysis report of Eols to assess and rank national entities according to near-term capability to meet GCF eligibility requirements. - Submission of DAE application materials for accreditation to the GCF of the nominated DAE's. - The accreditation process for the nominated entities with an emphasis on lessons learned relevant to future national entities interested in GCF accreditation. - Evaluation report of high priority and collaborative regional project/programme ideas, including lessons learned recommendations for near term collaborative efforts. - Report on innovative financial instruments for facilitating short and long-term investments in priority low-emission development strategies as the NDC, including a set of project ideas for future concept note development. - Report on stakeholder recommendations for integrating low emission, green growth priorities in long-term energy planning. | Reports |
| 3 | Development of an action plan to address identified accreditation gaps of Eols in order to assess and rank national entities according to near-term capability to meet GCF eligibility requirements | Action plan |

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| 4 | Prefeasibility study of potential business models for promoting private sector engagement in low emission project investments | Prefeasibility study |
| 5 | Support the update of the Country Programme in consultation with national stakeholders on climate finance accounting for the climate finance landscape. | Update the country programme of Iraq |
| 6 | <p>Support the following events and submit event reports that include pre- and post-events surveys to assess the impact of the training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultative workshops and meetings with identified candidate DAEs to discuss GCF accreditation, requirements, processes, and standards, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the DAEs. • Capacity building workshops to build institutional capacity on GCF's fiduciary standards, environmental and social safeguards, gender-inclusive project development and implementation, proposal development, and other issues (drawn from accreditation gap assessment report). • Capacity building workshops to support the two new nominated DAEs during the preparation and submission of the GCF accreditation application form. • Consultative workshops and meetings with regional stakeholders to establish high priority and collaborative regional project ideas. • Stakeholder consultative workshops to discuss legislative and regulatory changes required to promote green growth. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events' reports - training materials - Surveys for training effectivity |

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.

4. Timeline for deliverables

| # | Deliverables | Timeline 2022 | Payment terms |
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| 1 | Deliverable 1 | 15-Jul 2022 | 10% |
| 2 | Deliverable 2 | 30-Aug 2022 | 25% |
| 3 | Deliverable 3 | 30-Sep 2022 | 15% |
| 4 | Deliverable 4 | 30-Oct 2022 | 15% |
| 5 | Deliverable 5 | 30-Nov 2022 | 5% |
| 6 | Deliverable 6 | 30-Dec 2022 | 30% |
| Total | | | 100% |

5. Duration

The contract is effective from the date of signature by UNDP Iraq and the International Consultant. Maximum number of working days is 40 days for the total mission duration: 1 July 2022 – 30 December 2022.

The consultant will have mission to Iraq for one week including travel days to facilitate the workshop and conduct site visit, he will be entitled DSA, travel and transportation cost. **The travel is optional based on the current situations of COVID-19.**

6. Qualification

Qualifications, skills, and professional experience of the **International Climate Finance Specialist** should include the following:

- Hold at least a master’s degree in international development, economics, or a related field.
- Minimum of ten (10) years of experience preferably in the Middle East region on a combination of related fields including: climate and green growth; climate finance; trust fund management; multilateral development bank; and public or private financial institutions
- Demonstrated experience developing bankable projects for financing from various climate funds such as the GCF, GEF, and other funds.
- Demonstrated experience working with climate finance instruments, business model development, instruments to promote renewable energy technology deployment and private sector development.
- Solid knowledge of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Project Finance and Risk Management; of multilateral climate governance framework and global climate finance architecture.
- Experience mainstreaming mitigation measures into development interventions preferably in the MENA region.
- Proven track record on policy dialogue and cross-institutional collaboration at the highest level, including with representatives of government and non-government partners including senior government officials, donor organizations, as well as regional organizations.

7. Evaluation/Selection criteria

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the following methodology:

- Cumulative analysis
- When using this weighted scoring method, the award of the contract should be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:
 - a) Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
 - b) Having received the highest score out of a predetermined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation:
 - Technical Criteria weight; [70]
 - Financial Criteria weight; [30]

| | Criteria | Points | Weight |
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| Technical | Hold at least a master’s degree in international development, economics, or a related field. | 10 points | |
| | Minimum of ten (10) years of experience preferably in the Middle East region on a combination of related fields including: climate and green growth; climate finance; trust fund management; multilateral development bank; and public or private financial institutions | 20 points | |
| | Demonstrated experience developing bankable projects for financing from various climate funds such as the GCF, GEF, and other funds. | 15 points | |
| | Demonstrated experience working with climate finance instruments, business model development, instruments to promote renewable energy technology deployment and private sector development. | 15 points | |
| | Solid knowledge of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Project Finance and Risk Management; of multilateral climate governance framework and global climate finance architecture. | 10 points | |

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| | Experience mainstreaming mitigation measures into development interventions preferably in the MENA region. | 10 points | 70% |
| | Proven track record on policy dialogue and cross-institutional collaboration at the highest level, including with representatives of government and non-government partners including senior government officials, donor organizations, as well as regional organizations. | 10 points | |
| | Experience in researching and drafting the technical content of proposals to climate funds or similar multilateral funds. | 5 points | |
| | Excellent oral and written command of the English language | 5 points | |
| | Total Technical | 100 points | |
| Financial | <u>Lowest Offer / Offer*100</u> | | 30% |
| Total Score = (Technical Score * 0.7 + Financial Score * 0.3) Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 70 points of the 100 points in the Technical Evaluation will be considered for the Financial Evaluation. | | | |

8. Payment

The consultant must send a financial proposal for a total contract duration. The proposed fee shall quote an all-inclusive budget for the contract period. The term “all-inclusive” implies that all costs (professional fees, communications, consumables, etc.) that could be incurred by the International Consultant in successfully completing the assignment/consultancy. Payment will be made as lumpsum on deliverable upon completion of the service and acceptance of the Project.

9. Presence required on duty station/UNDP Country Office

The consultant will have mission to **Iraq for one week** including travel days to facilitate the workshop and conduct site visit, he will be entitled DSA, travel and transportation cost. **The travel is optional based on the current situations of COVID-19.**

10. Application

The application should contain:

- Proposal Submission Form
- Offeror’s letter to UNDP confirming interest and availability and Financial Proposal
- Updated CV to include qualifications/competencies and relevant past experience in similar projects and contact details of 2 professional referees who can certify the candidate’s competencies, professionalism, quality of presentation and overall suitability for this assignment.

The above documents should be grouped together into one (1) single PDF document as the application system only allows to upload maximum one document.

****Failure to submit the above-mentioned documents shall result in disqualification**

The short-listed candidates may be contacted, and the successful candidate will be notified.