

**IC-062-22 - International Sectoral and Energy Specialist**

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

<b>Location</b>	Home Based
<b>Type of Contract</b>	Individual Contract
<b>Contract Start Date</b>	17 July 2022
<b>Contract End Date</b>	30 November 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 by implementing the project 'NDA strengthening in Iraq for climate finance programming, governance, regional cooperation and knowledge generation'.

The project's focus is to strengthen the NDA's capacity and ensure access to GCF funds and support to national organizations seeking accreditation at GCF. The project will enable the Government of Iraq to strengthen the capacities of the newly assigned NDA to institutionalize climate action coordination mechanisms; establish/build the 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 the capacity to identify and develop proposals on green growth investments. The beneficiaries of the readiness proposal are the NDA, related ministries/authorities, the private sector, and candidates for GCF accreditation. Low private sector engagement in the GFC process in Iraq is one of the main barriers that will be addressed by building capacity within the NDA to support bankable green growth proposals, development of strategic priorities, and identification and training of strong national agencies candidates for GCF accreditation.

**2. Scope of Work**

The objective of the work of the **International Sectoral and Energy 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 and project pipeline development
- Stakeholder engagement on adopting low emission, green growth priorities in national energy planning and country programming.

**3. Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

The **International Sectoral and Energy Specialist** will act as an international expert with the following responsibilities:

1. Support the **update of the Country Programme** in consultation with GCF Project Coordinator and UNDP GCF oversight team, GCF consultancy team, and national stakeholders on adopting low emission, green growth priorities in long-term national energy planning and country programming in the country programme.

2. Deliver training and develop documents that are required in the project for GCF engagement in the fields of **Sectoral and Energy sectors**.
3. 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 the private sector. The training material will be used to deliver over 8 training/consultation events to selected participants from the Iraqi public and private sectors. 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 and national stakeholders. **The consultancy will be hired for a period of 5 months**. The assignment will be managed under the UNDP GCF Project manager and the overall EECC pillar head.

**The International Sectoral and Energy 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 Sectoral and Energy Specialist** shall contribute to the provision of the following deliverables:

#	Scope of work	Key deliverables
2	<p>Prepare and submit the following, in consultation with the GCF Project Coordinator and UNDP GCF oversight team, GCF consultancy team, and national stakeholders as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report describing the results of an analysis of the costs and benefits associated with introducing low emission, green technologies and practices in long-term energy planning</li> <li>- A report describing an assessment of the ways in which the legislative and regulatory framework supports reliance on fossil fuel-based technologies in long-term energy planning</li> <li>- Capacity needs assessment through consultations for capacity building needs within national institutions with a focus on low emission project preparation</li> <li>- Assessment report describing the types of institutions, policies and procedures necessary for the NDA and future DAEs to become ready for scaled-up, transformational climate finance programming</li> <li>- Report on stakeholder recommendations for integrating low emission, green growth priorities in long-term energy planning</li> <li>- Needs assessment for effective oversight of climate finance flows, including recommendations for next steps to strengthen transparency and accountability protocols</li> </ul>	<p>Reports</p>
5	<p>Support in 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"> <li>• Capacity building workshops to evaluate the impacts of investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency alternatives over traditional fossil-fueled options</li> <li>• Stakeholder consultative workshops and meetings to discuss integrating stakeholder recommendations on adopting low emission, green growth priorities in long-term national energy planning and country programming in the country programme</li> <li>• Stakeholder consultative workshops and meetings to discuss legislative and regulatory changes required to promote green growth in Iraq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Events' reports</li> <li>- training materials</li> <li>- Surveys on training effectivity (pre and post training)</li> </ul>

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 the GCF Project Manager, head of the pillar, and the UNDP oversight team.

#### 4. Timeline for deliverables

#	Deliverables	Timeline 2022	Payment terms
1	Deliverable 1	1-Aug 2022	50%
2	Deliverable 2	15-Nov 2022	50%
<b>Total</b>			100%

#### 5. Duration

The contract is effective from the date of signature by UNDP Iraq and the International Consultant. 17 July 2022 – 30 November 2022.

The consultant will have several missions to Iraq for one week, including travel days to facilitate the workshop and conduct site visits, he/she will be entitled DSA, travel and transportation cost. The travel is optional based on the current situation of COVID-19.

#### 6. Qualification

Qualifications, skills, and professional experience of the **International Sectoral and Energy Specialist** should include the following:

- Hold at least a master's degree in climate, energy policy, environmental policy, economics, or a related field
- Minimum of ten (10) years of experience, preferably in the Middle East region, for a combination of related fields such as energy sector technologies; energy policy, strategy and Institutions; and energy access, as well as in industrial, commercial, transportation or residential policy development and analysis
- Proven track record on policy dialogue and cross-institutional collaboration at the highest level, including independent policy and sector-specific discussions with representatives of the government and non-government partners working with private sector projects, a plus
- Experience in relevant cross-sectoral areas such as energy technologies, finance, climate change, and environmental sustainability. Able to undertake cross-sectoral work in lending and non-lending operations.
- Strong analytical skills in energy and infrastructure finance, ability to do economic and financial analysis, and demonstrates the ability to link the macro, institutional, and micro-level behaviours; ability to support findings/policy recommendations with the application of analytical tools
- Excellent oral and written command of the English language
- Previous work experiences with UN agencies and Global funding donors, such as GCF and GEF

#### 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
Technical	Hold at least a master's degree in climate, energy policy, environmental policy, economics, or a related field	10 points	
	Minimum of ten (10) years of experience, preferably in the Middle East region, for a combination of related fields such as energy sector technologies; energy policy, strategy and Institutions; and energy access, as well as in industrial, commercial, transportation or residential policy development and analysis	25 points	
	Proven track record on policy dialogue and cross-institutional collaboration at the highest level, including independent policy and sector-specific discussions with representatives of the government and non-government partners working with private sector projects, a plus	10 points	
	Experience in relevant cross-sectoral areas such as energy technologies, finance, climate change, and environmental sustainability. Able to undertake cross-sectoral work in lending and non-lending operations.	15 points	
	Strong analytical skills in energy and infrastructure finance, ability to do economic and financial analysis, and demonstrates the ability to link the macro, institutional, and micro-level behaviours; ability to support findings/policy recommendations with the application of analytical tools	10 points	
	Excellent oral and written command of the English language	10 points	
	Previous work experiences with UN agencies and Global funding donors, such as GCF and GEF	20 points	
Financial	<b><u>Lowest Offer / Offer*100</u></b>		<b>30%</b>
<b>Total Score = (Technical Score * 0.7 + Financial Score * 0.3)</b>			
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.