

## **NDC Partnership Request for Proposals:**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INVESTMENT PLAN**

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## **ABOUT THE NDC PARTNERSHIP**

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition of countries and institutions working to mobilize support and achieve ambitious climate goals while enhancing sustainable development. Through the Partnership, country members leverage their resources and expertise to provide countries with the tools they need to implement their NDCs and combat climate change to build a better future. Hosted by WRI, the UNFCCC Secretariat, and the UN Office for Project Services, the NDC Partnership has members in all regions of the world, with staff in Washington DC and Bonn, Germany.

Through the collective support of its members, the NDC Partnership has engaged with South Africa on the update and enhancement of its NDC, NDC implementation, mobilization of climate finance and mainstreaming NDC action to national planning and budgeting. Through its engagement with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, as its focal point institution, the Partnership supports the Government of South Africa on priority needs for implementation under the framework of the Paris Agreement. In this context, the Partnership issues this Request for Proposal for the development the National Climate Change Adaptation Investment Plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The National Climate Change Response Policy underscores the overall approach for South Africa adaptation responses which integrate with sustainable development policies. In this context, South Africa's approach to adaptation is premised on effective planning and coordination of integrated response will require the following:

- Early warning and forecasting for disaster risk reduction and management.
- Medium-term (decadal scale) climate forecasting to identify potential resources challenges well in advance.
- Long term climate projection that defines the range of future climatic conditions.

Adaptation to climate change presents South Africa with an opportunity to transform both health and the economy, to strengthen the social and spatial fabric, and to become more competitive in the global marketplace (Segal and Cloete 2012; Western Cape Government 2018). However, systemic changes

are required to minimize the impacts of climate change. Technological advances that consider social and economic factors can assist in making these transformative changes.

The South African Cabinet approved the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (NCCAS) in 2020 for implementation. The NCCAS provides a common vision of climate change adaptation and climate resilience for the country, and outlines priority areas for achieving this. The NCCAS's vision draws on South Africa's National Climate Change Response Policy (NCCRP) (DEA 2011), the National Development Plan (NDP) (NPC 2011), the National Strategy for Sustainable Development (NSSD) (DE A 2011b), the adaptation commitments included in South Africa's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), sector adaptation plans, provincial adaptation plans and municipal adaptation plans. It should be noted that since the NCCAS is specifically focused on adaptation to climate change, mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) is dealt with in other policy documents. However, it is acknowledged that adaptation action and mitigation action impact on one another. In some cases, adaptation and mitigation action are mutually supportive.

The NCCAS supports South Africa in meeting its international obligations by defining the country's vulnerabilities, and its plans to reduce these vulnerabilities and leverage opportunities. The NCCAS serves as South Africa's National Adaptation Plan and fulfils South Africa's commitment to its obligations in terms of Article 7.9 of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It will further provide a policy instrument in which national climate change adaptation objectives for the country can be articulated to provide overarching guidance to all sectors of the economy in implementing adaptation. The NCCAS will further contribute toward South Africa's fair share contribution in attaining the Global Goal on Adaptation as outline in Article 7 of the Paris Agreement.

Furthermore, the development of the National Climate Change Adaptation Investment Plan should take into consideration the first South Africa Adaptation Communication which outlined the following goals:

- Enhance climate change adaptation governance and legal frameworks.
- Elaborate priority measures for implementation of NCCAS adaptation interventions for the period 2021 to 2030.
- Develop an understanding of the impacts on South Africa of 1.5 and 2°C global warming and the underlying global emission pathways through geo-spatial mapping of the physical climate hazards, and adaptation needs in the context of strengthening the key sectors of the economy. This will constitute the scientific basis for strengthening the national and provincial governments' readiness to respond to climate risk as driven by the change parameters, extreme temperature events, and extreme events in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.
- Mobilize funding for adaptation implementation through multilateral funding mechanisms.
- Quantification and acknowledgement of the national adaptation and resilience efforts.

## Purpose

The purpose of the assignment is to:

- Development of the National Climate Change Adaptation Investment Plan with the view to advance the implementation of the National Adaptation Communication and National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
- Development of clear investment areas that will catalyze/leverage funding for climate change adaptation programs/projects at large scale.

## Scope of Work and Activities

To develop a detailed adaptation investment plan that addresses projected climate risks across socio, economic and environmental pillars in South Africa, this assignment will include, but not be limited to:

- Review the goals, interventions and measures outlined in the Adaptation Communication as submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in conjunction with the Nationally Determined Contribution and the NCCAS to establish a results-based framework for achieving adaptation goals
- The investment plan should cover mainly national with clear impacts at the municipal level.
- Identify a portfolio of investments, technical assistance activities and other key interventions necessary to achieve climate change adaptation goals in South Africa
- Outline clearly the various financial instruments that are available and can be used to support adaptation in the country
- Identify investment opportunities to advance the adaptation goal of the country, considering both the international and national climate change adaptation finance landscape.
- Set the baseline on adaptation and outline targeted investment needs over the short-, medium- and long-term period.
- Propose a sequence of investments and technical assistance interventions that are needed to achieve the strategic objectives of the investment plan, in alignment with the goals encapsulated in the NCCAs and Adaptation Communication respectively
- Provide a clear methodology and criteria for the prioritization of adaptation investments and use of the funding South Africa
- Map existing adaptation projects from departments that are being prepared for investment, including their status, funding scale, impacts and subsequent steps for preparing them to a level of investment readiness
- Identify potential areas of collaboration with the private sector.

## Key Deliverables

- Inception report with workplan and proposed methodology
- Technical document elaborating on methodologies and criteria for prioritizing the investment and funding for adaptation in South Africa
- Detailed list of potential funding and associated instruments for adaptation in South Africa
- Detailed National Climate Change Adaptation Investment Plan
- Detailed implementation plan for the Climate Change Adaptation Investment Plan

## Project Management

This assignment will be managed closely by a project steering committee comprised of points of contact in DFFE and the NDC Partnership. For policy alignment across sectors, additional departments in the Government of South Africa will likewise be engaged throughout this assignment, are anticipated to originate from. These include:

- Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) – Resource Mobilization
- National Treasury (NT)
- Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (Dtic)
- Presidency Infrastructure Office
- South African Weather Service
- Department of Science and Innovation

## RFP PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Prospective vendors should submit:

- Description of proposed project management structure (lead team/project manager, sub-contracted organizations, local experts, etc.)
- CVs of team members
- Examples of and references for similar previous work (with URLs and contact details)
- Proposed implementation approach/project monitoring plan
- A proposed budget with a breakdown of costs sufficient to assess reasonableness and compliance with our funder requirements
- A proposed schedule for deliverables

## SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

To submit expressions of interest and proposal documents, please send relevant materials to:

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All proposals must be received **by 5:00pm EST on Friday, 26 May 2023** in electronic format to the contacts listed above.

WRI may, at its discretion and without explanation to the prospective vendors choose to discontinue this RFP without obligation to such prospective vendors, or make multiple awards under this RFP.