**Terms of Reference**

**Consultant**

**Needs-based Finance (NBF) Project - Dominican Republic**

The Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF) is an independent nonprofit organization located on the TrueBlue campus of the St. George’s University (SGU), School of Medicine, Grenada. WINDREF since the year 2013 has partnered with UNFCCC to establish the Caribbean Regional Collaboration Centre for in St George’s (RCC St George’s) Grenada.

The RCC St George’s is one of six Regional Centers established globally to provide support to governments, NGOs and the private sector to develop their mitigation efforts through capacity building, direct technical assistance, and advice in Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS). Set up to spread the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), the RCCs have broadened their role since adoption of the Paris Climate Change Agreement in December 2015 supporting development and implementation of countries’ Nationally Determined Contributions to climate action under that agreement, with focus on markets and mechanisms.

The RCC St George’s seeks to hire a consultant to carry out activities related to the UNFCCC Needs-Based Climate Finance (NBF) Project to support the Dominican Republic as represented by Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio, Dominican Republic.

**Background**

The Needs-based Climate Finance Project was established in response to the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session (COP 23) requesting the UNFCCC secretariat to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, and in translating the climate finance needs into action (6/CP.23, paragraph 10). In addition, the Conference of Parties meeting as the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol requested the UNFCCC secretariat to support the financing of climate mitigation projects (3/CMP.1, 6/CMP.11 and 12/CMA.1) that could be registered under the CDM. Collectively, these mandates form the basis for assisting developing countries to determine and assess their needs; formulate regional climate finance strategies; and mobilize support for these strategies to address needs relating to the implementation of the nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national climate strategies and policies.

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Dominican Republic through leadership of the Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (CNCCMDL by its acronyms in Spanish) and other partner agencies has developed an action plan for implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution of Dominican Republic. In Collaboration with the members of the NDC Partnership, Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio is in the process of developing a national finance NDC implementation strategy. This will cover institutional arrangements to prioritize the NDC implementation activities for 2020-2025, to develop and operationalize specific (and/or new) funding instruments, the private sector perspective, and a robust key performance indicators, targets and milestones.

In Dominican Republic, the Needs-based Finance (NBF) Project shall be implemented in collaboration with the CNCCMDL as the national focal point for climate change. The main objective of the NBF Project in Dominican Republic is to facilitate the mobilization of climate finance to support the needs identified by the national NDC implementation plan, regarding the implementation of priority mitigation actions in accordance with the Paris Agreement and the country’s goals set out in the Nationally Determined Contribution, as well as other national development strategies and instruments.

**Purpose of the assignment**

The St George’s Regional Collaboration Center represented by its host partner WINDREF seeks to hire a consultant to deliver the above 5 outputs in close coordination with UNFCCC and CNCCMDL.

The consultant shall provide the following outputs including all reports in English and Spanish (as needed):

1. A diagnostic assessment of climate finance flows (domestic, international), stocks and needs for Dominican Republic;
2. An analysis of national investment enabling environment and financial market capacity for financing the implementation of NDCs and or national climate change priorities;
3. An identification of a pipeline of priority investments and projects (including new and existing CDM projects) and elaboration of needs and funding required to deploy these priority investments and projects;
4. An outline Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy for country implementation of NDC based on the analysis, as validated by national experts and key stakeholders;
5. An assessment of the linkages and synergies with other policies, programmes and initiatives (e.g. GCCA+[[1]](#footnote-1), World Bank, Ci-ACA[[2]](#footnote-2), etc.).

**Approach to tASKS**

Conduct analysis of available data on public and private (climate) finance flows, nationally, regionally, and internationally.

Review official reports and documents, as appropriate, such as national and regional climate change plans, national and regional development plans, NDCs, National Adaptation Plans, Technical Needs Assessments, National Communications, Biennial Update Reports, etc., for an assessment of needs and priorities.

Conduct research and desk review of relevant reports and papers assessing the national, regional and global finance landscape.

Incorporate, as appropriate, updated and relevant information from different sources, including recent publications of data or relevant reports, as well as outcomes of relevant policies, programmes and initiatives.

**outputs**

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| **Outputs** | **Indicative Date** | **Performance indicators** | **Payment schedule** |
| A diagnostic assessment of climate finance flows (domestic, international), stocks and needs for Dominican Republic; | 1 Jan. 2019 | Approval by UNFCCC  Timeliness  Quality and relevance of inputs on structure and content  Technical accuracy of information | Deliverable 1:  Payment: 15% |
| An analysis of national investment enabling environment and financial market capacity for financing the implementation of NDCs and or national climate change priorities; | 02 Mar. 2020 | Approval by UNFCCC  Quality of inputs  Logic and relevance of information  Technical accuracy of information | Deliverable 2:  Payment: 15% |
| The identification of a pipeline of priority investments and projects (including new and existing CDM projects) and elaboration of needs and funding required to deploy priority investments and projects; | 01 Apr. 2019 | Approval by UNFCCC  Quality of drafting  Relevance of inputs  Technical accuracy of information | Deliverable 3:  Payment: 15% |
| An identification of a pipeline of priority investments and projects (including new and existing CDM projects) and elaboration of needs and funding required to deploy these priority investments and projects; | 02 Apr. 2020 | Approval by UNFCCC  Quality of drafting  Relevance of inputs  Technical accuracy of information | Deliverable 4:  Payment: 15% |
| An assessment of the linkages and synergies with other policies, programmes and initiatives (e.g. GCCA+, World Bank, CIACA, etc.). | 04 May 2020 | Approval by UNFCCC  Quality of drafting  Relevance of inputs  Technical accuracy of information | Deliverable 5:  Payment: 15% |
| Consolidation of all 5 outputs into one report | 02 Jun. 2020 | Approval by UNFCCC  Quality of inputs  Logic and relevance of information added | Deliverable 6:  Payment: 20% |

**STArt and Duration**

Start date: 01 January 2020

End date: 02 June 2020

Estimated work days: 40 days

**Implementation and Reporting**

All coordination and reporting shall be via the Regional Collaboration Center, with payment authorized upon delivery by the UNFCCC secretariat. The deliverables shall be implemented based on the above schedule.

**Qualifications and Competences**

The expert shall have 3 or more years of relevant working experience in climate policy, climate finance, finance institutions, funds under of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol, multilateral and bilateral, public and private, and other sources of climate finance;

Have demonstrated technical expertise in leading quantitative and qualitative research on climate finance and investments;

Have an advanced university degree in environmental economics, energy, social, environmental studies, natural sciences, engineering, development studies, or any related discipline;

Language skills: Proficiency in written and spoken English and Spanish is essential.

Only national or international consultants based in Dominican Republic will be considered as close coordination with the Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio is required.

**Remuneration**

A competitive remuneration as per United Nations prevailing rules and regulations will be provided.

**How to apply**

Interested candidates whose qualification and experience match with what we are looking for, should send their application by completing a P11 on the below web link<https://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/consultancy.html>. A copy of the same to be e-mailed to [RCCStgeorges@unfccc.int](mailto:RCCStgeorges@unfccc.int) containing the following.

* A summary of a technical proposal that will have a description of methodology for implementing the assignment and the tasks therein.
* A timetable for the completion of the work aligned with the reporting requirements and tentative timeline;
* Completed P11 shall be submitted in the UNFCCC system to roster of experts

Only candidates under serious consideration will be invited for an interview via teleconference.

1. Global Climate Change Alliance  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action [↑](#footnote-ref-2)