



Terms of Reference

“Green West Bank”

PSE22004-10036

**Consultancy service to support the role of
the NDC Climate Finance and Fund-Raising
Expert in Palestine**

January 2024

1 Intervention form	
Intervention Name	Green West Bank
Duration	2022-2026
Geographical area	Palestine: West Bank
Institutional partner	Ministry of Local Government, Environment Quality Authority: Ministry of National Economy, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Municipal Development and Lending Fund
Implementing partners	To be identified
General objective (GO)	The Palestinian Population makes use of the opportunities offered by a sustainable environment.
Specific objective (SO)	The conditions of the Palestinian ecosystems are improved by reducing the footprint and GHGs emissions through the promotion of Green Circular Economy and Green Cities, focusing on energy efficiency, renewable energy and solid waste management in the regions of Hebron, Bethlehem, Tubas and Nablus.
Expected Results	<p>Result 1: A conducive environment for green and circular economy and for green cities is promoted at national and local levels.</p> <p>Result 2: Green and circular economy and entrepreneurship are supported in the selected value chains based on a market system approach.</p> <p>Result 3: Green cities in Palestine are promoted through resilient urban planning, green inclusive services, and green buildings, taking into account the needs of vulnerable groups (women and youth).</p> <p>Result 4: Green cities and entrepreneurship for women as well as green and decent jobs for women and youth are promoted in the selected value chains.</p>

2 Project background

The Palestine Cooperation Strategy 2022-2026 was validated on 30th June 2021. Its focus is to empower youth in an environmentally sustainable Palestine. Two general objectives have been defined:

1. Young people in Palestine develop into active and critical citizen, ready for local and global challenges, through improved education, training, guidance, and access to employment.
2. The Palestinian population makes use of the opportunities of a sustainable environment.

The second pillar of the portfolio is dedicated to climate action, based on support to the development of an emerging green and circular economy and the implementation of the National Determined Contributions (NDC), with the view to contribute to a sustainable and inclusive Palestinian society and reduce environmental hazards and dependency on non-renewable natural resources. Specific thematic priorities are as follows:

- The development and the strengthening of value chains and opportunities for socio-economic entrepreneurship and job creation in an emerging green economy, which could potentially be applied to various sectors, such as energy, water, agriculture, waste, recycling, construction, transport and industry.
- The development of sustainable cities, public services and territories.
- A focus on specific niches such as: waste management; reducing, recycling and reuse; renewable energy; and energy efficiency.

3 Assignment

3.1 Background of the assignment:

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of its long-term goals. Launched at COP22 in 2016 in Marrakesh, the NDC Partnership aims to enhance cooperation so that countries have access to the technical knowledge and financial support they need to implement their NDCs. International support for fast and effective NDC implementation in the context of the Partnership implies new forms of coordination and collaboration. As of 2021, the NDC Partnership is a global coalition of nearly 200 countries and institutions that support countries on accelerating the implementation of NDCs in line with sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Palestine became a member of the NDC Partnership in September 2019, appointing focal points in the Environment Quality Authority (EQA) and the Ministry of Finance and Planning. EQA is leading national efforts in response to climate change. EQA is the Chair of the National Climate Change Committee and was nominated by the government as the National Designated Authority for the Green Climate Fund Palestine has been supported through the Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) with the support of the World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, and Ricardo Energy & Environment. Under the CAEP support, Palestine has developed NDC Implementation Action Plans for key sectors, culminating in its NDC Partnership Plan. The partners are also supporting Palestine on developing its updated NDC. Additionally, partners such as ENABEL, AFD, GIZ are channelling support to the government in order to strengthen its NDC coordination and implementation capacities and mechanisms.

Based on the initial responses to the Partnership Plan, 45% of the outputs received indication of partial support, still requiring additional support to fully achieve them. Through the Partnership Action Fund (PAF) support, six implementation plans will be developed covering six sectors; coastal & marine, food, industry, terrestrial ecosystems, tourism, and urban & infrastructure, in addition to support enabling policy environment for the mentioned six plans as well as localization of article 6 of the Paris Agreement in Palestine. The government remains committed to improve the capacities on know-how for building climate resilience community and mobilizing additional support to carry out the activities of the Partnership plan and implementation plans.

3.2 Objectives of the Consultancy:

The role of the expert is to support the NDC Partnership's Focal Points and in country facilitator of the Palestine in mobilizing resources for the implementation of the country's priority for NDC actions and Partnership Plan through the development of project concept notes, proposals, and project pipelines and will support in subsequent tracking. In particular, the expert will provide his/her fund-raising expertise to enhance the country's capacity to access to international climate finance for project development as well as to strengthen program management of the National Designated Authority (NDA)'s country portfolio.

3.3 Duties and Responsibilities

the Climate Finance and Fund-Raising Expert will be responsible for working with the NDC Partnership Focal Points, (in the Palestinian Environment Quality Authority and in the Ministry of Finance and Planning) and relevant ministries and government authorities.

- Support in the implementation of Palestine's NDC and its NDC Partnership Plan and formulate a fundraising strategy across the governmental agencies.
- Provide technical advisory services to EQA regarding different climate fund mechanism such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF),
- Lead the writing and development of high quality of concept notes, expression of interest, readiness proposals, and funding proposals, in coordination with the NDC Partnership Focal Points and in country facilitator, particularly on paradigm-shifting projects contributing to both resilient recovery and climate ambitions.
- Conduct revision and analysis of existing policies in relevance to NDC implementation, tools and approaches in integrating climate mitigation and adaptation, low carbon, inclusive and green development pathways and the current economic and fiscal response measures to the COVID- 19 pandemic, in the development of the concept notes and/or proposals;
- Liaise with other national government agencies, local government units, and other stakeholders in the conduct of consultation meetings, workshops, and other activities related to the development of the concept notes and/or proposals;
- Review different climate fun mechanism, policies, guideline and processes such as GCF-,
- Participate as resource person in climate finance-related meetings and activities of the NDA with guidance from the Focal Points;
- Submit a monthly report to the Focal Points in the Environment quality

authority, and in the ministry of finance and NDC Partnership on the progress of tasks carried out within the reporting period;

- Engage and facilitate discussions with representatives of relevant local and international development organizations, banking, and financial institutions and other public and private entities to gather insights and recommendations for developing low-carbon and climate-resilient projects and for improving the NDC and the country’s economic recovery plans;
- Document relevant exchanges with stakeholders and provide Focal Points and in Country facilitator with information highlights, agreed steps, and division of responsibilities and timelines. The exchanges may include sectoral ministries, private sector actors, subnational government officials, civil society, international cooperation partners, etc.
- Support and provide insights on vertical (national/regional/global) information sharing and periodic exchanges with members of the NDC Partnership and other parties;
- Carry out any other relevant duties within his/her technical competence as may be requested by the Focal Points and the NDC Partnership Support Unit.
- coordinate/collaborate with the in-country facilitator and economic advisor as per government need

3.4 Reporting:

The Expert will work under guidance of the NDC Partnership’s Focal Points (Ministry of Finance and Planning, and in cooperation with the focal point in the Palestinian environmental quality authority), with close coordination with the In-Country Facilitator. On top of that that expert will also report to the NDC Partnership Support Unit on the status of the deliverables outlined in this TOR on a quarterly basis.

The consultant is required to work one day per week at least in the ministry of finance offices.

3.5 Expected outputs and timing:

3.5.1 Deliverables:

Enabel expects a total of 210 working days between February 2024 to December 2024 to undertake the assignment. The table below provides information on the specific deliverables, estimated level of effort, and expected timing:

#	DELIVERABLE	Number of Days	TIMEFRAME
1	Formulation of a Financing plan for the implementation of the country’s Nationally Determined Contributions	20 days	Q1-Q2

	considering National, International and Innovative Financial Resources		
2	Review of national climate related policies, guidelines and processes and provide recommendations for creating enabling environment for NDC implementation.	15 days	Q1
3	Conduct Screening and Evaluation Tool (SET) for available mechanism for climate change funding, such as GCF Country Program, and recommendations to improve the review and quality assurance process for concept notes, readiness proposals or funding proposals received by the NDA building on NDC Operational Manual for Palestine;	30 days	Q1-Q2
4	Development of Detailed Potential Donors Mapping.	10 days	Q2
5	project concept notes. Content of the concept notes may vary depending on the targeted climate finance window and its specific requirements. At a minimum concept note should include background for the request, objectives, outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets intended to be achieved, institutional arrangements, estimated budget, timeframe.	30 days	Q2/Q3/Q4
6	full project funding proposals.	26 days	Q3-Q4
7	Preparation of targeted Policy briefs and position papers on climate-finance matters and related critical issues;	10 days	Q3-Q4
8	Synthesis report of meetings, highlighting: (i) intersectoral multi-stakeholder dialogues to promote a whole-of-government approach on financing NDC implementation, and (ii) dialogues with national stakeholders, including private sector and/or civil society organizations and development partners on support needed to advance NDC implementation; and	15 days	Q2/Q3/Q4
9	Monthly progress reports, highlighting key interventions, exchanges and consultations, and other progress made	24 days	Monthly

	on undertaking the duties and responsibilities in this TOR.		
	Total		210 days

3.6 Profile of the consultant:

- University degree in relevant discipline (e.g., economics, public policy, financial studies, sustainable development, climate change adaptation and mitigation, international development and cooperation, natural sciences or a related field); advanced degree will be an advantage.
- Minimum of 8 years of experience in the preparation of concept notes and project proposals for environment and climate-related projects.
- Operational understanding of Climate Finance platforms, processes and guidelines.
- Advanced knowledge of global and domestic climate change issues and initiatives in the areas of green growth including the use of analytical tools.
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to work under pressure and to establish and maintain effective work relationships.
- Demonstrated analytical, problem-solving, and strategic skills.
- Excellent written and verbal English communication skills is a must.
- Work experience with an international organization or national government agency will be an advantage.
- Must possess maturity and professional ability to handle sensitive information to respect confidentiality during and even after the contract period; and
- Experience and relevant skills in the use of the Office suite (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), virtual communication tools (e.g., Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Skype) and other tools and packages for project management purposes.