



ToR
for National Consultant on developing the concept of Moldova's GCF engagement mitigation country programme

Post title: National Consultant on developing the concept of mitigation country programme as part of Moldova's GCF- specific engagement strategic framework

Project title: *Support to Republic of Moldova in establishment and strengthening the NDA, development of strategic framework, and preparation of country programme.*

Reporting to: Team, Leader, Project Manager

Duration of assignment: 25 days during the period February - April, 2018

Starting date: February, 2018

1. Background

The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provided in 2011 in Decision 1/CP.16 for the establishment of the Green Climate Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism under Article 11 of the Convention.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) was established with the purpose of making a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change. In the context of sustainable development, the Fund will promote a paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The Fund was designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ("UNFCCC"). It is governed and supervised by a Board that has responsibility for funding decisions pursuant to the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund. It is supported by an independent Secretariat, accountable to the Board, having management capabilities to execute day-to-day operations of the Fund, providing administrative, legal and financial expertise.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Programme, a joint partnership between UNDP, UNEP, and World Resource Institute (WRI), is a global programme to support countries for enhanced access to international climate finance. The Fund has established the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme to provide support to National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or focal points, nominated by countries to engage with the Fund. It is a priority mechanism that will help ensure that Fund's programming is effective and country owned. The core objectives of the readiness programme are consistent with the Fund's Governing Instrument and prior Board and Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions. Within the Fund's Secretariat, the Country Programming Division (CPD) is responsible for engagement with developing countries, providing support to help countries and entities access to the Fund's resources, including through funding support from the Readiness Programme.

A Draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Green Climate Fund on the privileges and immunities of the Green Climate Fund are under consideration.

A Grant Agreement was signed 28 April, 2017 between the Republic of Moldova and GCF on implementing Readiness Programme based on commonly agreed standards policies, conditions and terms was signed. Based on this Agreement the GCF support was provided to the Climate Change Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of Moldova (MoARDE) to implement the activities under the Project *Support to Republic of Moldova in establishment and strengthening the NDA, development of strategic framework, and preparation of country programme*. The Readiness and preparatory support will help to establish and mandate the National Designated Authority (NDA) to engage with GCF, build the knowledge and capacities of the MoARDE team to efficiently manage GCF operational process, to efficiently communicate with Fund's board and secretariat, to access the Fund's resources and carry out the necessary due diligence. Having the strengthened NDA will help Moldova to successfully utilise direct access to GCF climate finance.

The Readiness resources will be used for the buy-in of stakeholders and strengthen the cooperation among institutions, civil society, non-profit entities, women associations and academia to develop a clear sense of climate change priorities that GCF can support. Engaging with the private sector will be a special focus of Readiness support awareness raising and training activities aiming at developing capacities for implementing innovative and transformative projects across the country. GCF climate finance will be used to support coherent, nationwide efforts for climate action and sustainable development and contribute to country's paradigm shift development in response to climate change.

Through defining of GCF specific strategic framework, the conditions will be created to move from project-based support to programmatic and strategic approaches to support from the Fund, consistent with national sustainable development plans. Establishing a country-driven, gender-sensitive and participatory Coordination Mechanism (CM) for GCF-related activities to implement Moldova's programming priorities aligned with SDGs, LEDS, NAP goals will enable the NDA for prepare capacities of stakeholders, in particular potential accredited agencies for GCF project proposals development and implementation. The NDA will enhance the understanding of Fund's accreditation and project requirements and the degree to which national entities met the requirements. Potential nominated agencies will receive support in developing funding proposals through enhanced direct access modality. The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) component established as part of CM and operationalized in a transparent manner will help the NDA to undertake oversight and to adjust activities to secure project outcomes and manage risks.

Tasks contained in this ToR are intended to serve as minimum requirements for the National Consultant to undertake the assignment. Additional tasks that add to a greater understanding of key issues may be addressed, as necessary.

2. Objective of the assignment:

The objective of the assignment is to develop a country concept of mitigation country programme as an initial step to capture Moldova's priorities for engagement with the GCF as overview of a country's mitigation national context, mitigation policy framework and plans (NDCs, NAP, SDGs other relevant policies) and summarize their respective climate action agendas. The concept of GCF Climate Change Mitigation Country Programme is to be aligned to GCF strategic impacts, investment criteria and operational modalities.

Development of a country programme to include elements provided in the Fund's *Initial general guidelines for country programmes*, which will include programming priorities and programme/project concepts consistent with the Fund's *Initial results management framework* and *Initial investment framework*.

3. Scope of the work:

The consultant will work with stakeholders from the key sectors of Moldova, government institutions, private sectors, civil society, academia, gender associations. Development of a country programme is to be aligned to the Fund's *Initial general guidelines for country programmes*, which will include programming priorities and programme/project concepts consistent with the Fund's *Initial results management framework* and *Initial investment framework*. The whole process will be led by the National Designated Authority (NDA) or focal point, taking a gender-sensitive approach.

Based on the outputs of the current assessment through a consultation process further official country programme will be developed, along with the pipeline of projects/programmes Moldova would like to undertake with the GCF, aligned to GCF strategic impacts, investment criteria and operational modalities.

4. Responsibilities of the assignment include:

- Contribute to defining Moldova's GCF -specific strategic framework through the analysis of the existing mitigation national climate change policy documents and plans, including nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), NDCs, TNA, LEDS, NIR, BURs, NatComs. The strategic framework shall consider also national development circumstances and climate change responses including: macro-economic and fiscal circumstances, development and economic strategies and key sectors /actors in the domestic context.
- Prepare the summary of mitigation national priorities in the context of GCF result areas.
- Analyze the key data on climate change: key vulnerabilities, key sectors where activities are underway, current status of spending on climate change.
- Produce the concept of the GCF Mitigation Country Programme based on the analysis of key economic, development, and climate change related policies and strategies including initiatives, including key country priorities for action aligned to the priorities of the Fund.
- Contribute to the development of consultative process through which national climate change priorities and strategies will be defined.
- In collaboration with NC on gender implement mainstreaming of gender equality into the Mitigation Country Programme.
- Consult with NDA and Coordination Mechanism stakeholders the concept of Mitigation Country Programme.
- Develop communication and information materials on GCF Mitigation Country Programme related activities;
- Organize awareness raising events on GCF Mitigation Country Programme

5. Major deliverables:

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1.	Inception report including the work plan and methodological approach to be applied for the assignment.	February 2018
2.	Develop a concept of country programme that identifies strategic priorities of the Republic of Moldova for engagement with the GCF including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. GCF specific strategic framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and mitigation climate context based on the existing climate change-related strategies, policies, NAMAs, NDCs, TNA, LEDS, NIR, BURs, NatComs , sectoral strategies, other climate mitigation related policy documents; - key data on climate change, referencing national communications, other relevant sources of information; 	March 2018

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – national and sectoral development strategies, economic trajectories, macro-economic circumstances , other data. ii. Roles and contributions of key stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public Institutions at national and sub-national levels; – Financial institutions; – Potential sub-national, national, regional and implementing entities and intermediaries; – Private sector, including micro, small and medium enterprises; – Civil society and community-based organisations; – Intended beneficiaries of funded activities; and – International actors. iii. Programming priorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National Mitigation priorities in the context of GCF result areas; – Integrated approach; – Financing Needs; and – Timeline. iv. Alignment with the Fund’s objectives v. Complementarity with existing readiness vi. Monitoring and Evaluation 	
3.	Final version of the concept of country programme that identifies strategic priorities for engagement with the GCF.	15 April, 2018
4.	Contribute to the development of Moldova’s GCF -specific strategic framework.	March –April 2018
5.	In collaboration with NC on gender implement mainstreaming of gender equality into the structure of the concept of GCF Mitigation Country Programme.	February-April 2018
6.	Public awareness activities on Mitigation Country Programme.	February-April 2018
7.	Prepare communication and information materials on the concept of GCF Mitigation Country Programme.	February -April 2018
8.	Final report on the accomplished work with annexes as needed.	April 2018

6. Organizational arrangements

The selected Consultant is expected to work in a close cooperation with the national stakeholders, Team Leader and the PIU. The consultant shall work under the guidance of the Team Leader and Project Manager.

7. Financial arrangements:

Payments will be disbursed in several installments, upon submission and approval of deliverables by the Team Leader and Manager of the Project and certifications that the services have been satisfactorily performed.

8. Qualification Required:

- Advanced university degree in environmental science, economy, or other relevant field or similar field or equivalent working experience in the area;

- Knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to climate change mitigation;
- Excellent proven skills in analysis, leadership and overall diplomatic skills;
- Proven experience on preparation of written reports in an accurate and concise manner, and public presentation skills;
- Experience working with a cross-section of stakeholders, including senior government officials at national and state levels;
- Good organizational, time management and facilitation skills;
- Sound knowledge of economic system in Moldova;
- Fluency in written and spoken Romanian and good understanding of English is required for this assignment. Knowledge of Russian is considered as an asset.

Climate Change Office, MoARDE is committed to workforce diversity. Women, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV are encouraged to apply.

9. Documents to be included when submitting the application:

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- Personal CV including past experience in similar projects.
- Cover letter confirming interest and availability.
- Financial Offer

Interested persons should submit their documents by **17h00, 8 February 2018** to the following address:

- a) By Mail: 156A, Mitropolit Dosoftei St., MD-2004, Chisinau, Climate Change Office of the Ministry of Environment, off. 37
- b) By E-mail: clima@clima.md
- c) By fax: 022 23 22 47.

Only those shortlisted will be contacted.

10. Evaluation:

The Consultant will be evaluated based on the qualifications and the years of experience, as outlined in the qualification section. The evaluation will consist of:

- technical Criteria weight: 70%.
- financial Criteria weight: 30%.

Only the highest ranked candidates who have obtained a minimum 70% on the technical evaluation will be considered for the financial evaluation.