

# Call for Projects 2023 – Clarification Notes I

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## 1 General issues

### **CN I-01 Would a project focusing mainly on feasibility studies and/or further project development activities be eligible for support of the Mitigation Action Facility?**

The need to conduct comprehensive feasibility studies at either the Detailed Preparation Phase (DPP)<sup>1</sup> or during the Implementation Phase of the project would raise concerns regarding the readiness of the proposed intervention overall. In DPP, feasibility studies can be supported in limited cases only if specific details still need to be clarified in regard to, e.g. the financial mechanism or the assessment of economic, social and environmental impacts of a project. However, the overall technological and economic feasibility should be analysed already before a Project Concept is proposed to the Mitigation Action Facility.

### **CN I-02 If a project is selected for DPP and completes it earlier than within 10 months, would the project be able to submit a Project Proposal earlier and, upon approval for implementation, receive the funding?**

Yes, it is possible to submit a Project Proposal earlier than within 10 months. The Board will take a decision on a rolling basis as it receives Project Proposals and TSU recommendations.

Please note, while the Mitigation Action Facility welcomes projects with a level of readiness high enough to immediately enter the Implementation Phase, per past experience most projects need at least the minimum amount of DPP time to further elaborate the project design and develop a comprehensive Project Proposal.

### **CN I-03 Are there any requirements of the Mitigation Action Facility regarding the mandatory budget shares of the Implementation Organisation and Project Partners?**

Currently, there is no specific regulation of the Mitigation Action Facility with regard to mandatory shares of the project funding that need to be channelled to an Implementation Organisation and/or Project Partners. The distribution of funds shall be guided by the project design and specific country and sector context.

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<sup>1</sup> For Glossary, please check the [General Information Document \(GID\)](#), Annex 2 or the [website of the Mitigation action Facility](#)

## **CN I-04 Alignment with NDC Partnership is listed as one of the required project characteristics, what steps can we take to align our technical assistance or financial support with the NDC Partnership?**

The [NDC Partnership](#) supports member countries to develop and/or strengthen national government-owned plans to inform the implementation of the NDCs. Based on the NDCs submitted by countries to the UNFCCC, as well as other relevant government policies and strategies, these plans – often referred to as Partnership Plans, NDC Implementation Plans or NDC Implementation Frameworks – comprise priority cross-cutting and sector-specific actions and estimated costs. They serve as frameworks to coordinate, scale up and track the resources mobilised for NDC implementation, and inform programming priorities of partners that support NDC implementation. The Partnership also supports countries to develop Programmatic approaches to resource mobilisation through NDC Investment Planning. Alignment with these Plans and the Request for Support Letters (RSL) can be evidenced by showing a direct connection between the proposed Mitigation Action Facility project and specific components of the plan (i.e., Outcomes, Outputs, priorities, etc.) or the RSL. Some of the Partnership Plans and NDC Implementation Plans supported by the Partnership are hosted in the Online Partnership Plan Tool (OPPT) and can be accessed [here](#). [01. Country Folders](#) also include the plans that are not on the OPPT.

Additionally, information on the Partnership's engagement with member countries can be found on [01. Country Folders](#) and through engagement with NDC Partnership government Focal Points and [In-country Facilitators](#). The contact at the NDC Partnership Support Unit to connect with the NDC Partnership Focal Point and/or Facilitator is David Levy ([david.levy@ndcpartnership.org](mailto:david.levy@ndcpartnership.org)).

## **2 Eligibility of sectors and technologies**

### **CN I-05 Can the Mitigation Action Facility provide funding support to projects where the final investment decision has been made already?**

This might be considered if the project can demonstrate additionality and justify the need in the funding support from the Mitigation Action Facility.

Please note, the Mitigation Action Facility strives to support governments and the Project Partners in implementing sector-wide mitigation actions, rather than single investment projects such as one solar PV plant or the refurbishment of a single building. The project must be transformational in nature, including elements of replicability and scalability.

## **3 Eligible support instruments in projects**

### **CN I-06 Does the Mitigation Action Facility apply any minimum ratio for funding requested for the financial cooperation (FC) and technical cooperation (TC) components?**

No, the Mitigation Action Facility does not apply a minimum ratio between the requested funds for financial and technical support to cater for the different needs of support in different countries and sectors. Nevertheless, it is expected that the project can demonstrate that the TC funding provided by the Mitigation Action Facility leverages funding from other sources for investments into net-zero technologies.

While in the current portfolio of projects, the average TC to FC support ratio is 40:60, in future projects the Mitigation Action Facility aims to increase this ratio in favour of FC support.

## **CN I-07 Does the Mitigation Action Facility provide technical assistance for the preparation of national mitigation actions like NAMAs, for updates of NDCs and/or for the preparation of Project Concepts?**

No, the focus of the Mitigation Action Facility's support is on the implementation of projects. The Mitigation Action Facility does not provide funding for the development of national mitigation actions like NAMAs, for an update of NDCs and/or for the preparation of Project Concepts. Support for the development of these would need to be sought from other sources.

The Mitigation Action Facility will provide tailored expert support in the Outline development to a limited number of promising Project Concepts (out of the 25 selected for the Project Outline Phase) submitted by Applicants that have limited previous experience with the Mitigation Action Facility (i.e. its predecessor, the NAMA Facility). The Facility also provides funding for DPP of selected Project Outlines to elaborate a comprehensive funding Proposal.

## **4 Submission of Project Concepts**

### **CN I-08 Is it possible to add a supplementary document when submitting a Project Concept?**

No, it is not required and therefore not possible. All Project Concept submissions must be made via an Open Application Platform (OAP). OAP does not foresee a function of adding supplementary documents since these are not required (and will not be taken into consideration) at the Project Concept Phase.

## **Last but not least...**

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In line with our clarification policy for the Call for Projects 2023, please submit your question in writing to [contact@mitigation-action.org](mailto:contact@mitigation-action.org).

We will publish the clarification on the Mitigation Action Facility's website as part of the Clarification Note publication on the [Current Call webpage](#) and respond to your query directly.

The next Clarification Note will be published on 12 July 2023 – be sure to submit your question to the Mitigation Action Facility by 4 July, 23:59 CEST to ensure that your clarification is included.