

Call for Projects 2024

Outline Phase – Clarification Note II

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1 General issues

CN II-01 Is it mandatory to have a gender-specific objective as a second outcome of the project?

It is not required to have a gender-specific objective as a second outcome of the project. However, the project must define gender-responsive indicators to support the gender-specific objective. The indicator should be at least at the output level.

2 Eligible support instruments in projects

CN II-02 Can land designated by the government for the purposes aligned with the project and in the intended project locations be considered as an in-kind contribution? Would this contribution be automatically counted as leveraged financing?

Land value can be considered an in-kind contribution, however, for funds to be qualified as leveraged, you need to ensure that it satisfies the definition of mobilised finance according to the M&E Framework of the Mitigation Action facility: *"Mobilised finance pertains to additional funds directly leveraged by the Mitigation Action Facility project through the utilisation of financial mechanisms / financial contributions. Mobilisation is synonymous with the leveraging of finance"*.

For details also see FAQ 33.

3 Submission of Project Outlines and Annexes

CN II-03 If the government is willing to issue a letter, content of which follows the guidance of the Mitigation Action Facility, but do not wish it to be titled an "Endorsement Letter", would a letter titled a "Letter of Intent" (Support, Engagement, etc.) be sufficient for the Outline Phase?

Applicants may provide any suitable kind of a letter that would indicate an endorsement of the project by the national government. Please make sure that the content of the letter satisfies requirements as outlined in Annex I.

CN II-04 Do all consortium partners have to fill out Annex 3? Are all of them expected to also issue letters of support to the project?

Annex 3 should be filled out by all partners in a consortium. Support letters are not mandatory. Nevertheless, if provided, there is a space to upload them in the Open Application Platform (OAP).

CN II-05 Can we add more than 10 references per project partner in the applicant form?

Yes, you can add more than 10 references.

CN II-06 A Project Concept was submitted in a Call for Projects 2023, but not selected for the Outline Phase then. In the Call for Projects 2024, a similar Concept was submitted by the same organisation and selected for the Outline Phase. In this case, should we label the Concept in the Call for Projects 2024 as a resubmission?

If the new Project Concept and respectively an Outline builds upon the previous submission, then independently from the Phase to which the Concept progressed during the initial submission, it should be labelled as a resubmission in consecutive Calls.

CN II-07 In the Annex 3, there are questions on Applicants / ASPs experience. Are we only supposed to provide a number of years when responding to these questions?

Please follow guidance in the Annex 3.

There are two questions, for which only a number of years is expected to be indicated (i.e. experience in the country of implementation; experience in the sector). The questions on experience in climate finance and experience of working with a public sector require both a quantitative and a short qualitative description.

CN II-08 In Annex 2 we are expected to provide sources of verification for indicators and associated assumptions and risks. Please confirm that it is only required at the outcome and output levels.

The field "sources of verification" has to be filled out at the impact, outcome and output levels. Please follow guidance in the Annex 2.

CN II-09 In Annex 2, do assumptions / risks have to be provided for activities?

Applicants are expected to list the essential assumptions for reaching the project outcome and project outputs. Applicants are also expected to list potential risks regarding design effectiveness, implementation and efficiency. Please follow guidance in Annex 2.

Last but not least...

This has been the last round of clarifications in the Outline Phase of the Call for Projects 2024. We hope, clarifications have been helpful for you to prepare your Project Outline.

We are looking forward to receiving your Outlines latest **by 31 July 2024, 3pm CET**.