

Ambition Initiative Call for NAMA Support Projects

Clarification Notes I

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Abbreviations

ASP	Applicant Support Partner
CN	Clarification Note
DPP	Detailed Preparation Phase
FC	Financial Component of an NSP
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GID	General Information Document (a NAMA Facility document)
NAMA	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NSO	NAMA Support Organisation
NSP	NAMA Support Project
TC	Technical Component of an NSP
TSU	Technical Support Unit

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I. General Issues

CN I-01 Does NAMA Facility have guidance on how much of the resulting GHG mitigation can be claimed by the country as domestic mitigation action?

The resulting mitigation can be accounted and claimed by the country as domestic mitigation action throughout the NSP and beyond its lifetime, i.e. donor countries may not claim these as their own mitigation actions.

CN I-02 Where can we find information about NSPs financed by the NAMA Facility that are already in the DPP or Implementation?

Information can be found on the [NAMA Facility website under Projects](#), where information on all NSPs in DPP or Implementation is provided.

CN I-03 Does the GHG mitigation achieved through technical cooperation (TC) activities implemented during the NSP implementation count as direct or indirect mitigation?

GHG mitigation achieved through TC activities counts as indirect mitigation – irrespective of whether it has been achieved during or after the NSP lifetime. Only emission reductions that are achieved by measures (partially) financed or leveraged by the financial cooperation (FC) component during the NSP period are counted as direct mitigation.

II. Selection Criteria

CN I-04 Are projects with a focus on social issues that also support low-carbon developments prioritized in the selection process?

The NAMA Facility's focus is on supporting the implementation of mitigation actions. As we are looking for NSPs that have the potential to trigger transformational changes towards carbon-neutral development pathways, significant co-benefits (social, economic, environmental) are considered important drivers for transformational change. In short, while the focus of the NSP should be on mitigation action, social and other co-benefits are positively evaluated as part of the potential for transformational change.

III. Eligibility of countries

CN I-05 Are countries prioritised that have not received funding in the previous Calls?

No, the NAMA Facility has no regional or country-group specific focus. It continues to select the most ambitious yet feasible NSPs, where each NSP is assessed on its own merits according to the selection criteria outlined in GID section 5.1.3.

IV. Eligibility of Applicants and Applicant Support Partners (ASP)

CN I-06 Can development banks act as Applicant or Applicant Support Partner or later, as NSO, even though they have no official for public-benefit status?

Yes, national, regional and international development banks are eligible for such roles, if they receive endorsement of the relevant national ministries. Development banks are public organizations set up for a public-benefit purpose.

CN I-07 Are commercial entities based in the EU eligible to act as Applicant or Applicant Support Partner?

Yes, in the Ambition Initiative Call EU based commercial entities will be eligible to act as Applicants, ASPs or NSOs, after they passed a legal review, in particular concerning the public-benefit purpose of their proposed project and the non-violation of EU state-aid law.

For more information see also FAQ 29 and GID, section 3.4 “Applicant, Applicant Support Partner and NAMA Support Organisation”).

V. Eligibility of Sectors and Technologies

CN I-08 Can transformational change of a sector be focused on a sub-national level rather than at the sector at national level?

NSPs might propose to focus their work on a certain (relevant) sub-national level to enhance impact from their TC and FC. However, it will be important to demonstrate how these impacts are fed into the national level and how the NSP – along with its national implementing partners – enables upscaling and replication at national level.

VI. Eligible Support Instruments in NSPs

CN I-09 Are proposals on policy research for low-carbon development eligible, given that this might be relevant for many countries?

No, policy research projects and other research projects are not eligible for funding, as this is beyond the scope of the NAMA Facility. The NAMA Facility’s objective is to support countries in implementing ambitious mitigation action.

Please note: The NAMA Facility Ambition Initiative Call has a strengthened emphasis on innovation in the context of raised NDC ambition and consideration of applications for NSPs that require a small sized pilot for novel technologies before moving into a larger scale project. This focus on novel technologies is optional for NSPs (for details please refer to GID, section 6).

CN I-10 Is it required for NSPs to generate a revenue stream (to explain: projects on sustainable forest practices often do not generate a revenue)?

In general, it is not required for NSPs to generate a revenue stream. However, in the NAMA Facility's assessment a special focus lies on the sustainability and the upscaling of the project activities, which are often more likely in a set-up with an underlying and attractive business case that generates revenue streams. If sustainability and upscaling are achieved in other ways without revenues (e.g. through regulation and its enforcement), this will also be acceptable to the NAMA Facility.

VII. Submission of the NSP Outline and Annexes

CN I-11 Is there a need to provide a Theory of Change diagramme or Objective Tree in the NSP Outline?

No, there is no such requirement. Applicants are free to decide whether they want to present such diagramme/chart in the concept for further clarity. Please note: It is mandatory to submit a completed logframe as Annex 2.

Last but not least...

Couldn't find an answer to your question?

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We will publish the clarification on the NAMA Facility’s website as part of the Clarification Note publication and respond to your query directly. The next Clarification Note will be published on 10 February 2021 – be sure to submit your question to the NAMA Facility by 07 February 2021 to ensure that your clarification is included.