

Ambition Initiative – Round Two for NAMA Support Projects

Clarification Notes (CN) 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 Can the NAMA Facility provide examples of updated NDCs that would meet the criteria / sub-criteria of enhancement and ambition as outlined in the General Information Document (GID)?

A fictional example of how an updated NDC can feature an increased level of ambition and enhancement has been provided as part of the [Webinar I "Introduction to the Ambition Initiative - Round Two"](#). Please note that there are several ways in which updated NDCs can raise ambition and the level of enhancement to fulfil the requirements as defined in the [GID](#).

Please also note that in the course of the Ambition Initiative, the NAMA Facility does not express its views on the level of ambition and enhancement of individual updated NDCs. For details on the criteria and the assessment process please consult FAQ 1 and refer to the GID, sections 4.1 and 5.1.3.

CN I-02 Can it be expected that the deadline for updating NDCs for countries to be eligible under the Ambition Initiative - Round Two (currently end of COP 26) will be revised to accommodate countries that are still working on the enhancement of their sectoral targets?

As stated in the GID, only NSP Outlines proposed for countries that have submitted an enhanced and ambitious NDC to UNFCCC by the end of COP 26 (13 November 2021) will be eligible to participate in the Call. There is no expectation that the deadline of the Call will be extended.

CN I-03 Where potential applicants can find examples of successful NSP Outlines from the first round of the Ambition Initiative Call?

Information about the NSP Outlines selected for further elaboration during the Detailed Preparation Phase (DPP) can be found on the NAMA Facility website under this [link](#).

CN I-04 Where can a potential applicant find recordings of webinars on the Ambition Initiative - Round Two? Can presentations featured during the webinar be shared with the participants?

The NAMA Facility publishes recordings of its webinars as well as uploads presentations featured during the webinars to the dedicated webpage under each new Call for Projects. In case of the Ambition Initiative - Round Two, the recordings of the webinars can be found [here](#). The Webinar I "Introduction to the Ambition Initiative - Round Two" and the respective presentation are accessible directly through [this link](#).

CN I-05 Would the NAMA Facility share lessons learnt from the first round of the Ambition Initiative Call?

The NAMA Facility is a learning and knowledge hub and intends to share lessons learnt from the NAMA Support Projects (NSPs) as well as from the Calls for Projects. In particular, lessons learnt from the first round of the Ambition Initiative Call have informed and will be incorporated in the content of webinars and FAQs under the Ambition Initiative - Round Two and have been accommodated through the adjustments of an NSP Outline template and Annexes.

II. Selection Criteria

CN I-06 How does the NAMA Facility define "leveraged" funds and in which form these additional funds can be provided?

The NAMA Facility defines "leveraged funds" as additional funds that will become available for investments in the NSP, that would not be spent on the same purpose in the absence of an NSP.

Please take a look at the NAMA Facility Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, pp. 51 & 54, to better understand the nature of the financial leverage/mobilisation by the NSP.

The financial leverage can be of a private or public nature, where the public sector leverage is usually achieved by public sector instruments (e.g. tax incentives, subsidies etc.) and/or government (in-kind) contributions, and the private sector leverage is achieved through the direct participation of the private sector stakeholders in the financial mechanisms and products offered by the NSP, e.g. in a form of a collateral, equity, loan guarantee etc.

CN I-07 Does the NAMA Facility define a specific share or threshold that public and / private co-financing need to amount to?

The NAMA Facility does not set a minimum threshold for the private and public leverage. It is important to demonstrate how the mitigation technology or practice proposed in the NSP will be financed and showcase that the NSP will create favorable market conditions for further uptake and upscaling of the mitigation technology or practice. For additional details please consult FAQ 40.

III. Eligibility of countries

CN I-08 It is stated in the GID, that in order to be eligible under the Ambition Initiative – Round Two, countries have to submit their first updated or second NDCs to UNFCCC by the end of COP 26. Which date exactly would that be?

COP 26 in Glasgow officially ended on 13 November with the adoption of the “Glasgow climate pact”, one day after the scheduled conclusion. Therefore, in order to be eligible under the Ambition Initiative – Round Two, countries shall have their first updated or second NDCs submitted to UNFCCC by 13 November inclusively.

CN I-09 If the updated NDC is submitted to UNFCCC by the closure of the Ambition Initiative - Round Two, would the country be eligible to participate in the Call?

No. In order for a country to be eligible under the Ambition Initiative - Round Two, the updated (i.e. first updated or second) NDC shall be submitted to UNFCCC by the end of COP26 (13 November 2021). If this deadline is not met, the country will not be eligible under the Ambition Initiative - Round Two. For additional information on eligibility criteria please refer to the GID, section 5.1.3 and to the [Webinar I "Introduction to the Ambition Initiative - Round Two"](#).

CN I-10 Is it possible to receive from the NAMA Facility an individual confirmation of a country's eligibility based on the criteria of enhanced and ambitious NDCs?

In the course of the Ambition Initiative - Round Two, the NAMA Facility will not express its views on the level of ambition and enhancement of individual updated NDCs. For details on the criteria and the assessment process please consult FAQ 1 and the [Webinar I "Introduction to the Ambition Initiative - Round Two"](#) as well as refer to the GID, sections 4.1 and 5.1.3.

CN I-11 Does the NAMA Facility and in particular its current Call, the Ambition Initiative - Round Two, has a specific country, regional or sectoral / thematic focus? Can a regional project be submitted?

The NAMA Facility does not have a specific regional, country or sectoral / thematic focus. The NAMA Facility also does not exclude regional and cross-border projects. These principles apply to ALL Calls for Projects of the NAMA Facility. For more details please refer to FAQ 18 and FAQ 30.

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

V. Eligibility of Sectors and Technologies

CN I-12 Is it possible that an NSP consists only of the "piloting" phase without moving into upscaling?

No, an NSP would be required to accomplish the shift to the large-scale project within the NSP's lifetime. Please refer to FAQ 31 for further guidance.

CN I-13 In the case of NSPs piloting novel technologies, is it required to clearly demonstrate the financial leverage from the private sector and how can it be done?

In the case of NSPs piloting novel technologies, in the NSP Outlines, Applicants / ASPs are requested to formulate key milestones and outputs associated with the pilot phase. During an in-depth assessment (following a desktop assessment during the NSP Outline phase), these milestones will be further specified, and additional criteria might be added by the NAMA Facility Board. The achievement of the milestones and criteria defined for the pilot phase will be a prerequisite for transitioning to the large-scale project.

Please note that a mobilisation of funding from the private sector is not mandatory for the NSPs. However, the financial ambition, both in terms of public and private funding leverage, is seen as key for triggering the transformational change towards a carbon-neutral development pathway.

CN I-14 Does the NAMA Facility and in particular its current Call, Ambition Initiative - Round Two, has a specific country, regional or sectoral / thematic focus? Can a regional project be submitted?

Please refer to CN I-11.

VI. Eligible Support Instruments in NSPs

CN I-15 To what extent CO₂ certificates may be used for the voluntary market? What is the rationale behind the need to permanently cancel the certificates?

A NSP may generate CO₂ certificates with the purpose of enhancing the framework conditions for a successful functioning of voluntary carbon markets. These certificates should nevertheless be permanently cancelled in order to avoid double-counting of the emission reductions generated with the support of the NAMA Facility funding. For further details please consult FAQ 53.

VII. Submission of the NSP Outline and Annexes

CN I-16 Should the NSP Outline compare first NDC with an updated submission?

It is recommended that the Applicants / ASPs follow the guiding questions in the NSP Outline template. According to these questions, it is essential in section 2.4 of the NSP Outline template to summarise the national climate policy context including the first updated or second NDC and the level of ambition of the first updated or second NDC. It should also be explained in the NSP Outline, how the NSP is embedded into the respective ambitious and enhanced NDC and therefore meet the targets of the Ambition Initiative – Round Two. A direct comparison of the first NDC with an updated submission is not necessary.

VIII. Detailed Preparation Phase

IX. Contracting

Last but not least...

Couldn't find an answer to your question?

In line with our clarification policy for the Ambition Initiative Call, please submit your question in writing to contact@nama-facility.org.

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 2 February 2022 – be sure to submit your question to the NAMA Facility by 30 January 2022 to ensure that your clarification is included.