



Introduction to the Ambition Initiative – Round Two

NAMA Facility Webinar




15 December 2021

Before We Start...

- Take a minute to take a survey and answer a few questions
- For that, follow the link published in Q&A, or insert the following URL in the browser's address panel:

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Welcome to this Webinar

- Thank you for your interest in the Ambition Initiative – Round Two of the NAMA Facility!
- **Goals for today:**
 -  Provide an overview of the NAMA Facility and of the Ambition Initiative – Round Two
 -  Elaborate on the eligibility criteria of the Ambition Initiative – Round Two
 -  Answer your questions and point to useful resources

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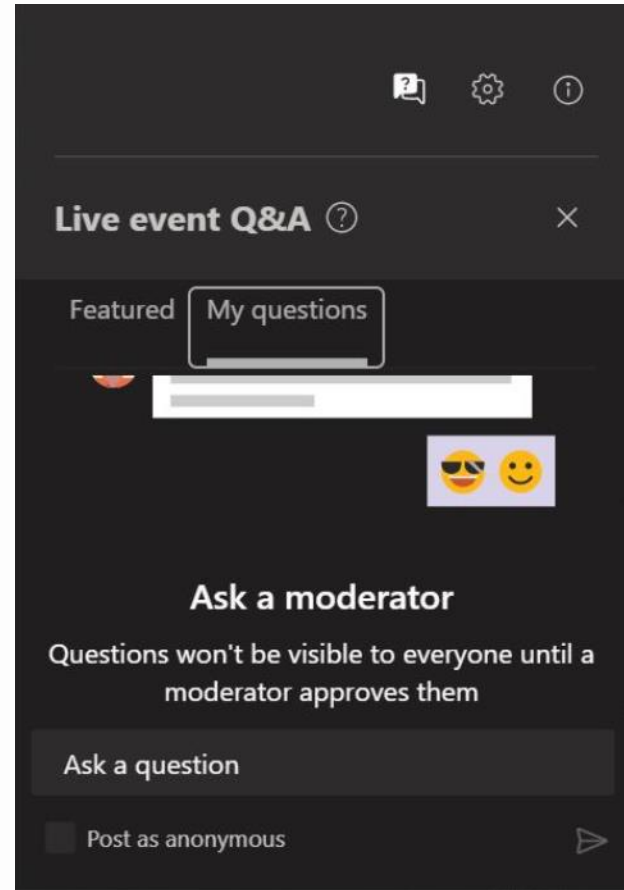
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Technical Overview

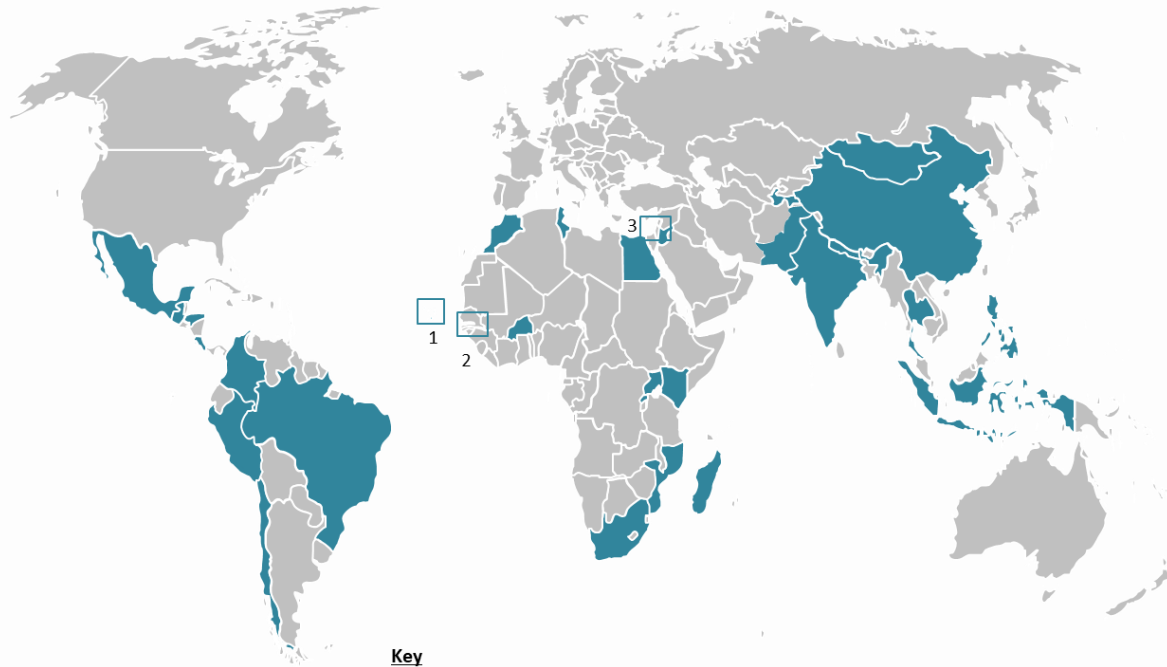
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Who We Are



Key

- 1 Cabo Verde
- 2 The Gambia
- 3 Palestine

■ Country with NAMA Support Projects

Multi-Donor fund by



Germany



UK



Denmark



EU



Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)

Created in: **2013**

Total funding volume: **EUR 667m**

Calls for Projects: **9 Calls** (incl. Ambition Initiative Round One and Two)

Current portfolio: **43 NSPs**

- **28 countries**
- Across sectors: **transport, energy efficiency, renewable energy, forestry, waste, agriculture**

Ambition Initiative 2.0

On 9 November 2021 at a COP26 side event, Germany, the UK and CIFF announced another Call for Projects: **Ambition Initiative – Round Two**

- Eligibility and assessment criteria remain the same as for Ambition Initiative (Round One), i.e. to support the ODA-eligible countries:
 - *In the implementation of enhanced ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);*
 - *In the alignment of these efforts with the national green recovery agendas;*
 - *In the alignment of these efforts with NDC Partnership Plans.*
- Up to **EUR 100 million** committed to support climate action

Key Features of Ambition Initiative 2.0



Emphasis on enhanced & ambitious NDCs



Focus on green recovery from Covid-19 pandemic



Piloting modality for novel technologies



Higher upper funding volume of EUR 25m per NSP

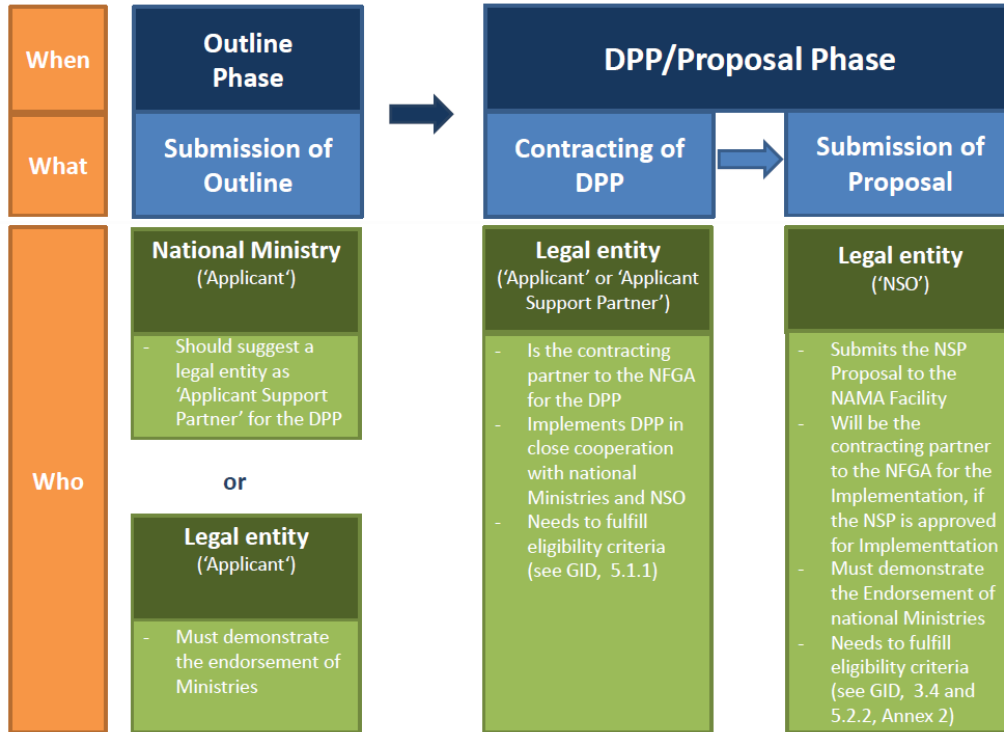


Commercial entities permitted as Applicants, ASPs, NSOs



Emphasis on global cooperation (NDC Partnership)

Who Can Submit an NSP Outline & Proposal?

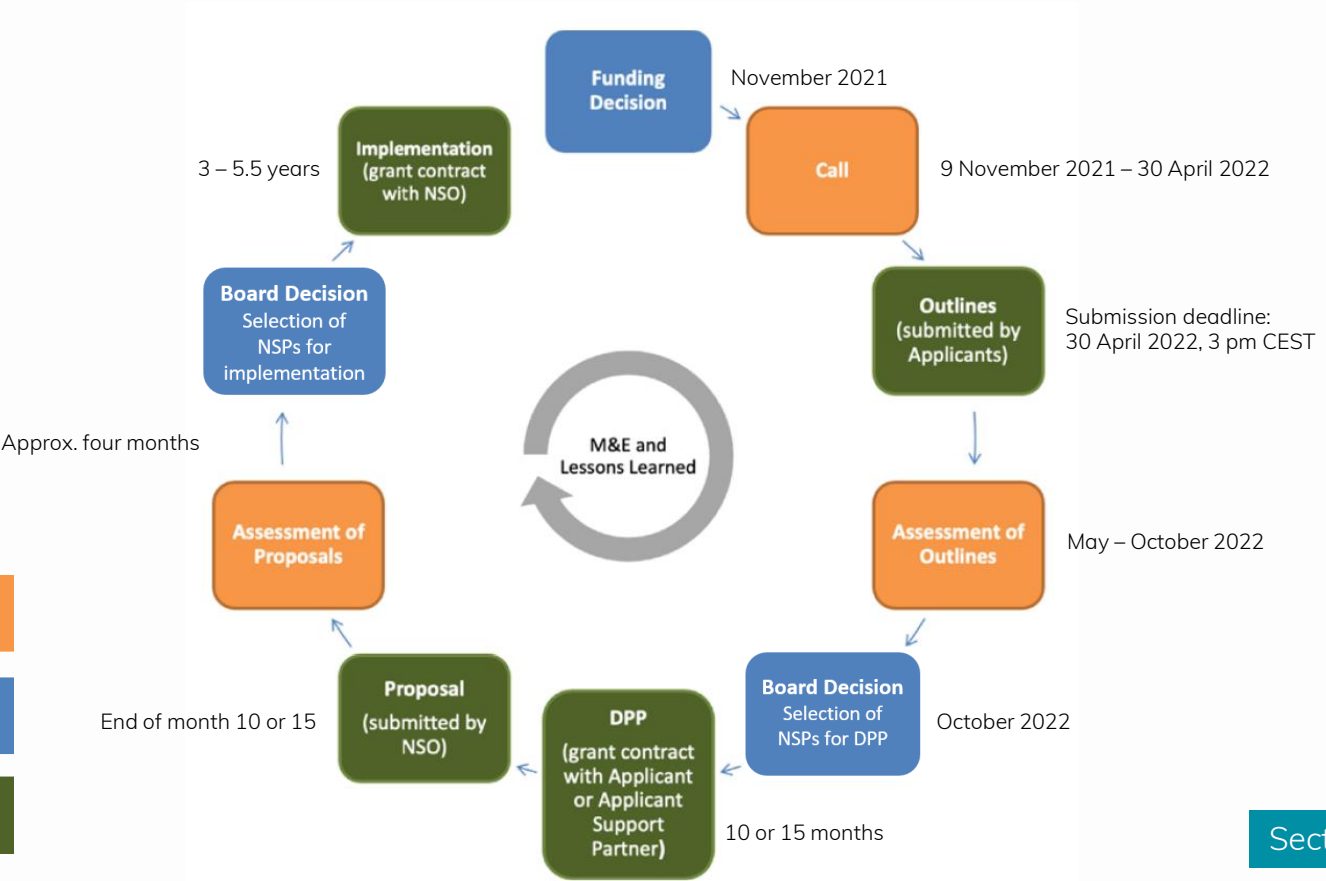


Who can act as an Applicant Support Partner?

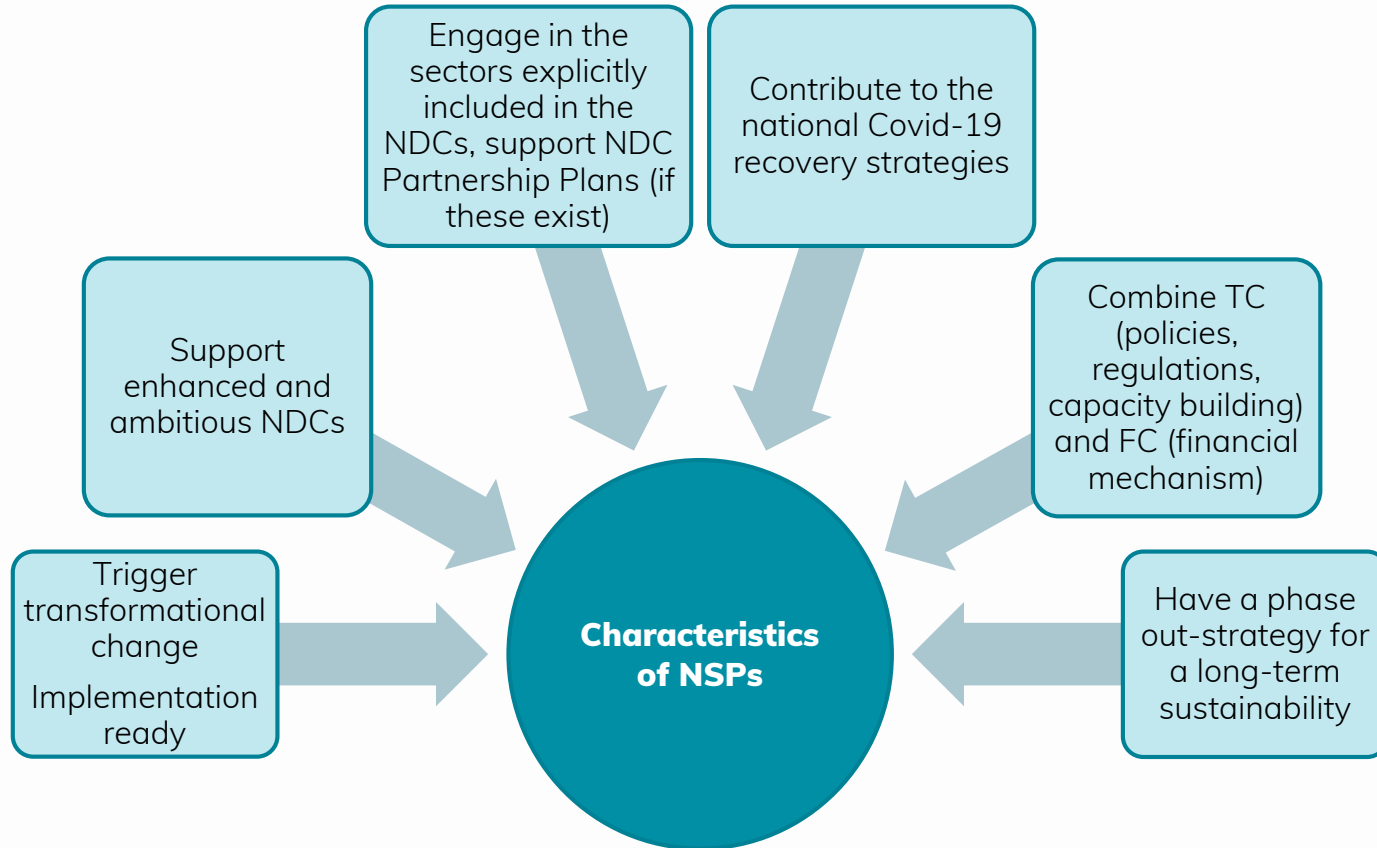
Development banks, NGOs and IGOs, development agencies, public agencies, commercial organisations, etc.

Section 3.4, 5.1.1, 5.2.2 and Annex 2 (GID)

Ambition Initiative 2.0 – Process & Timeline



Ambition Initiative 2.0 - Characteristics of NSPs



Ambition Initiative 2.0 – Application Documents

NSP Outline Template

- Roughly 20 pages / 11,000 words maximum in total
- Specific aspects for the Ambition Initiative (Round One and Two):
 - Data on submission of first updated / second NDCs
 - Emphasis on embeddedness in NDCs, climate policies & NDC Partnership Plans (if these exist)
 - Section on a national Covid-19 pandemic context and green recovery strategy

Mandatory Annexes

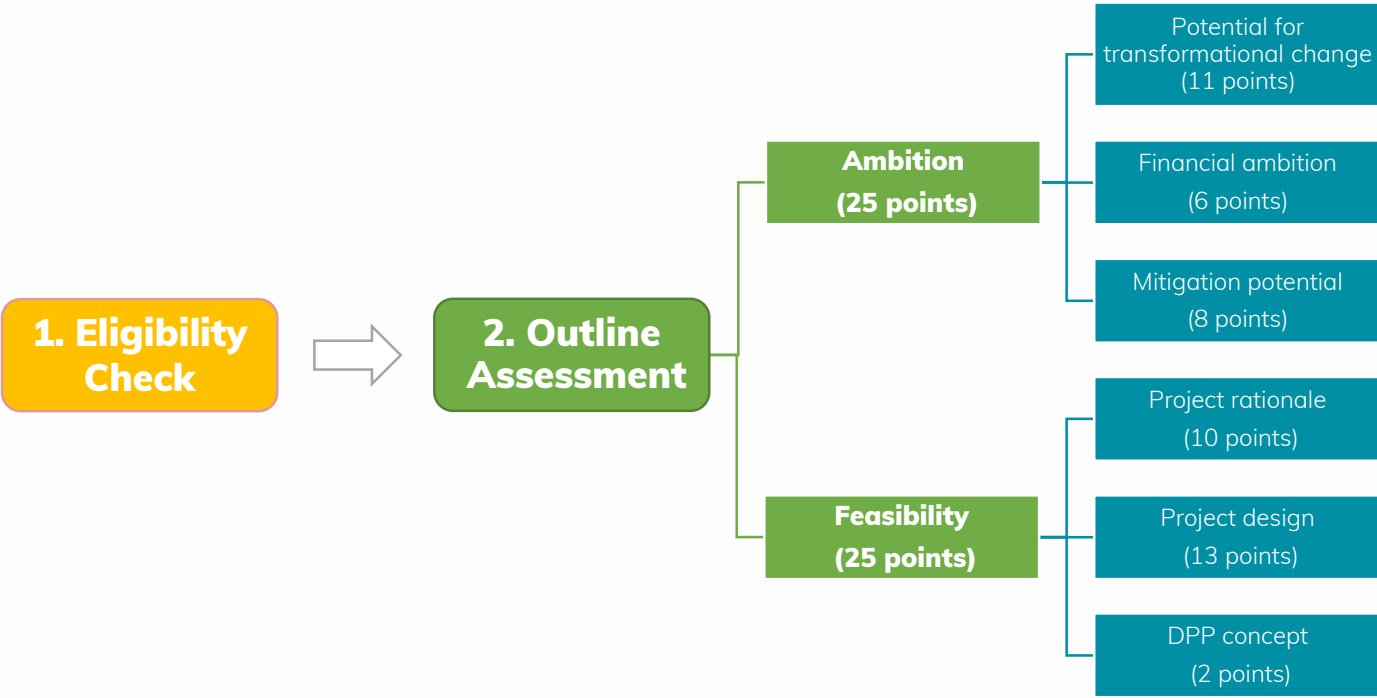
1. Endorsement letters
2. Logframe
3. Applicant / ASP
4. DPP concept (4a) & budget (4b)
5. Financial mechanism (5a) and business model (5b)
6. GHG mitigation potential

**Do's and don'ts
before you
submit your
NSP Outline**

Ambition Initiative 2.0 – Assessment Criteria

**1. Eligibility
Check**

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Ambition Initiative 2.0 – Eligibility of NSPs

- Timely submission by the closure of the Ambition Initiative – Round Two **on 30 April 2022, 3 pm CEST**
- **Updated NDC** of the country in which the NSP will be implemented **is presented to UNFCCC by the end of COP26 and meets the definition of an ambitious and enhanced NDC** as specified in GID
- Funding volume in the range of **EUR 5-25 million** excluding DPP funding
- Envisaged DPP duration of either **10 or 15 months**

The **list is not exhaustive!**

Please **consult GID section 5.1.3** for the FULL LIST of eligibility criteria

Ambitious NDCs – GID’s Wording

For an NDC to be considered as “ambitious” according to the NAMA Facility’s definition, the NDC should meet several or all of the criteria:

- Compatibility with the globally agreed temperature limit under the Paris Agreement; and/or
- Mitigation target that:
 - Implies a significant reduction of economy-wide GHG emissions below business-as-usual emissions trajectories; and/or
 - Includes a rapid reduction of GHG in key emitting sectors with a view to achieving decarbonization; and/or
 - Implies an early peaking of GHG emissions and rapid decarbonization thereafter; and/or
 - Is aligned with an existing net-zero target.

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Enhanced NDCs – GID's Wording

According to the definition as used for the purposes of the Ambition Initiative – Round Two, “enhanced” NDCs are characterized by:

- Strengthening mitigation targets and actions over time;
- Strengthening emissions reduction goals (including the addition of sector-specific targets);
- Broadening the scope to include a wider coverage of sectors or gases; or by
- Moving from conditional to unconditional targets, shortening timelines and/or adding policies and measures.

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Ambitious & Enhanced NDCs – Fictional Example

- Welcome to Totinia!
- Ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016
- Submitted a first NDC to the UNFCCC in February 2017
- Submitted an update of this first NDC in October 2021





Find more
information
about
Totinia on the
NAMA Facility
website!



Ambitious & Enhanced NDCs – Fictional Example

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Broadening the scope of the NDC (gases and sectors considered)	CO ₂ , CH ₄ and N ₂ O gases are considered	No additional gases or sectors considered in the updated NDC	

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A: No. ITMOs are rather a tool towards increased NDC's ambition.

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Q4: Are proposals on policy research for low-carbon development eligible, given that this might be relevant for many countries?

A: No. Policy research projects and other research projects are not eligible for funding, but Ambition Initiative – Round Two has a strengthened emphasis on innovation and considers NSP Outlines that require a small sized pilot for novel technologies before moving into a larger scale project.

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A: No, this is not possible. In line with the NAMA Facility's policy on clarifications, the TSU does not provide any individual advice on project concepts to ensure a transparent and fair competition among all applicants.

Highlighted Resources from the NAMA Facility Website

Central Documents


 [Application Documents & Ambition Initiative – Round Two General Information Document](#)


 [M&E Framework](#)

Webinars

 [7th Call NSP Outline Development](#)

 [NAMA Facility Podcast: Introduction to Annex 6 – GHG Mitigation Potential](#)

 [Financial Mechanisms and the NAMA Support Project](#)


 [NAMA Facility Podcast: Introduction to Annex 5a – Financial Mechanism](#)


Further Information

 [Ambition Initiative – Round Two Clarifications and FAQ](#)

 [Transformational Change Working Definition](#)

 [Sustainable Development Co-benefits in the NAMA Facility](#)

 [10 Things about the NAMA Facility You Always Wanted to Know – but Never Dared to Ask!](#)

 [Do's and Don'ts Before You Submit Your NSP Outline](#)

 [Fictional NSP Outline “Towards Carbon-Neutral Totinia Now!”](#)

What's Next?

Upcoming webinars:

16 February 2022: “NSP Outline Development: Practical Examples”

23 March 2022: “Clarification and FAQs”

Upcoming clarifications:

20 December 2021

2 & 23 February 2022

16 & 30 March 2022

20 April 2022

- NAMA Facility website: [dedicated page for the Ambition Initiative – Round Two](#)
- Contact the Technical Support Unit at contact@nama-facility.org

Please remember that the deadline for submitting NSP Outlines under the Ambition Initiative – Round Two is 30 April 2022, 3pm (CEST)

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On behalf of



Thank you!