Selection Process and Selection Criteria

The NAMA Facility aims to fund the implementation of ambitious and transformational NAMA Support Projects. For this purpose, a transparent and competitive bidding and selection process has been developed.

The NAMA Facility uses a set of eligibility, ambition and feasibility criteria, which will apply to all submitted NAMA Support Projects.

The selection and implementation of NAMA Support Projects follows a three-step process: Application, Detailed Preparation and Implementation. While the first step comprises the submission and assessment of a Project Outline, in a second step – within the NAMA Facility framework referred to as »Detailed Preparation« – a more in-depth Project Proposal is requested. Decisions on funding support are taken after Application and Detailed Preparation respectively.

Calls for NAMA Support Project Outlines are published on the NAMA Facility website www.nama-facility.org

Detailed information on the submission process, the selection criteria and selected NAMA Support Projects is available online.

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NAMA Facility – What is it all about?

In 2012, the NAMA Facility was jointly established by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and the British Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate (EFKM) and the European Commission joined the programme as new donors in 2015. The NAMA Facility aims at providing financial support to developing countries and emerging economies that show leadership on tackling climate change and that want to implement transformational country-led NAMAs (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions) within the existing global mitigation architecture in the short term. NAMAs are considered to be voluntary climate protection measures taken by developing countries and emerging economies, which are embedded within their plans for national development. NAMAs can function as an important vehicle to implement nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

Up to now, many NAMA support initiatives have focused on the preparation of NAMAs and the creation of enabling environments for NAMA implementation (»NAMA readiness«). International finance and support for the implementation of NAMAs, particularly in the case of highly innovative NAMAs, has been rare so far. Tailor-made climate finance – including public finance on the part of international donors – is required to foster the implementation of highly ambitious NAMAs.

It is the objective of the NAMA Facility to fill this gap.

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It is the overall objective of the NAMA Facility to provide tailor-made support for the implementation of highly ambitious NAMA Support Projects and thus to contribute to enhancing climate change mitigation on the ground. NAMA Support Projects need to fit into the context of a broader NAMA and need to have the potential to catalyse transformational change in the partner country towards a low-carbon development path.

The NAMA Facility conducts competitive Calls for NAMA Support Project Outlines and selects the most ambitious and promising NAMA Support Projects for funding. There is no regional or sector focus.

The NAMA Facility seeks to draw and widely share lessons learned and thus to contribute to the international debate on how to use international climate finance to catalyse transformational change towards sustainable low-carbon development.

Means of Support

In line with the notion that NAMAs are usually conceived as sector-wide programmes that are national in scope, the NAMA Facility funds so-called NAMA Support Projects. Given the overall objective of the NAMA Facility, these are expected to be the most innovative and transformative elements of the overarching NAMA in which they are embedded. NAMA Support Projects can apply for implementation funding through the full range of development cooperation instruments. Given the NAMA Facility's objective of supporting the concrete implementation of NAMAs, however, the focus of NAMA Support Projects will be on financial support mechanisms that serve to mobilise low-carbon investments on the ground. Technical assistance, institutional capacity development and regulatory support may be provided during NAMA implementation, if these are combined with or closely linked to financial instruments. The wise combination of technical and financial support will help to maximise the transformational impact of the NAMA.

Outcome of NAMA Support Project

- e.g. GHG mitigation investments

Financial Cooperation (FC) e.g.:
- Investment grants
- Concessional loans
- Guarantee funds
- Development of bankable project pipeline
- Advisory services
  (e.g. banking training, design of financial support mechanisms)

Technical Cooperation (TC) e.g.:
- Training and capacity building
- Pre-feasibility studies
- Development of bankable project pipeline
- Technical help desk
- Knowledge exchange
- Advisory services
- MRV development