



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Mr Pablo Vieira
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Dear Sir,

Re: Request for Technical Support for the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Rwanda ratified the Paris Agreement on 6th October 2016 and has already started to implement its NDCs. A detailed implementation plan for NDCs and with clear definition of an institutional framework to implement that plan has also been developed. However, we recognize that successful implementation of NDCs can only be possible through engagement of national stakeholders and international partners. In this regard, the Government of Rwanda expressed its interest to join the NDC Partnership on 18th May 2018 in order to access technical support required to strengthen national capacity to successfully implement NDCs.

Following the NDC partnership mission to Rwanda which took place from 23rd to 27th April 2018, we hereby submit the sector specific needs as detailed in annex 1 herewith attached. The Ministry of Environment will continue to act as a lead focal institution to coordinate the implementation of this support and the contact person is Ms. Juliet Kabera, Director General-Environment and Climate Change email: jkabera@environment.gov.rw.

The other focal point to take this partnership is Mr. Godfrey Kabera, Director General of National Development Planning and Research email: godfrey.kabera@minecofin.gov.rw in the Ministry of Finance and Economique Planning/Rwanda.

We look forward to have a strong partnership with you.

Sincerely,


Vincent BIRUTA
Minister of Environment



Cc:

- Honourable Minister of Infrastructure
- Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
- Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources
- Honourable Minister of Land and Forestry
- Chief Executive Officer/REG

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Sector Specific needs to comply with respective NDC commitments

NDC partnership is a coalition made up of developing and developed countries and international institutions. Launched at COP22 in Marrakech.

The NDC aims to enhance cooperation so that countries have access to the technical knowledge and financial support they need to achieve large scale climate and sustainable development goals.

A stakeholder's consultation meeting facilitated by the NDCP Support Unit was conducted from 23rd to 27th April 2018 and has generated national priorities extracted from Rwanda NDC implementation plan as outlined below:

Support needs for the Ministry of Environment and Rwanda Environment Management Authority

1. Technical assistance to strengthen their capacity for sector coordination;
2. Technical assistance to quantify NDC emission reduction and adaptation targets as well as the detailed costing for their implementation;
3. Technical assistance to revise Rwanda NDC 1 into 2nd version of NDC;
4. Support to coordinate the development of sector performance indicators with regards to NDCs;
5. Support the development of M & E framework and tools to track the progress for implementation of NDCs including the development of baseline information;
6. Recruitment of a technical adviser to support the coordination of implementation of the NDCs.

Support needs for the Ministry of Infrastructure, Rwanda Energy Group and Rwanda Transport Development Agency

Energy related needs:

1. Support for data collection for long term energy planning;
2. Technical assistance to increase private sector participation in the development of off-grid connected hydro and solar power;
3. Capacity building for sector experts on developing bankable projects;
4. Support to develop and implement awareness raising strategy to promote the use of alternative energy technologies;
5. Support to develop M & E tools to track the implementation of National Electrification Plan;

Transport related needs:

1. Support the development of models to limit the increase of private motorized transport;
2. Support the feasibility studies to expand the list of initiatives or alternative options for commuting trips;
3. Strengthen the capacity of transport sector at local and national levels;
4. Support the development of sector performance and M & E tools.

Support needs for the Ministry of Agriculture, Rwanda Agriculture Board and National Agriculture Export Board

1. Technical assistance to conduct feasibility studies on the use of biomass resources for composting and its conflict with other uses including biomass use for cooking and building materials, etc.);
2. Support the development of climate smart agriculture bankable projects, inclusive of water, nutrients use efficiency, energy and agriculture sector needs;
3. Support the capacity building climate resilience for farmers on the use of weather information and for seed producers to provide drought resistant species;
4. Support the development of a national plan for water storage and water use efficiency for irrigation;
5. Technical support on development of guidance groundwater use for irrigation;
6. Support the development of sector performance indicators for NDC and M & E tools;
7. Support agriculture sector to climate change in planning and implementing measures and techniques related to conservation and water harvesting and intensive agriculture, and promoting existing and new resistant varieties if crops adapted to different bioclimatic soil;
8. Support greening of export crop through adoption of renewable energy;
9. Support the development & promotion of organic market products;
10. Support Agriculture sector to mainstream climate resilience in planning and budget process.

Support needs for the Ministry of Land and Forestry

1. Support the capacity building for national experts (public, private and NGOs including District Forestry Officers) on forest pathology, entomology and forestry economics;
2. Provide a technical assistance to conduct a research on seedling production, management and value addition of forests species suitability.

Cross-cutting issues

1. Technical assistance to strengthen the national capacity for mobilizing funds to implement NDCs through the development of national flagships with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning & sectors;
2. Provide support on how to mobilise and engage private sector into NDC implementation.

It is therefore against the above background that, the Government of Rwanda is pleased to request the members of the NDC Partnership to support the Government of Rwanda to implement the country needs as they are highlighted.