

Terms of Reference: Support to Develop and Negotiate the NCQG

ODI is seeking a consultant to contribute to its ongoing work supporting the development and negotiations around the new collective quantified goal (NCQG). The position will work with ODI's Climate and Sustainability (CAS) Programme.

The role is suited to experts with extensive expertise on climate and sustainable finance, experience convening and influencing negotiations relating to climate finance, and well-established relationships with key stakeholders relevant to the project outputs.

Project Background

Formal deliberations around the new collective quantified goal (NCQG) began at COP26 in Glasgow. The previous \$100 billion target set the annual floor for international climate finance prior up to 2025. However, this goal was ill-defined, from definitions of 'developed' countries, to what is considered an 'alternative source of finance', fuelling disagreement.

Throughout negotiations on the NCQG, ODI's work has elicited conversation both behind closed doors and in public including both negotiators and civil society regarding key elements of the NCQG. We seek to continue this work, enabling constructive negotiations about the NCQG by identifying and supporting lead climate finance negotiators to explore options to work together to progress negotiations. By building critical relationships and dialogues behind the scenes, the project seeks to produce options and an evidence base to inform the design and negotiation of key elements of the NCQG. Through convening of climate finance negotiators around specific elements of the NCQG, producing new analysis and evidence, and building relationships and trust among selected lead climate finance negotiators, ODI aims to create space for constructive dialogue around the design of the NCQG.

The consultant will undertake the following relevant project activities:

1. Through a series of bilateral consultations, identifying a small group of lead climate finance negotiators to be the focus of the eighteen-month programme advancing thinking around the NCQG.
2. Convening the identified negotiators for structured dialogue as well as informal discussion to build relationships, a shared sense of purpose, and a common understanding on key elements of the NCQG.
3. Producing two substantive analytical papers on specific tricky issues relating to the NCQG, as well as five briefing notes to inform the structured dialogues above. Topics will be informed by the workplan developed by the Co-Chairs of the ad-hoc work programme on the NCQG. The methods and findings will be co-produced with the selected negotiators and experts to ensure broad uptake and consensus about the recommendations.
4. Secure guidance and buy-in on the project from the COP Presidencies, the Co-Chairs of the ad-hoc work programme and broader groups of negotiators by participating in Technical Expert Dialogues. ODI is already routinely asked to make keynote presentations or facilitate breakout groups by the UNFCCC Secretariat, and this project will help to maximise these opportunities.

There is the potential for the scope of the project to be extended, upon discussion with partners and stakeholders at key milestones. The consultant may be required to contribute to further outputs resulting from the outcome of these discussions.

Details of Consultancy

ODI is looking for a consultant on this project for up to 100 days between March 2024 and March 2025. Possessing extensive expertise on climate finance, the consultant will:

- Support bilateral consultations to identify between 10 and 15 lead climate finance negotiators to be the focus of this programme.
- Support the development of five briefing notes, which will provide guidance during convening of identified lead climate finance negotiators on specific issues related to the NCQG.
- Provide oversight and support on the creation of two substantive analytical papers on particularly complex challenges related to the NCQG, working with identified stakeholders to identify these topics and produce methods and findings.
- Utilise their existing relationships to support the securing of buy-in from critical actors related to the NCQG, including (but not limited to) UNFCCC Secretariat, COP Presidencies, and Co-Chairs of the ad-hoc work programme on the NCQG.
- Participate in Technical Expert Dialogues.

The consultant will be supported by and report to the ODI Project Lead.

Education and Experience

The ideal candidate will possess:

- A postgraduate qualification in (environmental) economics, sustainable development, natural resources, or another professional equivalent.
- Extensive expertise and experience in sustainable and climate finance at national and international level.
- A sound understanding of the political, technical, and capacity constraints affecting climate finance negotiations.
- Experience in convening and building relationships in the context of UNFCCC or other climate negotiation processes.
- Fluency in English.
- Excellent statistical, analytical, and writing skills.

How to Apply

To apply, please email the following to s.cahoon@odi.org.uk:

- A CV (including references)
- Your fee rate (including a brief explanation of optimum value for money)
- A one-page cover letter outlining your expertise and capability/skills, and how this aligns with the terms of reference in this job listing

- An indication of your availability over the given time period

Timetable

Deadline to request clarifications: 23:59 GMT on 22 February 2024

Clarifications issued: by 26 February 2024

Deadline to submit tender: 23:59 on 29 February 2024

Notification of award: by 07 March 2024

Starting Date: As soon as possible