

Ambition Initiative Call for NAMA Support Projects

Clarification Notes VI

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Abbreviations

ASP	Applicant Support Partner
CN	Clarification Note
DPP	Detailed Preparation Phase
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions (a NAMA Facility document)
GID	General Information Document (a NAMA Facility document)
NAMA	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NFGA	NAMA Facility Grant Agent
NSO	NAMA Support Organisation
NSP	NAMA Support Project
TSU	Technical Support Unit
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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I. General Issues

CN VI-01 Assuming that as part of an NSP in implementation items are procured, e.g. a renewable energy technology, and private sector actors contribute co-funding for the purchase of this item: Will those assets become the full property of those private actors?

Depending on the details of the case in question, generally those assets will become the property of the private actors investing. However, please keep in mind that all NSPs need to serve a public-benefit purpose and beneficiaries of NSPs must be selected in an open and transparent way.

II. Eligibility of countries

CN VI-02 In which form does an updated NDC need to be presented to the UNFCCC to be considered and assessed by the NAMA Facility in the framework of the Ambition Initiative Call, i.e. will only the final version of the updated NDC qualify or also interim versions of the updated NDC?

All first updated NDCs, considered as such by UNFCCC and featured in the [interim NDC registry](#), will be treated by the NAMA Facility as the country's first updated NDC, even if they are presented as an interim version (incl. interim technical report/summary) of the updated NDC. This way, the NAMA Facility will be able to proceed with assessing their eligibility in terms of enhancement and ambition as stipulated in the GID.

III. Eligible Support Instruments in NSPs

CN VI-03 Are Applicants / ASPs / NSOs required to provide co-funding for the DPP / Implementation Phase, and if so, does the NAMA Facility define a minimum percentage?

No, Applicants / ASPs / NSOs are not required to provide co-funding for the DPP / Implementation Phase.

However, and this is especially important for the implementation phase, the Applicant / ASP / NSO needs to demonstrate that sufficient funding will be available to implement the proposed activities and that funding provided by the NAMA Facility is most efficiently used to achieve ambitious mitigation targets, in particular by leveraging additional finance.

IV. Submission of the NSP Outline and Annexes

CN VI-04 In CN II-03, you clarified that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the NAMA Facility accepts e-mails from national ministries confirming the support to the NSP during the Outline submission and that the actual endorsement letter should then be presented at the latest during the in-depth assessment phase. What kind of information should be included in those e-mails?

The content of the email should be the same as it would be in the official endorsement letter. For more information on the content please refer to FAQ 56.

CN VI-05 Please clarify what documents need to be submitted for a complete application by the deadline of the Ambition Initiative Call, i.e. 31 May 2021.

The application documents consist of a template for NAMA Support Project Outlines plus six mandatory annexes (Annex 1 – 6, with Annexes 4 and 5 containing two documents each).

Please note: For Annex 1, the endorsement letters, also e-mails from national ministries confirming the support to the NSP are accepted during the Outline submission. In this case, the actual

endorsement letter should be presented to the NAMA Facility during the in-depth assessment stage at the latest.

V. Detailed Preparation Phase (DPP)

CN VI-06 Does the NAMA Facility set a maximum percentage of the DPP budget that can be used for human resources?

No, the NAMA Facility does not set an upper limit on the share of (internal or external) personnel costs in DPP budgets.

VI. Contracting

CN VI-07 Is there a specific limit on administration costs and if not, how will it be assessed whether the costs proposed by the NSP are reasonable?

Up to a certain percentage that cannot be communicated publicly, the NFGA accepts administrations costs by default. If an Applicant / ASP requests a higher percentage, the NFGA uses its internal guidelines to assess the appropriateness of these costs. This is done on a case-by-case basis. As part of the finalisation of the DPP concept that takes place before the conclusion of a funding agreement, amendments to the budget might be necessary and will be negotiated with the Applicant / ASP.

CN VI-08 Can the Applicant / ASP apply administrative costs also for the forwarded funds, i.e. subgrants?

No, the Applicant / ASP can only apply administrative costs for the funds that will not be forwarded as subgrants. For the latter, administrative costs can be applied separately by the subgrantee. Example: If the overall Grant Agreement covers a budget of 300,000 EUR, 100,000 EUR are forwarded as a subgrant, the Applicant / ASP can claim its administrative costs as part of its share of the budget (i.e. 200,000 EUR), while the subgrantee can claim administrative costs as part of the budget of 100,000 EUR forwarded as a subgrant. Please note that administrative costs should be included in the funding volumes requested / forwarded (i.e. 200,000 EUR and 100,000 EUR) and not applied on top of them.

Last but not least...

This has been the last round of clarifications in the Ambition Initiative Call and hopefully, the clarifications and our webinars have been helpful for you to prepare your NAMA Support Project (NSP).

We are looking forward to receiving your NSP Outline submission latest by 31 May, 3pm CEST.