

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

1ST NDC FACILITY CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT GREEN PROJECTS

- FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS ONLY -

CALL DESCRIPTION

The NDC Facility is a financing mechanism dedicated to the financing of public projects in the framework of Rwanda's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) established under the Rwanda Green Fund. The German Government through KfW committed EUR 46.0 million to support the operationalization of the NDC Facility.

The Rwanda Green Fund is pleased to announce to the general public the launch of the first Call for Proposals (CFP) under the NDC Facility with the aim to receive project proposals from public institutions to implement projects related to climate change adaptation and mitigation in Rwanda. Proposals that successfully complete the competitive selection process will be financially supported with grant funding.

KEY INTERVENTION AREAS

The Call For Proposals (CFP) will target projects which are in line with Rwanda's NDCs intervention sectors, including but not limited to:

- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Sustainable Cities & Settlements
- Landscape Restoration & Forestry
- Sustainable Transport
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Disaster & Risk Management

Rwanda's updated NDCs report is accessible on the Fund's website at greenfund.rw/policies.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following eligibility criteria will be applied:

- The project must be submitted by a public entity
- The projects should match at least one of the 24 key interventions areas as highlighted in the Rwanda's updated NDCs
- The projects benefits should be sustained after the lifetime of the project
- The projects should offer good value for money
- The projects should target a high number of beneficiaries with clear demonstration of gender promotion (60% should be women) and social inclusion
- The project implementing entities should demonstrate the capacity to implement the project
- The projects should comply with the Rwanda Green Fund's Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). Only projects falling under Category B or C as per risk categorization by KfW and the Rwanda Green Fund's ESMF will be eligible for funding.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The NDC Facility first call for proposals is open to project proposals from Rwandan public agencies and administrative bodies from both central and local government. Where a project cannot be implemented by one government entity alone, public institutions may form partnerships. A maximum of three public institutions is allowed for partnership.

The motivation for each partnership and the roles and responsibilities of each partner shall be clarified in the Project Profile Document (PPD) and Project Document (PD).

Please note that Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) cannot be a recipient of the grant funding.

FUNDING DETAILS

Eligible projects shall have a minimum grant funding requirement of Rwf 1 billion and a maximum grant funding requirement of Rwf 5 billion as well as an expected implementation duration of 1 to 3.5 years (maximum of 42 months).

Preference will be given to projects ready for implementation in order to achieve timely visibility and impact. The overall funding ceiling for the first NDC Facility Call for Proposals is Rwf 18.5 billion.

ONLINE RESOURCES

The detailed criteria and procedures for application are described in the NDC Call for Proposals Information Note (including application templates) on the Fund's website at greenfund.rw/intego

The Fund encourages all applicants to read carefully the documents prior to submitting their application.

HOW TO APPLY

The application PPD templates are submitted through the Fund's online portal accessible at greenfund.rw/backendpd/user/register.

- Hard copies submitted physically to the Fund or soft copies submitted through email will not be accepted.
- First-time applicants are required to create an account on the online application portal.
- The website allows an existing applicant to use their login information for submission.

The application and project preparation will follow a two step approach:

STEP 1: PPD Preparation of a concept note called the Project Profile Document (PPD)	The PPD is the first application form submitted in the process of accessing funding support from the Rwanda Green Fund. The PPD is intended to give an overview of the project idea.
STEP 2: PD Preparation and submission of a full project proposal called the Project Document (PD)	All applicants that delivered an approved PPD are invited to move to the second step and submit a PD. They will be given dates after invitation to develop and submit their PD. The PD development takes approximately 3 months (12 weeks) prior to its submission to the Fund. The PD is the final application submitted for funding. The PD is submitted with annexes and it provides details about the project proposal.

PROJECT PROFILE DOCUMENT APPLICATION TIMELINE

The Call For Proposals will be open for submissions from **14 February 2023** to **15 March 2023**. Applicants will submit their applications no later than **15 March 2023** at **5:00 PM** (Rwanda time). Kindly note that late submissions will not be accepted and/or evaluated.

For any further details or inquiries with regard to the application process, please contact the Rwanda Green Fund via application@fonerwa.org and f.mugabo@fonerwa.org.