



LETTER OF INVITATION

Nordic Climate Facility 2009 Call for proposals for pre-qualification October 26, 2009 to January 29, 2010

Background

The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) facilitates the transfer of technology, know-how and innovative ideas between the Nordic countries and low-income countries with regard to climate change. This exchange is expected to increase low-income countries' abilities to mitigate and adapt to climate change and contribute to sustainable development and the reduction of poverty. For further information, see the project description in Annex 1.

NCF is financed by the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) and implemented jointly with the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO).

Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria must be met for a proposal:

Applicant Financing may be provided to one or several institutions, organisations, companies, authorities and municipalities holding a permanent place of operation in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden. The applicant shall have a partner in an eligible country where the project is proposed to be implemented.

Eligible The support is intended for proposals to be implemented in

Countries the following countries:

Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Asia: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

Latin America: Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua

Projects Project proposals shall address the mitigation and/or adaptation themes described in Annex 1. The proposed financial contribution from NCF could range from 250,000 to 500,000 euro. In exceptional cases proposals between 150,000 and 250,000 euro could also be considered. The maximum project implementation period is 24 months.

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated in two rounds: pre-qualification and final proposal.

The current invitation requests proposals for pre-qualification. Parties of projects selected in the pre-qualification will be asked to submit a final proposal.

Prequalification

The pre-qualification instructions in Annex 2 outline the purpose and requirements for the pre-qualification, and contain information on the evaluation criteria.

Submission of proposals

Five copies of the proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with "NCF: Pre-qualification" no later than **January 29, 2010, 12.00 hrs** (Helsinki time) to:

Nordic Climate Facility
c/o Nordic Development Fund
P.O. Box 185
FI-00171 Helsinki
FINLAND

Office address: Fabianinkatu 34

It is also possible to submit the pre-qualification proposal by e-mail to ncf@ndf.fi within the stated timeframe above. The conditions for e-mail submission are: i) the pre-qualification can only consist of one attachment i.e. only one file, ii) the file should be of PDF format, and iii) in the Subject section of the e-mail it should state "NCF: Pre-qualification".

It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that the pre-qualification proposal is in accordance with the instructions given and is received within the set timeframe.

Indication of participation, additional information, and communication

All potentially interested applicants who wish to receive additional information relating to the pre-qualification shall send an indication to participate by e-mail to: ncf@ndf.fi no later than **December 10, 2009**.

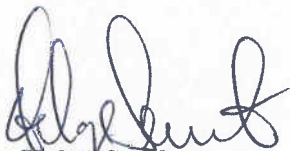
Questions relating to the pre-qualification can be submitted by **December 10, 2009** to: ncf@ndf.fi. All questions will be compiled (and, if necessary, rewritten in such a form that it would not be possible to identify the sender directly), and the answers will be provided by e-mail to all those who have sent an indication to participate. This communication will be addressed only to that e-mail address from which NCF has received an indication to participate from the potentially interested applicant.

It is not a requirement to declare an indication to participate. However, any changes to the pre-qualification process, answers to questions etc. will only be communicated to those who have indicated their interest to participate.

Other

Only a selected number of applicants will be invited to formulate the full project proposal. NDF and NEFCO have no obligation to select any of the submitted pre-qualification proposals for further evaluation.

Helsinki, October 26, 2009



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