

Support to Co-Convene Parties on the Side Lines of the NCQG TEDs: Consultancy Opportunity

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

The role is suited to experts with extensive experience of engagement in UNFCCC processes on climate finance who hold a strong network of key stakeholders relevant to the NCQG.

Project Background

A new global climate finance goal is currently being negotiated by Parties to the Paris Agreement – the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG). The previous climate finance goal – set in 2010, with little input from the Global South and commonly called the “\$100 billion goal” – has eroded trust and faith in the multilateral process. Not least due to a failure to meet pledges related to that goal. It is imperative that this new climate finance goal is well-designed, and with adequate input from Southern voices.

Deliberations for the NCQG are ongoing via an Ad Hoc Work Programme. In 2024, this will include at least three Technical Expert Discussions (TEDs) – the themes of which are yet to emerge – in addition to workshops COP28 in Dubai decided to transition the work towards the development of draft negotiating text for consideration by COP29 in Azerbaijan.

While the eight TEDs that have been conducted to date have elicited a lot of views and options for the NCQG, there remains a need to have open dialogue between developed and developing country Parties. This will be increasingly critical as the process moves towards draft text. With a packed finance agenda, the convening of developed and developing countries will provide a space in which to share strong arguments to course-correct in the context of a NCQG, allow for open and facilitative discussion outside of negotiating rooms, and build relationships between key negotiators in advance of a decision at COP29.

Scope of Work

The consultant will work closely with ODI to co-convene developing and developed country Party finance negotiators, as well as key members of civil society, three times during 2024. These in-person convenings will happen in conjunction with the TEDs and workshops, tentative dates for which are below.

Outputs

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Coordination with ODI team prior to each convening to establish objective, key questions and topics to discuss at the convening and run of show.
- Co-preparation with ODI of convening note and agenda in advance to share with participants, in addition to an internal detailed agenda.
- Preparation of a list of invitees, the invitation, and coordination of invitees, based on a sensible division of labour between the consultant and ODI.
- Organisation of each venue and coordination of logistics, for the three convenings, with ODI

- Attendance at and running of three convenings, with ODI.
- Preparation of a summary report after each convening summarising main points to be shared with the participants, in collaboration with ODI.

The consultant will be supported by and report to the ODI project lead.

Budget

A lump sum of €40,000 is available to cover staff time and partial travel costs.

Tentative Timeline for Convenings

- 22-24 April 2024 (tbc) Bogota (tbc), Colombia
- 02 June 2024 (tbc) Bonn, Germany
- End of September 2024, Tanzania (tbc)

Education and Experience

- Strong understanding of the NCQG process and a clear track record of engagement in the UNFCCC process on climate finance issues
- Strong understanding of the content and debates that have arisen at the eight TEDs in 2022 and 2023.
- Experience in convening Parties in the context of the NCQG and climate finance issues.
- Legitimacy with both developing and developed country Parties and a strong network and contact list.

How to Apply

Timetable for Application

Deadline to request clarifications: 23:59 GMT on 27 February 2024

Clarifications issued: by 29 February 2024

Deadline to submit tender: 23:59 on 13 March 2024

Notification of award: by 18 March 2024

Starting Date: As soon as possible.

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

- A CV (including references).
- A one-page cover letter outlining your expertise and capability/skills, and how this aligns with the terms of reference in this job listing.