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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Green Financing Consultant

CONTRACT MODALITY	Individual Consultancy
DUTY STATION	**Kinshaha, DRC, Remote with travel**
DURATION OF CONTRACT	**6 months**

Purpose of Assignment

UNICEF DRC Country Programme is aligned with national development priorities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, focusing on health, nutrition, education, WASH, child protection, social protection, and system strengthening with a strong emphasis on equity, resilience, climate adaptation, and sustainability.

To accelerate climate-resilient impact at scale, UNICEF DRC seeks to scale up its engagement with multilateral climate funds and climate/green financing instruments. Following successful collaborative models in the region (such as joint WFP-UNICEF climate proposals approved by the Adaptation Fund), and building on strong existing engagement with the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and the New Climate Economy (MEDD-NEC), following successful collaborative models in the region (such as joint WFP-UNICEF climate proposals approved by the Adaptation Fund), and national climate/Adaptation Fund focal points, a dedicated 6-month consultancy is established to support active proposal development and concrete green finance resource mobilization.

Scope of Work

The objective of this consultancy is to strengthen UNICEF DRC's capacity to mobilize green and climate financing by supporting concrete proposal development processes, stakeholder consultations, and strategic partnerships with climate funds, IFIs, and UN agencies.

1. Climate Finance Proposal Development Lead:

- Manage the end-to-end proposal cycle for multilateral climate fund submissions (e.g., Adaptation Fund, GCF), coordinating multidisciplinary teams and ensuring technical coherence and compliance.
- Lead proposal strategy, structure, and narrative coherence, ensuring strict alignment with donor investment criteria, national priorities (NAPs, NDCs), and UNICEF's Strategic Plan
- Serve as the focal point for UNICEF internal reviews, risk management, and stakeholder coordination (including government counterparts, MEDD-NEC, and WFP).

2. Climate Finance Technical Design (Sector Specialist):

- Provide technical, scientific, and sectoral expertise on project architecture, climate rationale, feasibility studies, and institutional arrangements tailored to UNICEF DRC child-critical sectors (WASH, Health, Education, Nutrition, Social Protection)
- Develop robust climate rationale grounded in climate science, disaster risk analytics, and child vulnerability, and prepare required technical project annexes.
- Organize and facilitate structured stakeholder consultation processes and workshops with national stakeholders.

3. Climate Finance Economic & Financial Analysis (EFA):

- Deliver robust financial modelling, activity-based budgeting, co-financing structures, and economic analyses (such as cost-effectiveness and scenario testing) to ensure proposals are financially viable and sustainable
- Integrate green and climate finance priorities into UNICEF DRC's overall Resource Mobilization Strategy and Action Plan.

4. Internal Coordination and Capacity Building:

- Coordinate closely with internal programme sections, including the WASH team (Joachim Peeters, Fabienne Bertrand) and others to ensure technical alignment on climate proposals.
- Build internal UNICEF DRC capacity to manage green financing opportunities

Work Assignments Overview	Deliverables/Outputs	Delivery deadline to complete the deliverable
Resource Mobilization Action Plan	**Updated 2026–2027 strategy integrating climate finance priorities.**	31 January 2026
Technical Design & Stakeholder Consultation	**Completed stakeholder consultations, technical project architecture, and initial drafting for Green financing**	28 February 2027
Economic and Financial Analysis (EFA)	**Comprehensive budget, co-financing structures, and EFA report finalized for the funding submission**	31 May 2027
Final Proposal Submission & Partnership Framework	**Finalized climate proposal package submitted to the fund/partners in collaboration, alongside a formalized strategic engagement framework**	31 May 2027

Payment Schedule:

Payment will be made on submission and acceptance of deliverables. UNICEF reserves the right to withhold payment in case the deliverables submitted are not up to the required standard or in case of delays in submitting the deliverables on the part of the consultant.

Important Notes

- Individuals engaged under a consultancy or individual contract will not be considered "staff members" under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and UNICEF's policies and procedures and will not be entitled to benefits provided therein (such as leave entitlements and medical insurance coverage). Their conditions of service will be governed by their contract and the General Conditions of Contracts for

the Services of Consultants and Individual Contractors. Consultants and individual contractors are responsible for determining their tax liabilities and for the payment of any taxes and/or duties, in accordance with local or other applicable laws.

- Contracts are conditional upon the selected candidate's willingness to comply with any current or future vaccination requirements that may be established by UNICEF, where applicable. Failure to comply with applicable vaccination requirements, where required and without an approved medical exemption by UNICEF, may result in the withdrawal of the consultancy offer or termination of the contract in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Contract.
- UNICEF offers reasonable accommodation for consultants with disabilities. This may include, for example, accessible software, travel assistance for missions or personal attendants. We encourage you to disclose your disability during your application in case you need reasonable accommodation during the selection process and afterwards in your assignment.

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE / EXPERIENCE/ COMPETENCIES (CORE/TECHNICAL/FUNCTIONAL) / LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

Minimum requirements:

Education:

- Master's degree in Climate Finance, Economics, Environmental Science, International Development, Business Administration, or a related field.

Work Experience:

- Minimum 3 years of professional experience in green/climate finance, development finance, or resource mobilization, with proven experience engaging with climate funds (e.g., Adaptation Fund, GCF) or sovereign/UN actors.

Knowledge/Expertise/Skills:

- Strategic thinking on climate financing solutions, strong partnership development and negotiation skills, and experience working in complex or fragile contexts
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- Ability to translate financial instruments into tangible programmatic impact
- Excellent communication, coordination, and stakeholder management skills
- Ability to work independently in a complex and high-pressure environment

Language Requirements:

- Fluency in French and good command of English are required. Knowledge in local languages is an asset.

Desirables:

- Proven experience engaging with IFIs, DFIs, climate funds, or sovereign actors.
- Strong understanding of financing challenges and opportunities in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, preferably in Central or Sub-Saharan Africa