

## Expressions of Interest Request



### Background

UN Environment has recently signed a donor agreement with the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic. The Czech Ministry of the Environment decided to support the readiness of the countries with Western Balkan region to fruitfully engage with Green Climate Fund with a contribution of 20,000,000 Czech Crowns (around 900,000 USD) to UN Environment through the project *“Programme for facilitating the engagement with and access to the Green Climate Fund for Serbia and/or other countries of the Western Balkans”*. This is not the first time that the Czech Republic co-finances the activities of UN Environment in the region, having already contributed 1,000,000 Czech Crowns (around 45,000 USD) within the scope of the project *“Capacity development for the integration of global environmental commitments into national policies and development decision making in Bosnia and Herzegovina”* in 2014. The Czech contribution funded an additional project component focused on strengthening the hydrology sector, enabling the country to overcome identified gaps in data collection and communication of natural disaster risks, as well as building the technical capacities of the two hydro-meteorological institutes of BiH.

The activities envisaged under the *“Programme for facilitating the engagement with and access to the Green Climate Fund for Serbia and/or other countries of the Western Balkans”* are intended to strengthen the capacities of the beneficiary countries, enabling them to tackle climate challenges through a fruitful and effective engagement with the GCF. In particular, the planned activities are intended to build upon and expand the activities financed by the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme of the GCF in the region, and will consist of capacity building activities, activities intended to strengthen multi-stakeholder consultation process on a regional level, as well as technical support for the preparation of concept notes or proposals for submission to the GCF, thus assisting relevant stakeholders in strengthening technical capacities necessary for an effective engagement with the GCF.

The project will be implemented by UN Environment through its Vienna Programme Office and will have a planned duration of 24 months, with activities starting in December 2017 and expected to be completed in November 2019. UN Environment has significant experience in assisting countries respond to climate change related challenges, having facilitated the completion of 15 NAPAs and assisted 38 countries in developing their National Communications to the UNFCCC on a global level. UN Environment’s strong track record on climate change will be accompanied by that of a leading scientific institution with significant experience in climate policy and finance which will be engaged by UN Environment as an implementing partner. The implementing partner will be selected by UN Environment among scientific institutions with a proven track record and familiarity with the region at the earliest stages of project implementation, and will be expected to assist UN Environment in providing the necessary technical assistance.

### Request for Expressions of Interest

1. UN Environment - Vienna Programme Office is hereby inviting potential partners to indicated their interest in supporting the implementing of the project *“Programme for facilitating the engagement with and access to the Green Climate Fund for Serbia and/or other countries of the Western Balkans”*

2. Activities under the project “*Programme for facilitating the engagement with and access to the Green Climate Fund for Serbia and/or other countries of the Western Balkans*” are expected to be implemented in line with the following division of responsibilities:

COMPONENTS	ACTIVITIES	Lead Partner	Expected outputs	Timeframe
<b>Component 1. Strengthening the capacities to engage with the GCF</b>	1.1 Develop and deliver training modules on climate finance access, including Green Climate Fund	UN Environment	- Training modules on climate finance access (including GCF) developed; - Training modules delivered; - At least 25 staff from relevant national institutions trained;	Dec 2017- Sep 2018
	1.2 Develop and deliver training modules on proposal preparation under the Green Climate Fund	UN Environment	- Training modules on proposal preparation under GCF developed; - Training modules delivered; - At least 25 staff from relevant national institutions trained;	Dec 2017- Sep 2018
	1.3. Develop a toolkit on climate finance access, including Green Climate Fund	UN Environment	- Toolkit developed; - At least 200 copies disseminated;	Jun 2019 – Sep 2019
	1.4. Organize a regional multi-stakeholder meeting on Green Climate Fund regional engagement and prioritization	UN Environment	- Regional multi-stakeholder workshop organized; - At least 50 participants, including representatives from all WB countries;	Nov 2018
	1.5 Place expert in the NFP coordination team of a pilot country to strengthen their capacities to fruitfully engage with the Fund (including	Scientific partner	- At least one expert placed in the NFP coordination team of at least one pilot country; - Capacity building provided through daily interaction during the placement period;	Mar 2018 – Nov 2019

	preparation of Country Programme)			
	1.6 Engage experts with proven experience to work on the preparation of proposals to be submitted under the NAP Readiness Preparatory and Support Programme and Project Preparation Facility;	Scientific Partner	- At least one expert placed in the NFP coordination team of at least one pilot country a pilot country; - Capacity building provided through daily interaction during the placement period; - At least 2 PPF, NAP Readiness or SAP proposals ready for submission;	Jun 2018- Nov 2019
<b>Component 2. Supporting access to the GCF</b>	2.1. Assist the countries of the Western Balkans in identifying projects and programmes that advance national, regional and GCF strategic priorities (in line with Country Programme prioritization)	UN Environment	-Identify country priorities and possible sectorial focus through review of planning documents in at least one pilot country;	Mar 2018  Mar 2019
	2.2. Provide technical support for the preparation of project concepts and project proposals to be submitted to the GCF (including supporting documents)	Scientific Partner	- At least one expert placed in the NFP coordination team of at least one pilot country; - Capacity building provided through daily interaction during the placement period; - At least 3 full GCF proposals ready for GCF submission;	Jun 2018- Nov 2019

3. The estimated duration of the collaboration will be 20 months, indicatively from March 2018 to November 2019
4. UN Environment - Vienna Programme Office is seeking a scientific institution with a proven track record and familiarity with climate change related topics and the target region
5. Expressions of interest must be received by e-mail at the address [unenvironment@unvienna.org](mailto:unenvironment@unvienna.org) no later than **January 31, 2018 at 17:00 Vienna local time**
6. Interested potential partners may obtain further information via e-mail, contacting Ms. Inti Blasberg, Administrative Assistant at [inti.blasberg@unvienna.org](mailto:inti.blasberg@unvienna.org)