

GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA



**CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS (CIF)
NATURE, PEOPLE AND CLIMATE (NPC) PROGRAM
NAMIBIA INVESTMENT PLAN (IP) PREPARATION**

FIRST MDBs JOINT MISSION (BLEND/HYBRID)
24th – 26th March
Windhoek, Namibia

TERMS OF REFERENCE



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK GROUP



1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) aims to accelerate climate action in low and middle-income countries by empowering transformations through their programs. The CIF Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Program seeks to address the multiple drivers and impacts of climate change, resulting from human activities on land resources and ecosystem services, in an integrated manner. The NPC Program will deploy CIF concessional resources towards Nature-based Solutions (NbS) that recognize the interdependence among land use, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, and improvement of sources of livelihoods of rural communities and indigenous people. Additionally, the NPC Program aims to support multi-sectoral solutions, including strengthening enabling environments and direct investments for improved use of land, coastal and other natural resources. The Program is premised on a landscape approach that will enable CIF recipient Governments/Regional Organisation and implementing Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) partners to deliver core climate results, for instance, greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation, resilience strengthening of lands and communities, while also improving livelihoods, conserving biodiversity, and disaster risk reduction, amongst other benefits.

1.2 Established in 2020, the CIF Global Climate Action Program (GCAP) Sub-Committee is the governing body that oversees the NPC Program, in addition to three other new CIF Programs. At its Intercessional Meeting held in October 2022, the CIF GCAP Sub-Committee invited nine countries and one regional group to prepare Investment Plans (IP) under the NPC Program, in collaboration with the relevant MDBs. The selected countries/regional group are Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Zambia and the Zambezi River Basin Region (comprising Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia). The GCAP Sub-Committee agreed that each selected country can receive up to USD 500,000, as Investment Plan Preparation Grant (IPPG) to enable them to take leadership roles in working with MDBs to develop associated IPs. For the Namibia Investment Plan, the Sub-Committee agreed to an indicative allocation of USD 35 million¹ for the investment program.

1.3 The Government of the Republic of Namibia nominated African Development Bank (AfDB) to act as the lead MDB on behalf of the joint MDB group consisting of AfDB, the World Bank, and International Finance Corporation (IFC). AfDB's role is to facilitate collaborative efforts between MDBs and other key stakeholders in supporting the Namibia IP preparation process. The MDBs shall work closely with the GRN in the development of the National IP.

2.0 INVESTMENT PLAN PREPARATION GRANT

Following the MDBs Scoping Mission in August 2023, the GRN requested a grant of USD 500,000 to recruit a Consulting Firm to support the investment plan preparation by undertaking additional analytical and technical studies. The said grant was approved and is now effective to cover the planned activities. The Consulting Firm (Genesis Analytics) was recruited and has started carrying out the planned activities, including field work

3.0 PURPOSE OF THE FIRST MDBs JOINT MISSION

2.1. The main objectives of the first MDBs Joint Mission include: (i) a review of the draft Diagnostics and Gap Analysis Report, and (ii) plan for the second MDBs Joint Mission which will review the draft investment plan.

¹ In addition, USD 4 million grant has been allocated to support a Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) program for the Country

2.2. The following activities shall be undertaken during the first MDBs Joint Mission to assist with the development of the IP and subsequent programming, strengthen ownership and mobilize co-financing & harmonize policy support:

- Assess the activities of the Consultants (diagnostic analysis), including review of the draft Diagnostics and Gap Analysis Report.
- Reach consensus on the scope, scale, and final selection of target zones/areas for interventions.
- Agree with the Government of Namibia on the key priority interventions to be supported by the NPC resources.
- Discuss financing needs and each MDB's level of commitment and indicative investment projects to be covered under the IP.
- Consolidate documentation available on existing and planned activities relevant to the NPC program that could be done before the joint mission.
- Dialogue with other key development partners, and UN agencies on possible collaboration and co-financing of the IP.
- Engage private sector players on their requirements for possible participation in the financing and implementation of the IP.
- Engage civil society organizations, youth organizations, and other key stakeholders and indicate their needs and requirements to participate in the IP.
- Agree on the schedule of the second MDBs Joint Mission.

2.3. Namibia's first MDBs Joint Mission (blend/hybrid) will be fielded in Windhoek, Namibia from 24th to 26th March 2025, inclusive, as per tentative program in Appendix 1.

2.4. The first MDBs Joint Mission will be facilitated by GRN, with the coordination of the AfDB, in collaboration with the World Bank and the International Finance Cooperation (IFC).

2.5. Upon completion of the first MDBs Joint Mission, the expected output is the Aide Memoire outlining the progress made including key findings, next steps, and recommendations to complete the processes of developing the investment plan.

4.0 PARTICIPANTS

The participants will include representatives from Namibia, MDBs – AfDB; World Bank; IFC; etc., UN Agencies and other Development Partners, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Consulting Firm, and representatives of direct beneficiaries.

Appendix 1: First MDBs Joint Mission – Tentative Program (24th to 26th March 2025)

Joint Diagnostic Validation Mission for the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) – Nature, People and Climate (NPC) Project, Namibia Investment Plan (IP)			
Monday 24 March 2025 Avani Hotel Gustav Voigts Centre, 129 Independence Ave, Windhoek, Namibia			
Meeting URL: Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81230221321?pwd=KaJduNcZvAdX8PcD0FgwIB6aotdKCT.1 Meeting ID: 812 3022 1321 Passcode: 157645			
Time	Activities	Discussion Points	Lead/Actioned By
8.30am – 9am	Arrivals and registration	-	MEFT
9am – 9.30am	Welcome remarks; keynote address by MDB partners and setting the scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership commitments by MDBs & partners. Objectives of the workshop IP workplan process overview and current status 	MEFT; AfDB; World Bank; IFC
9.30am – 10.15am	Overview of diagnostic and gap analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary results from key informant interviews, desk review and regional site visits and consultations 	Genesis Analytics and MEFT
10.15am – 10.30am	Tea break	-	-
10.30am – 11.30am	Breakaway rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback and inputs into diagnostic results. The participants will be split into two groups. Each group, based on internal discussions, will review the results from the diagnostic and gap analysis to provide feedback, comments and validate where relevant. Finalizing and validating list of NBSs. 	Genesis Analytics and MEFT
11.30am – 12.30pm	Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from stakeholders Presentation and consolidation from breakaway discussions 	Genesis Analytics
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	-	-
2pm -4pm	CIF Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Based Solutions/Just Transition/Transformational Change/Monitoring and Reporting 	CIF
	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing and way forward 	MEFT

Tuesday 25 March 2025			
Time	Activities	Discussion Points	Lead/Actioned By
8:30 – 9:30	Meeting with private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships and collaboration given the priority areas – investment areas. 	Genesis, IFC, AfDB, MEFT,
9:30 – 11:00	Meeting with Donors and Development Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships and collaboration given the priority areas – parallel and co-financing. 	AfDB; MEFT
11:45 – 12:45	Meeting with CSO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views on the Diagnostic and Gap Analysis Report Views on the CIF program 	MEFT, Genesis, AfDB
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:00	Meeting with MEFT and Consulting Firm to consolidate the approach and expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach consensus on the scope, scale, and final selection of target zones/areas for interventions. Agree with the Government of Namibia on the key priority interventions to be supported by the NPC resources. 	MEFT, AfDB
15:00 - 16:00	Aide Memoire	Finalising input into the Aide Memoire	AfDB, Genesis Analytics, MEFT

Wednesday 26 March 2025			
Time	Activities	Discussion Points	Lead/Actioned By
9:00am – 10:00am	Ministry of Environment and Forestry and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy Call 	MEFT
10:00 – 11:00	Ministry of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy Call 	MEFT
	Ministry of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy Call 	MEFT

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