



Nigeria-UK PACT: Climate Policy and Governance

Responses to clarification questions | Updated on 1 April 2025

This document compiles clarification questions and answers received during the market engagement event held on 4th February 2025 and questions submitted to nigeria@ukpact.co.uk in relation to the Climate Policy & Governance sector call for proposals.

| Technical questions relating to Thematic Areas | |
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| Do you also fund climate change educational events targeted towards youths in Nigeria? | The current Call for Proposals (CfP) does not include projects focused on climate change educational events for youth in Nigeria. The priority areas of interventions we are targeting for this call were elaborated during the market engagement webinar and will be outlined in the terms of reference. Details of this will be published on our website: www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| Are there any priority sectors or types of activities under this initiative (e.g., capacity building, advocacy, applied research)? | The Climate Policy and Governance Call for Proposals (CfP) focuses on three thematic areas: Strengthening Climate Governance and Policy Implementation, Data and Monitoring for Climate Action, and Private Sector Climate Action. Projects will involve capacity building, policy development, and technical assistance to enhance Nigeria's climate governance and implementation capacity. Full details on priority interventions and expected outputs are available in the Terms of Reference. Details of this will be published on our website: www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| Interested to learn whether/how the gender specific actions contained in the Nigeria NDC Implementation Framework will be translated into EDI requirements of this call. | We would welcome and expect the gender, equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) component of a proposal to include/make reference to gender specific actions contained in Nigeria's NDC to be used in submission. |
| Are there examples of previously funded projects that have successfully integrated advocacy and private sector engagement? | You can find examples of previous UK PACT funded projects on our website: https://www.ukpact.co.uk/ |
| Do you envisage supporting projects around work with governance institutions such as parliament on climate policy? | This Call for Proposals (CfP) does not specifically target direct engagement with parliamentary institutions on climate policy. However, applicants are expected to propose the most effective approaches to achieving the stated objectives for the projects. The activities and outputs outlined in the Terms of Reference represent the minimum required interventions, and applicants are encouraged to design proposals that best deliver on these goals. Where engagement with other governance institutions, including parliament, is relevant to strengthening climate governance, applicants are welcome to incorporate such elements. Details of the interventions the proposals should address were elaborated |
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| Are applicants advised to apply for all the 3 thematic projects, or will they be selected for one of the projects after submission? | Applicants should submit separate proposals for each project they wish to apply for. Applicants are not required to apply for all three projects. A single implementing partner may submit proposals for more than one project either individually or as part of a consortium. However, each proposal will be assessed independently, and only one successful application will be selected per project. |
| The Nigeria government institution mentioned, like the NCCCS, will they be involved in the proposal development? Are they expected to be part of the implementing partner? | Nigerian government institutions, such as the National Council on Climate Change Secretariat (NCCCS), will not be involved in the proposal development process or as part of the implementing partner. Government agencies and departments are not eligible to apply as a lead organisation or as a partner within a consortium. However, we work closely with the government in the co-creation and implementation of projects. Selected projects will undergo a co-creation phase during inception, where the UK PACT team and the implementing partner will collaborate with government counterparts to ensure alignment and integrate their input into project delivery. |
| Do you also plan on using Monitoring 24-7 and adding it to the MRV? We focus on MMRV to help it be verified for carbon credit production. | The priority areas of interventions we are targeting for this call were elaborated during the market engagement webinar and will be outlined in the terms of reference. Details of this will be published on our website: www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| Are organisations working on projects related to methane emission mitigation in food system eligible to apply? | The priority areas of interventions we are targeting for this call were elaborated during the market engagement webinar and will be outlined in the terms of reference. Details of this will be published on our website: www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| Can one organisation apply for two or more thematic areas in separate applications? | A single implementing partner may submit proposals for more than one project either individually or as part of a consortium. However, each proposal will be assessed independently, and only one successful application will be selected per project. An organisation can apply for multiple projects but cannot apply more than once for the same project. |
| What is your feedback on whether developing robust protocols for soil carbon assessment to support policy in 'land use for carbon capture' would fit under the "Data and Monitoring for Climate Action: | A proposal on soil carbon assessment protocols could fit under the Data and Monitoring for Climate Action: Building Robust Climate Data and MRV Systems theme if it clearly demonstrates how it strengthens Nigeria's MRV capabilities and supports national climate reporting needs. Applicants should ensure that their proposal aligns with the project's core objectives, including policy impact, data integration, and institutional capacity-building for relevant government counterparts. |

Building robust climate data and MRV systems" theme.

I feel that we can make a strong case around new sensor technology and farmer empowerment to provide data of national relevance based on prior work in Sub Saharan Africa and new Innovate networks we have scoped in Nigeria. I wanted to check if this sounds appropriate from your side before we commit time to the application.

The Terms of Reference emphasises an initial appraisal of data system needs (Activity 1) to assess political, economic, technical, and operational constraints before determining specific solutions. Thus, applicants should not pre-empt this appraisal with pre-determined solutions unless they can demonstrate that soil carbon assessment is a critical gap already identified within the MRV priorities of the key counterparts.

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I'm trying to fill in the T-o-C template (given to us in PowerPoint format). The instructions are to "Complete the template on slide 8, for your project," but I cannot enter text into any of the boxes on slide 8. Please advise.

To enter text in the ACTIVITIES column, click on the "A1." already in the box, you should be able to enter texts, and you can also highlight, and format should you need to do so.

To enter text in the PROBLEM, OUTPUT, INTERMEDIATE, OUTCOMES, & IMPACT column, go to the INSERT section (at the top of the page), select the TEXT BOX icon, then click ON THE BOX you want to insert your text, you should be good to go from there.

Would developing robust protocols for soil carbon assessment to support 'land use for carbon capture' policies align with the "Data and Monitoring for Climate Action: Building robust climate data and MRV systems" theme? Given the University of Plymouth's expertise in soil carbon assessment and evaluation of land use impacts of carbon capture, as well as our strong multi-sector partnership in Nigeria for promoting climatesmart agriculture, we believe we can make a compelling case for new sensor technology and farmer empowerment to generate nationally relevant data. This builds upon our prior work in Sub-Saharan Africa and newly established Innovate networks in Nigeria.

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After attending the UK PACT webinar on *Climate Policy and Governance* last week and connecting with my colleagues

A multi-country MRV support project is not currently within the scope of this Call for Proposals, as UK PACT country programmes are designed to respond to specific national priorities identified through direct engagement with government counterparts. In Nigeria, the Data and Monitoring for and we have a few follow-up questions.

Relating to Thematic area 2, Data and monitoring for climate action - establishing robust Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems to support evidence-based climate action and attract international climate finance, are there other countries that are requesting similar support (on MRV/Theme 2) that may have similar RfPs coming forward? We ask as we know through our close partnerships with governments in Kenya and Ethiopia that MRV is a critical topic right now.

At our organisation, we've been creating opportunities for cross-country exchanges and multi-country trainings around MRV to advance transparency as there are often common challenges between countries and opportunities to share lessons learned. In this breath, we are inquiring if UKPACT would be open or willing to support more countries on this topic, through perhaps a multi-country MRV support package project.

We understand if this is not possible through the current funding process but wanted to be sure to double check

I would like to confirm if the company I represent, is eligible for the UK PACT grant; We that operates a webapp to market and distribute solar energy products across Nigeria. The platform also supports service providers, linking them up with clients. Furthermore, we train others to provide these services, increasing the supply of Clea Energy service providers across Nigeria.

Climate Action theme reflects the government's need to strengthen its Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system to enhance climate transparency and attract international climate finance.

UK PACT has supported MRV-related projects in other countries, including Guyana, Bolivia, Indonesia, and Vietnam. While Kenya may share similar MRV challenges, this is not currently a priority within UK PACT's scope for Kenya, and Ethiopia is not currently supported by UK PACT.

We encourage both for profit and not for profit eligible organisation to apply. For-profit organisations can participate, either as the lead or through consortium. However, profit is not an eligible cost in UK PACT budgets, either as a direct cost or within overheads. Proposals must be submitted on a not-for profit basis.

I understand that the third category is "Enhancing Private Sector Capacity for Climate Action", I am asking because there were some parts about it being for non-profits.

| Eligibility criteria | |
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| Can our nonprofit organization use £ 120,000 as our total budget not £500,000 has been stated on the template | Yes, proposed budgets can be lower than the £500,000 maximum per financial year. Proposals will be assessed against the criteria listed in the terms of reference and considering a proportionate allocation of resources for comprehensive and efficient delivery of activities. |
| Is it a requirement to be registered in the country of the project? (We are a for-profit tech company based in Portugal with most of our operations in Nigeria and this grant project will be to support our operations in Nigeria. We have been operating in Nigeria since 2021.) | Applicants can be registered outside Nigeria provided they can demonstrate a strong understanding of the priorities and delivery context in Nigeria. They also need to bring relevant expertise and a solid track record of delivering similar work. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. |
| Are salaries that are crucial for the execution of this grant eligible if they are for our team in Portugal? | UKPACT funding can be used to pay for international consultants and salaries, as long as no profit is made and a strong value for money argument is presented as to why international consultants are best placed for the delivery of this project. |
| While the funding guidelines suggest a maximum duration of 18 months for the grant, we would prefer a 2-year duration to allow adequate time for the full implementation and demonstration of the technology in Nigeria. Could you kindly confirm if there is any flexibility regarding the timeline? | We currently cannot commit to more than 18 months at this stage – the implementation period is currently fixed at that duration which is tied to the overall programme contract duration. |
| Must projects be implemented by a consortium, or can a single organisation be the lead applicant? | UK PACT welcomes applications from consortia, however there are no restrictions on proposals being submitted by a single lead applicant. Organisations may apply to multiple projects, whether as a lead or a consortium member. Consortium partners and subcontractors may form part of multiple proposals to the same project. |
| How does UK PACT define the concept of a "non-profit basis" for private sector organisations? | Grant projects must be delivered with no element of profit or surplus included in the budget. More Information can be accessed on the Applicant Handbook provided in the application pack. |

| Are there specific restrictions on consultant fees or payments to external service providers? | The day rates used in the budget must reflect the direct cost of employing individuals and overheads or indirect costs must be transparently presented separately to the day rates. Profit is ineligible cost in a UK PACT grant budget. The preferred number of experts, their qualification and years of experience will be determined by the applicant. Value for money is a large part of the assessment criteria for UK PACT projects. There will be an expectation for organisations to be transparent in the way they have constructed budgets and to be able to demonstrate how they are offering good value for money. |
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| Will there be a preference in funding applicants that are not already supported by UKAid funding? Could PACT funding be used to extend existing programming? | Provided the project addressed the requirements detailed in the terms of reference for this call for proposals, UK PACT funding could be used to extend existing programming. This includes applicants already participating in UKAid opportunities as long as applicants demonstrate how the funding from UK PACT is additional and necessary, and not duplicative. The funding portion received from UK PACT must be for distinct activities with distinct, measurable outputs and outcomes. Applicants must also be able to separately track and report on spending against UK PACT funding. |
| Given the broad scope of works for each of these projects, how does PACT UK envisage that micro SMEs will: a) be reasonably able to respond to the scope as a sole entity b) make efforts to introduce and/or include micro SMEs in/with larger consortia? Frankly, it is unrealistic to think that a micro SME's can be a UK solution provider given this scope and budget limitation. | Attendees to this event can opt into sharing their details for the purpose of consortium building. |
| What is the minimum educational qualification for the lead applicant for UK PACT? | There is no specific educational qualification required for a lead applicant; however, we would expect any lead applicant to have significant experience delivering similar projects in Nigeria previously. |
| Will there be a platform where people can engage to uncover mutual interest and form a consortium with regard to the proposed projects? | Attendees to this event can opt into sharing their details for the purpose of consortium building in response to a survey that was circulated by email when the Call for Proposals (CfP) was launched in the week of the 17 February. |
| As a consulting firm, are we eligible to bid in a consortium with potential grantees? | Yes, private sector consultancies are eligible to participate in a proposal as part of a consortium. All projects must be delivered on a not-for-profit basis. |

| Who can apply for the proposed PACT projects? | The call for proposals if open to all private or third sector organizations (both for-profit and not-for-profit) with the skills to deliver a project addressing the needs identified in the terms of reference for the call for proposals. State-owned enterprises or government entities are not eligible to receive funding. |
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| Does the applicant/lead consortium or any other partners need to be registered in Nigeria to apply? | We invite all organisations with relevant experience in delivering technical assistance and capacity-building projects. This could be think-tanks, consultancies, academic institutions, community organisations, NGOs, professional associations, or any similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver an eligible project. While applicants can be registered outside Nigeria, they must demonstrate a strong understanding of Nigeria priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. This will be covered in the final Terms of Reference for the Call for Proposals. Details of this will be published on our website www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| What are the requirements needed to form a consortium? Can relevant EU or RoW based consultants be a part of a consortium where a UK consultancy is also a partner? Must (or would add value) a Nigerian organization be a part of the consortium? Could the lead partner be any of these? | Any of the organisations indicated in the question could be a lead applicant or a consortium member. It is strongly encouraged that consortia include a Nigerian organisation. We invite all organisations with relevant experience in delivering technical assistance and capacity-building projects. This could be think-tanks, consultancies, academic institutions, community organisations, NGOs, professional associations, or any similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver an eligible project. While applicants can be registered outside Nigeria, they must demonstrate a strong understanding of Nigeria priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. Additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, women-owned entities, youth-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities Government agencies, institutions, parastatals and/ or departments are not eligible to apply either as a lead organisation, or as a partner organisation within a consortium but can be listed as a beneficiary of the project. For-profit organisations can participate, either as the lead or through consortium. However, profit is not an eligible cost in UK PACT budgets, either as a direct cost or within overheads. Proposals must be submitted on a not-for profit basis. |
| Can University-based researchers apply for grants under UK PACT? | Provided they submit a proposal to address the requirements detailed in the Terms of Reference, Universities are eligible to deliver grant projects as part of UK PACT. |

| Can local organizations associate with two or more consortia? | Yes, it is acceptable for organizations to participate in multiple proposals but cannot apply more than once to the same project. Organisations may apply to multiple projects, whether as a lead or a consortium member. Consortium partners and subcontractors may form part of multiple proposals to the same project. |
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| Is there a minimum or maximum number of partners to form a consortium? | No, UK PACT does not stipulate a minimum or maximum number of members for a consortium. Moreso, co-applicants are not necessary, and proposals can be submitted by single organisations. |
| Could you please clarify, if international organizations are eligible to apply as a part of the consortium? | International organisations are eligible to participate in proposals both as the lead applicant and as a member of a consortium. While applicants can be registered outside Nigeria, they must demonstrate a strong understanding of Nigeria priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. Additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, women-owned entities, youth-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities and those led by people from marginalised groups |
| Are projects that involve up to 13% indirect cost eligible to apply? | There is no specific limit on the level of indirect costs included in a project budget, provided they complete the NPAC template in the budget and that they can be evidenced based on the applicant's historic audited accounts. |
| Application guidance | |
| What percentage of the budget can be allocated to capacity building, research, or policy engagement? | The programme does not specify a fixed percentage of the budget that must be allocated to capacity building, research, or policy engagement. Instead, proposals are expected to demonstrate a cost-effective approach that aligns with the objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference (ToR). Applicants should ensure that their budget allocations support the delivery of project outcomes while maintaining a reasonable balance between direct implementation activities and supporting components such as training, research, and stakeholder engagement. The Applicant Handbook provides detailed guidance on budget considerations and eligible costs, including expectations around value for money, financial management, and reporting requirements. This document will be available on the UK PACT website once the Call for Proposals is launched, and applicants are encouraged to refer to it for further clarification. Details of this will be published on our website: www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| What would be the maximum amount of project funded? | Projects stretching over multiple financial years may exceed £500,000 in their total value, however, within the budget, no single financial year should exceed the amount of £500,000. |

| | Higher project budgets may be considered on an exceptional basis depending on proposed activities and value for money against expected outcomes. |
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| You mention that projects need to demonstrate what outcomes they will achieve in a year even when the project is projected to be 18-months. Does this mean you require us to submit a budget/work plan of only one year? How will this materialise in the proposal submission itself? Or will this be further elaborated upon on the CfP/ToR? | All applications must include a Theory of Change to show the pathway from planned activities and outputs to expected outcomes and impact aligned with the UK PACT Program Theory of Change. Detailed guidance on this will be provided when the ToR for the call is launched. All the information will be published on www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria . |
| If the duration of the proposed project is 18 months, and the grant is £500,000 per year, does this mean the total budget will be 750,000? Please clarify. | Projects stretching over multiple financial years may exceed £500,000 in their total value, however, within the budget, no single financial year should exceed the amount of £500,000. As such, the cap for 18 months may be up to 1 million GBP. Higher project budgets may be considered on an exceptional basis depending on proposed activities and value for money against expected outcomes. |
| Beyond the funding period, what level of sustainability planning does UK PACT require from applicants? Are there preferred models for ensuring long-term impact? | UK PACT requires applicants to demonstrate a clear sustainability plan that ensures project impact extends beyond the funding period. While no specific model is prescribed, proposals should outline strategies for institutional integration, long-term resource mobilization, and capacity building to promote local ownership. Sustainability is embedded in the Terms of Reference (ToR) through minimum required activities and outputs designed to enhance long-term impact. Additionally, the selection criteria emphasize the need for robust stakeholder engagement and inclusive project design to support the adoption and sustainability of project outputs. The Terms of Reference (ToR) will be published on our website www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria |
| Are approved grants allocated based on milestones in advance or do the consortium members first carry the cost and then apply for reimbursement based on approved and documented costs? | Disbursements are typically made to the lead organisation in a consortium, in arrears on a quarterly basis, upon delivery and approval of quarterly reports. Only in exceptional circumstances (for example where upfront investment is required which would be unaffordable for the recipient organisation to manage) would we consider accommodating a request for payments in advance. We will manage any requests for payments in advance on a case-by-case basis and a robust rationale would be required for any payments in advance to be considered. |
| What technologies are you hoping to use for Data Monitoring-IoT, Cloud, AI? | Monitoring project activities should be covered by the applicant as part of their proposal. We also welcome innovative ideas on technology solutions for data collection and project monitoring to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the project(s). This is particularly relevant for the Building Robust Climate Data and MRV Systems project, where scalable and interoperable data solutions can play a key role in strengthening Nigeria's climate reporting and governance. |

| What are the call for proposal requirements? | This will be clearly outlined both as part of this event and in the terms of reference for this Call for Proposals. Details of this will be published on our website www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria |
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| What rate will the staff and consultancy be chargeable at? Will UK rates be acceptable? | Staff rates should reflect the direct cost to the organization for employing the individuals charged to the project, rough indicative ceilings will be included in the guidance provided with the budget template. |
| What is UK PACT's due process like in terms of documentation requirement for CSOs, regarding registration, annual reporting, tax status, etc.? | We require all applicants, including civil society organisations (CSOs), to undergo a due diligence process before signing a Grant Agreement. This involves providing documentation on registration, financial statements, tax compliance, governance, risk management, and safeguarding policies, with consideration for legal exemptions applicable to CSOs in Nigeria. Shortlisted applicants will complete a due diligence self-assessment and submit required documents within a set timeframe. Further information will be provided to successful applicants after the conclusion of the call for proposals process |
| Scope | |
| Can the applicants approach relevant government agencies and departments for further engagement and input to the development of their solutions? | Applicants should not directly engage with government counterparts regarding this project during the application process or before receiving an award, as the British High Commission Abuja is leading government engagement for this Call for Proposals. The proposed projects have been developed based on extensive consultations with the Government of Nigeria to ensure alignment with national priorities. |
| | However, we recognise that engaging with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies and departments, can provide valuable insights and help applicants refine their proposals based on the latest sector developments. While direct engagement with government on this specific project should be avoided to prevent confusion, applicants may use publicly available government resources, reports, and data to inform their submissions. |
| | Selected projects will undergo a co-creation phase during inception, where the UK PACT team and the implementing partner will collaborate closely with government counterparts to ensure alignment and integrate their input into project delivery. |
| When you mention expert deployment, are you specifically talking about deployments from the UK PACT team itself? | Expert Deployments are not included in this Call for Proposals, which focuses solely on funding grant projects. Instead, Expert Deployments is a separate mechanism which involves specialists selected from an external roster of experts, rather than the UK PACT team itself. |
| I received to calls for proposals from the Nigeria UK PACT 1) Climate Policy and Governance | They are two separate Calls for Proposals. We hosted a 2nd Market engagement webinar covering the Clean Energy Transition sector on 5 February 2025. |

| 2) Clean Energy Transition. |
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| Are these calls the same or different? |

| Financial management | |
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| What are the invoicing requirements for submission? Do you need invoices from us for activities we provide as part of the grant? | Implementing partners must provide quarterly financial reporting covering expenditure incurred during delivery of their agreed activities. After approval of the financial report, implementing partners will submit a payment request for the amount of expenditure they reported. |
| Is disbursement of grant based on milestones or one-off payment? Implementing partners will primarily be reimbursed quarterly in arrears for eligible costs incurred during the delivery of their project, based on their approved budget. | Implementing partners will primarily be reimbursed quarterly in arrears for eligible costs incurred during the delivery of their project, based on their approved budget. |
| Timelines, communication, and contacts | |
| Will the slides and recording be shared with the participants? | The slides and recording of the Market Engagement webinar can be found on the Nigeria –UK PACT webpage via https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria |
| When will the details of calls for proposals be published and when is the deadline for proposal submission? | This will be clearly outlined in the terms of reference once the call for proposals is launched during the week of 17th February 2025. Details of this will be published on our website www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/nigeria |
| Who will be our focal person on this in case of any challenges? Any email? | Please email any queries to <u>Nigeria@ukpact.co.uk</u> |