

South Africa-UK PACT: Just Energy Transition

Market Engagement Webinar

Agenda

12.00 (SAST)
Welcome and introduction to UK PACT 12.15 South Africa-UK PACT – Call for **Proposals** 12.50
Application process and requirements

13.25 Wrap-up and next steps

Welcoming remarks

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Introduction to UK PACT

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UK PACT: Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions

UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) is a unique capacity-building programme.

The programme is jointly governed and funded by the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) through the UK's International Climate Finance

UK PACT works in partnership with countries with high emissions reduction potential to support them to implement and increase their ambitions for tackling climate change



UK PACT: Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions

UK PACT delivers impact through a combination of **grant funding for longer term capacity-building projects and the rapid mobilisation of short term expertise for skill-shares and secondment opportunities.**

Capacity building activities must be delivered according to the key principles of effective technical assistance:

country-led transformational flexible opportunities for learning sustainable beyond exit

Supporting an inclusive transition

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)

UK PACT seeks to increase ambition on **inclusion** and **gender equality** and shift the approach from minimum compliance towards empowerment and transformation

Minimum Compliance

Empowerment



Transformation

Programmes that address basic needs and vulnerabilities of women and marginalised groups

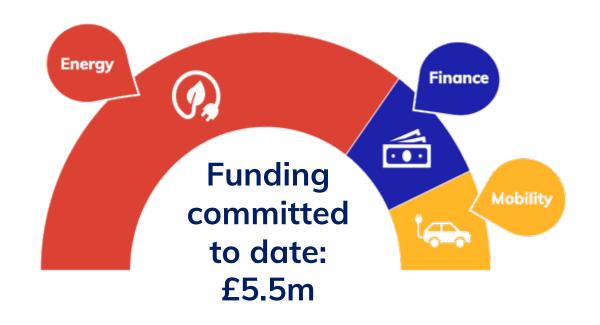
Programmes that build assets, capabilities and opportunities for women and marginalised groups Programmes that address unequal power relations and seek institutional and societal change

To achieve these objectives, GESI considerations are mainstreamed across the programme and built into its outputs accordingly

South Africa-UK PACT Country Programme

UK PACT has been partnering with South Africa since June 2020 to support the acceleration of the just transition and a low-carbon economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, UK PACT projects in South Africa have helped to drive the just transition through technical assistance for increased renewable energy uptake, sustainable transport, and green finance initiatives.



South Africa-UK PACT Country Programme

UK PACT forms a key part of the UK's technical assistance offer under the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP).

This agreement was announced at COP26, in which the UK, alongside France, Germany, the European Union and the United States pledged US\$8.5 billion to support the Government of South Africa's plans on climate action and energy transition



South Africa-UK PACT Call for Proposals

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UK in South Africa: supporting the Just Energy Transition

- South Africa has shown firm commitments to reducing emissions within a range of 420-350 megatons carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO2-eq) by 2030.
- The priorities and funding required to achieve this is defined through the 2023-2027 Just Energy Transition Investment Plan (JET-IP)
- We have identified key government departments responsible for the delivery of critical components of the JET-IP who will be the key recipients of capacity building activities.

Following engagement with the South African Government, UK PACT is launching a call for proposals in for projects across three thematic areas:

- Municipal energy generation
- Green hydrogen
- Green Finance

We are asking for proposals across three thematic areas of support

- Municipal energy generation technical assistance to enable and promote renewable energy generation, energy sector and electricity pricing reform at local government level.
- **Green hydrogen** technical assistance to support green hydrogen initiatives and the implementation of the South Africa 'Green Hydrogen Commercialisation Strategy'.
- **Green Finance** technical assistance to increase the alignment of the South African green finance taxonomy with global taxonomies.

Thematic area 1: Project A



Municipal energy generation – Policy research and support for energy pricing reform and municipal energy procurement

Key government counterpart: The Presidential Climate Commission (PCC)

- Develop recommendations on electricity pricing, municipal business models, market design, and provide the skills and capacity building required for implementation.
- It is anticipated that this will have three key streams of work:
 - Stream 1: Determining cost to serve
 - Stream 2: Developing financial and business models
 - Stream 3: Market design and policy advice

Thematic area 2: Project B



Municipal energy generation – Provide technical and legal support to municipalities to increase their ability to procure energy independently and implement a just energy transition

Key government counterpart: South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

- Research and develop various contracting models and templates for municipalities, to be converted into training material and a training programme for implementation
- Draw lessons from local and global studies on alternative ownership models, supported by economic impact modelling to inform an inclusive approach to energy procurement

Thematic area 1: Project C



Municipal energy generation – Develop a Demand Side Management (DSM) programme to reduce the electricity demand from targeted districts and local municipalities

Key government counterpart: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)

- It is anticipated that this will involve the delivery of research and recommendations across three key streams:
 - Stream 1: Stakeholder mapping and establishment of governance structures
 - Stream 2: DSM projects and concepts with funding estimates
 - Stream 3: Monitoring and evaluation to measure energy efficiency and emissions reductions

Thematic area 2

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Green Hydrogen – Tackling barriers to green hydrogen investment and progression of the Green Hydrogen Commercialisation Strategy (GHCS) project pipeline

Key government counterpart: Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)

- It is anticipated that this support to IDC will include two streams:
 - Stream 1: Targeted, site-specific technical assistance and studies on topics including H2 pipelines, ports, electricity and water security,
 - Stream 2: Provision of project investment decision support to the GHCS pipeline projects

Thematic area 3



Green Finance – Development of recommendations to increase the alignment of the South African green finance taxonomy with global taxonomies

Key government counterpart: National Treasury

- Develop clear and actionable recommendations on potential changes in the green finance taxonomy in South Africa
- It is anticipated that this will involve the delivery of research and recommendations across two streams:
 - Stream 1: Forensic comparison of the European Union and United Kingdom taxonomies with the South African taxonomy
 - Stream 2:Recommendations on targeted ways to increase international compatibility



Application process and requirements



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The upcoming Call for Proposals

supporting Just Energy Transition

- Projects will be selected through a one-stage open and competitive call for proposals
- The duration of each project will be 12-24 months (with a possibility for longer projects)
- Grants of up to GBP 500,000 per project per financial year (Apr-Mar) will be awarded to successful applicants
- All projects must be delivered on a not-for-profit basis. Eligible costs will include:
 - Consultancy and/or staff time required to deliver activities
 - Reasonable travel and subsistence costs <u>for receipted actual</u> <u>expenditures only</u>
 - Other costs directly related to activities and outputs (workshops, seminars, production of reports, translation etc.)
- We cannot award funding for tangible assets e.g. cars, machinery, solar panels.

How to respond to the thematic areas

How many themes can I apply for?

- Proposals must provide a comprehensive solution for at least one of the stated projects
- You can apply to multiple thematic areas and projects, but cannot apply more than once to the same project
- Where it makes sense to do so, projects within and across themes can be combined
- Each proposal will be assessed independently
- All proposals must be able to demonstrate how they would achieve impact within one year (even those that are planned for longer)

Organisation eligibility

- ✓ Think tanks, academic institutions, NGOs, professional associations or similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver technical assistance projects relating to one of the thematic areas outlined
- ✓ Experience of delivering similar projects
- ✓ We encourage consortia of organisations to coordinate to deliver projects.
- Locally led consortia are encouraged, and we encourage that all consortia have at least one local partner.
- ✓ Organisations operated on a for-profit basis can only participate as a partner within a consortium and are <u>not</u> eligible to apply as the lead implementing partner of a proposal.
- ✓ Government agencies and/or departments are <u>not</u> eligible to apply either as a lead organisation, or as a partner organisation within a consortium



UK PACT Selection criteria

Selection criteria will focus on grant project design and potential impact, project and financial management and GESI

There will be a strong emphasis on:

- The extent to which projects respond to the objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference
- The degree to which projects fit within the overall UK PACT Theory of Change
- The extent to which gender equality and social inclusion have been given priority within the project plan and outputs
- The plans for managing the project, including confidence that evidence of outputs achieved and progress reporting will be delivered on schedule
- The plans for ensuring value for money

Indicative process and timeline

One stage process for the selection of projects



Results monitoring and case studies

- Proposals will include the submission of a Theory of Change describing proposed project outputs and their expected impact
- The outputs proposed by projects should be aligned with the 4 output types in the UK PACT Theory of Change (ToC)
- Projects will be encouraged to identify opportunities for developing case studies
- Further guidance on UK PACT's programme level MEL framework is available in our Applicant Handbook

UK PACT Outputs

Skills & capabilities enhanced

Recommendations proposed

Knowledge products created / communication products disseminated

Networks established / strengthened

UK PACT: High level theory of change

Outputs

Skills and capability enhanced

Inputs

Project activities and technical expertise

Recommendations proposed

Knowledge and communication products

Network links established

Intermediate Outcomes

Improved political economies for accelerated climate actions

Outcomes

Enhanced, sustained and inclusive action on emissions reduction

Impact

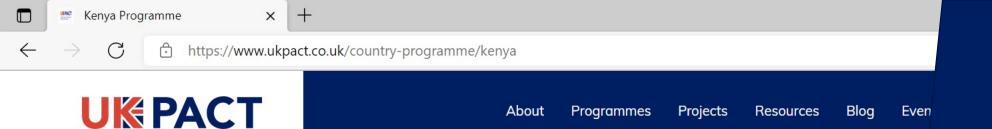
Accelerated
emissions
reductions that
support just
transitions

Planning for project management

UK PACT projects can be demanding due to the requirement to submit evidence of all outputs that have been achieved. Applicants must ensure there is sufficient resourcing within teams and in budgets to meet these expectations

- Projects will be expected to report on project outputs as they are achieved
- Projects will be expected to complete technical, financial and risk reporting on a quarterly basis
- Project management, results measurement and gender equality and social inclusion are all priorities for UK PACT and we encourage applicants to plan and budget for these tasks adequately
- All projects will need to appreciate the current energy context in South Africa and ensure their work promotes greater energy security and equality.

UK PACT will carry out an annual review process to ensure quality delivery and responsiveness to the South African Government's demand



Application specifications

Application timeline

How to apply

Projects will be selected through an open call to prospective applicants with a one stage competitive selection process.

All applications must be made through the **Country Programmes Opportunities Portal**. Applicants will need to register on the portal before they can apply. You can find instructions on how to register and apply on the portal in our Applicant Handbook **here.**

All the guidance and templates you will need to make an application will be found on the Country Programmes Opportunities Portal when you apply. You can also view the key guidance documents here:

- Terms of reference detailing the specific details of what types of project we are looking for and the selection criteria.
- **Applicant Handbook** general guidance about eligibility, how to design a UK PACT project, how to develop a UK PACT budget and how to complete our due diligence process.
- **Draft Grant Agreement** This is the agreement you will sign. You should read this and check that you can accept the terms before you apply.

To make an application, three templates must be completed and submitted on the Country Programmes Opportunities Portal - these

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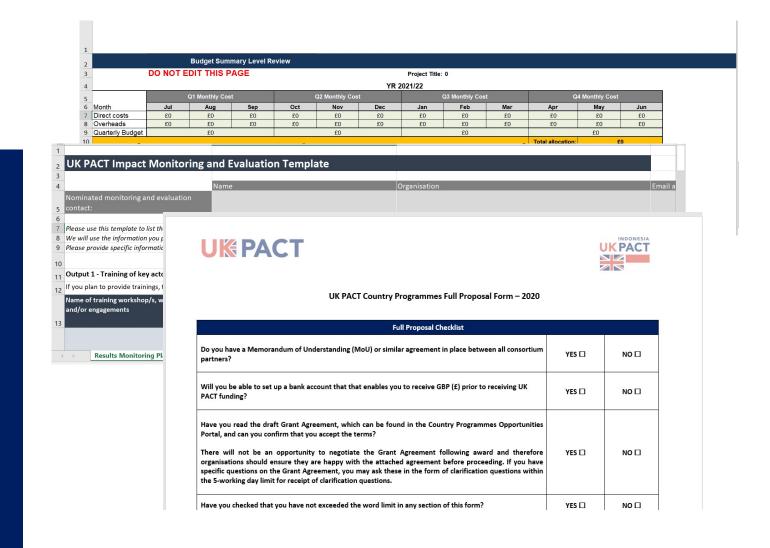
Portal and we invite prospective applicants to register on the portal in advance of the launch

Completing an application

Three templates must be completed:

- 1. UK PACT Country Programmes Proposal Template
- 2. UK PACT Country Programmes Budget and Workplan Template
- 3. UK PACT Country Programmes
 Monitoring and Evaluation
 Template

These will be available on the portal when you apply



List of reference documents to complete an application

The Applicant Handbook, Implementing Partner Handbooks and full terms of reference will be published alongside the calls for proposals

Other useful references available on the website:

- Draft Accountable Grant Arrangement
- GESI Ambition Statement
- Country Programmes FAQs

Visit: https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/south-africa

Q&A

Wrap-up and next steps

Next steps

Reminder on upcoming timeframes for application

- The slides and ToR will be published on the South-UK PACT web page in the coming days. Visit: www.ukpact.co.uk/countryprogramme/southafrica
- Call for Proposals will be launched on 16 August 2023 on the South Africa-UK PACT web page above
- Survey will be emailed to participants to help consortium-building and for additional feedback on this webinar
- Any questions not addressed will be answered through clarifications questions once call has been launched
- For any technical issues when registering on the application portal please contact: support@touchstonereview.com



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