



# Designing an innovation program

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IE Annual Readiness Seminar: Focus  
on Innovation

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**Exploring the  
innovation design  
space to identify  
best practices**

# NIE Process

- What is the NIE's approach in designing innovation projects ?
  - What are the main Challenges faced ?
- Some challenges :
- Obtaining local financing for climate action
  - Measuring progress : Clear baselines and robust M&E systems



# UNEP/ CTCN Process: From Request to Implementation

## 1 Request Submission



Interested parties in developing countries contact their national focal point (National Designated Entity, NDE) to request climate technology assistance. The NDE confirms the alignment of the request with its national climate priorities and passes it along to the CTCN.

[Learn more about NDEs](#)

## 2 Response Plan Design



The CTCN collaborates with the NDE and applicants to develop a tailored technology transfer plan, called 'Response Plan'.

## 3 Bidding Process



The Climate Technology Centre selects a Consortium or Network member to implement the technology solutions.

## 4 Project Implementation



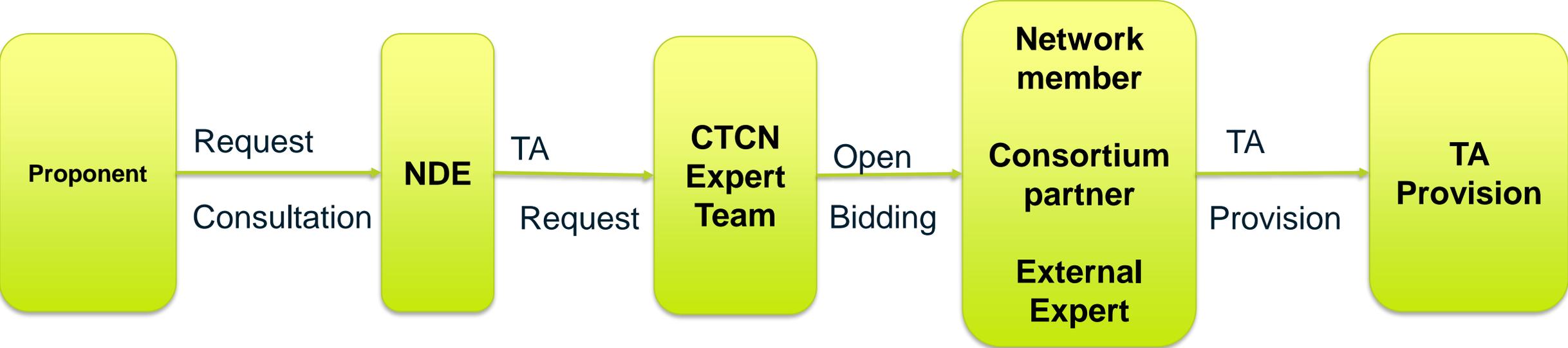
The selected Network member through a bidding process implements the projects according to the 'Response Plan', and the Climate Technology Centre conducts due diligence of deliverables including its closure reports and impact statements.

## 5 Monitoring and Evaluation



The Climate Technology Centres regularly reach out to the NDEs, project implementers and project proponents to follow up to collect the lessons learned and impacts achieved in countries.

# Technical Assistance (TA) process



# UNEP/ CTCN Process

- Does the request fall within the CTCN's Programme of work
- How innovative is the project
- What is the potential for scale up ?
- How is the Stakeholder engagement during the project development stage and implementation phase ?
- Format – Open vs, Closed
- Embracing iterative feedback and refinement



# Gaps –



# Best practices

- Targeting high impact sectors
- Potential for Upscaling
- Targeted stakeholders



# Case study: RANET



**Workshop on  
innovation projects**

# Call to action!



- Participants are invited to draft outlines of their own innovation projects.

# AFCIA II

- 10 Million USD to support Climate Change Adaptation funded by the AF.
- We are sourcing 60 projects :
- 40 in Climate Change adaptation technologies,
- 10 in NSI
- 10 scale up of technologies already piloted and
- 3 concept notes ...
- Sourcing starts now,
- Open to all developing countries

**Primary objective:** Support countries to test, scale up and leverage innovative, transformative, and locally led climate adaptation technologies across the technology cycle and anchor these into National Systems of Innovation.

**Sub-objectives of AFCIA II are as follows:**

- Encourage, test, and demonstrate climate adaptation technology innovation across technology development stages and sectors.
- Scale up high-impact adaptation technology innovation for accelerated impact.
- Create favourable enabling environments for continuous innovation capacities.
- Share knowledge and build capacity on adaptation technologies, including promoting digital public goods through CTCN's platform.



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