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Tonga NDA's No Objection Procedure

Training for the JNAP Secretariat and Task Force on how to effectively implement the NObP

What is a No Objection?

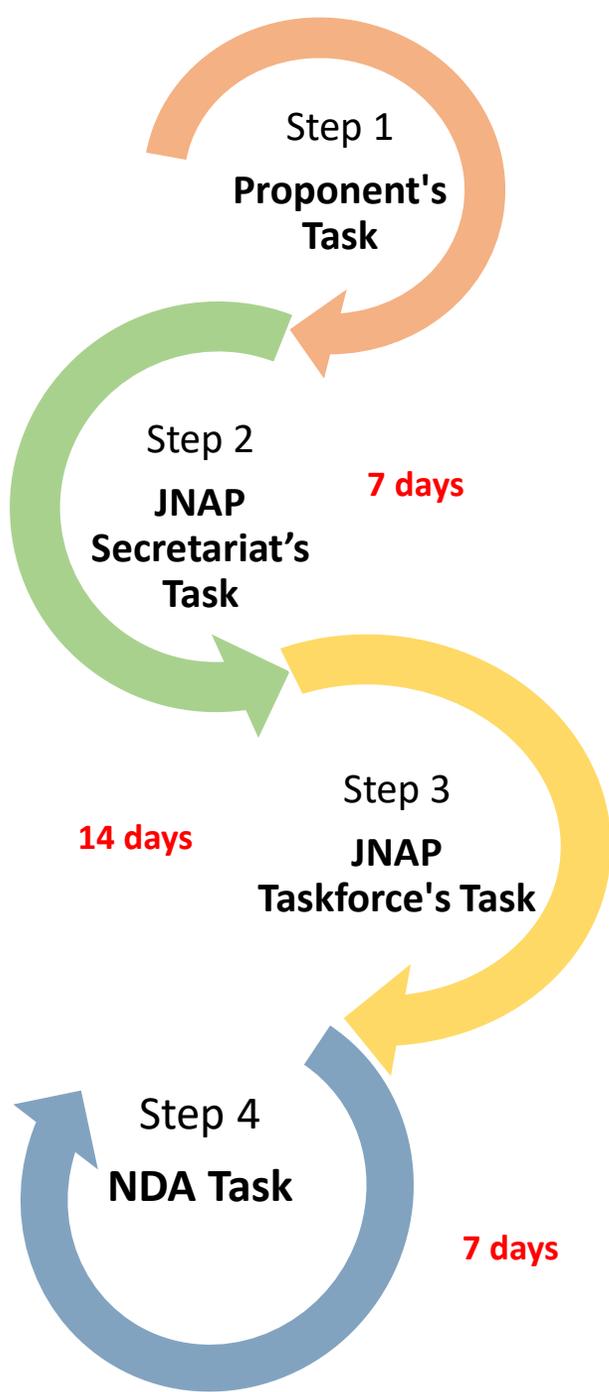
- A condition for approval of all funding proposals submitted to the Green Climate Fund.

The No objection procedure is a national process carried out by the country's National Designated Authority (NDA) on all projects and programmes intending to apply for funding from the GCF.

Purpose

To ensure consistency with national climate change strategies and plans to provide country ownership via effective direct and indirect public and private sector financing by the Fund.

- JNAP2
- Climate Change Policy
- TSDF II
- Sector Plans
- All other climate-driven strategies



- Formulates project idea(s) by completing Project Concept Form in Annex 1;
- Submits Form to the JNAP Secretariat under the Department of Climate Change, MEI/DECC;
- Responsible for preparing all relevant information and supporting data for development of project concept note(s).

- Evaluates project idea(s) against Project Concept Pre-evaluation in Annex 2;
- Schedules JNAP Task Force meeting to review project idea(s) and provide secretarial support in facilitating the NObP;
- Responsible for communicating recommendation/decision between JNAP Task Force, NDA and Proponent.

- Reviews project idea(s) using Project Screening Report in Annex 3;
- May request additional expertise relevant to project idea if not found within the JNAP Task Force;
- Responsible for providing NDA with recommendation based on screening results.

- Makes a decision based on the recommendations of the JNAP Task Force;
- Issues Letter of Request to Accredited Entity to develop full proposal for submission to GCF;
- Responsible for submitting No Objection Letter in support of project concept to ensure NObP was followed.

Figure 1. Tonga NDA NObP Implementation Arrangement

Annex 1. Project Concept Form

Step 1 – To be submitted by the Proponent

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Concept/Project Title:		Project Feasibility and Risk Assessments (attach if available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender equality and social inclusions (GESI) • Cost benefit analysis • Technical assessment • Vulnerability assessment • Identified Risks and Solutions • Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)
Implementing Organisation(s):	Project Contact Details:	
Duration:	Status:	How does the project link to GoT priorities? (CCP, JNAP2, TSDF, Sector Plans, etc.)
Total Funding:	Funding Source(s): Green Climate Fund	
Mode of financing [e.g. through GoT system]	Location & site(s):	Progress to date and current activities [100 words max]
Scope:	Project Type:	
Lead Gov't/Agency Department: Validation Letter(s) attached: Yes/No	Other Gov't/Partner Agencies:	Outputs and Outcomes [IEC materials, guidelines & handbooks, certified trainings, resources....]
Sectors & Themes [Mitigation, Adaptation, Governance, Water, Agriculture, etc.]		
Rationale and Objective(s) [100 words max] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the rationale for the project? What is the baseline? • What is the primary need, and how was it identified? • Is this program building on any previous activities or policy? 		Project Sustainability [exit strategy]
Description [1-2 paragraphs per topic max] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline key project components • What related projects are being undertaken in the area? • Potential overlaps/duplication to be resolved • Risk Management Strategies • How will it be implemented? • Will the project fund local positions? Where? 		

- The proponent, which will be the executing entity (EE), can be a government ministry/agency or non-government organization including private sector. The EE, in partnership with an accredited entity (AE), will develop the project idea into a concept note and later into a full proposal. There may be more than one EE or AE involved in the development of a project.

Annex 2. Project Concept Pre-evaluation

Step 2 – To be completed by the JNAP Secretariat

- How were the stakeholders and communities consulted, and what concerns and feedback were raised?
- Has the concept or project assessed potential environmental and social risks, and were the risks shared and discussed among stakeholders and agreed solutions to address those risks were identified?
- Does the project have the support of stakeholders and communities?
- What are the gender aspects of the project that provided equal considerations and opportunity to males and females?
- Is there similar work happening in the project's focus area? Have the differences, similarities or how existing and proposed activities complement or reinforce each other?

Annex 3. Project Screening Report

Step 3 – JNAP Task Force

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Step 3 – To be completed by JNAP Task Force

Concept/Project Title	
Criteria	Guiding Questions
1. Project Rationale	1.1 Does the idea/concept have a compelling rationale and clearly link to reducing climate variability or vulnerability? 1.2 Has the primary need for the project been identified and justified? 1.3 Is there sufficient evidence to support this, e.g. a study or a survey report?
Yes or No	Comments:
2. Project objective versus baseline	2.1 Has the objective of the project/concept been clearly defined? 2.2 Has a baseline been identified and clearly explained? For example, an emissions/vulnerability scenario discussed? 2.3 Has the concept been explained clearly and how the baseline scenario will be improved?
Yes or No	Comments:
3. Policy coherence and alignment to national priorities, country ownership and national support	3.1 Does the objective align with the national climate change priorities, strategies, and/or policy targets, i.e. the TSDF, JNAP2, NDC, National Climate Change Policy, Sector and/or Community Resilient or Development Plans? 3.2 Does the concept assist with meeting targets for mitigation, adaptation and/or disaster risk management? 3.3 Is national, sector or community support sufficiently evidenced, e.g. a letter of support from national counterpart(s) (i.e. line ministry and/or department, provincial counterpart, and/or other community-based institutions)?
Yes or No	Comments:
4. Implementing and executing entity background and capacity	4.1 Do the implementing and executing entities have sufficient/suitable capacity and technical expertise in relation to the concept scope and its components?

	14.3 Does the project clearly explain co-benefits? i.e. specific economic, social, environmental and gender-sensitive development impact co-benefits? (Examples include improved access, standard of living, public health, energy security or ecosystem health)
Yes or No	Comments:
15. Impact potential	15.1 Mitigation: Does the project contribute to a shift to low-emission sustainable development pathways? For example, carbon emissions reduced and/or cost-effectiveness, i.e. total project cost compared to carbon emissions reduced. 15.2 Adaptation: contribution to increased climate-resilient sustainable development, e.g. number of direct/indirect beneficiaries relative to total population.
Yes or No	Comments:
16. Paradigm shift potential	16.1 Does the project have the potential to catalyse impact in the long-term and beyond the scope of the proposed project (potential for scaling-up and replication of the project, knowledge and learning, contribution to regulatory frameworks, policies and public planning, mobilization of other actors, market development and transformation)?
Yes or No	Comments:
17. Efficiency and effectiveness	17.1 Is the project economically and financially sound, taking into consideration the total funding requested, financing already or expected to be secured, any potential revenues and in-kind contributions?
Yes or No	Comments:
Conclusion	
JNAP Task Force Member	Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Name:	Signature:

- The JNAP Task Force is to make recommendations based on the screening reports to the NDA for granting no objection letter of support for project idea/concept.

NDA role

- The NDA is responsible for issuing a letter of request to the appropriate accredited entity to develop the project concept note and proposal against the GCF's standards. A No Objection Letter should be provided to the GCF Secretariat in conjunction with any submission of a funding proposal seeking funding.