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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS

Micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprise pilot programme

Request for funding proposals from qualified financial institutions

Clarification requested	Response
1. Can you give any guidance on the length of concept notes that you expect (e.g. in terms of number of pages). This will help me better gauge the amount of detail to include.	We do not have any formal recommendation on the length of the concept note, but up to 10 pages is acceptable.
2. National Designated Authority – our concept is multi-country and we expect to confirm the participating countries if we get to the full proposal stage. Could this approach work and if so, could you give any guidance how to complete section a.4 of the concept note template? E.g. can I simply state ‘to be confirmed’.	Entities can confirm the participating countries at the full proposal stage, and can say ‘to be confirmed’. However, any letters of support from countries or any information they have now on target countries would be useful, even if a full list is not available at this time.
3. The form has 5 numbered pages. Is the form to be maximum 5 pages? if not is there a recommended maximum?	Please see response 1.
4. We are applying for a project under the MSMS pilot program. Should we write our proposed project title or the MSMS name?	Please look at the concept note guidance for how to fill in the concept note and the RFP for how to submit it. Please use the name of the project on the concept note, but when submitting the proposal to the GCF please use the following subject heading and document title respectively: a. “Ref No (FP 2016/PSF/001) – MSME Programme”

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	b. "Ref No (FP 2016/PSF/001) – MSME Programme (name of proposer)"
5. Our project idea is a global facility that will assist MSMS companies in LDC in relation to scaling up forestry and land use climate relevant projects. We will thus not have a NDA. Would endorsement from possible African NDAs be required?	Entities do not need a no-objection letter at the concept note stage, although any endorsement or support from NDAs or countries would be useful. Please indicate any target countries if possible.
6. rg. A12. our project proposal is for the establishment of a new evergreen facility. How should we fill in this question?	Please indicate the lifespan of the GCF's involvement in the project
7. Rg question H1. Is it required to have a pre-feasibility study completed and attached for this particular RfP?	It is not required to have a pre-feasibility study unless it's for infrastructure. In the case of an MSME focused project a market study should be sufficient.
8. Do we need to be accredited in order to submit the Concept Note? Or would we be able to go through the Accreditation process in a second step?	An entity would have to be accredited to submit a proposal, and can't become accredited as a second step. An alternative would be to work through an accredited entity, who would have to submit the proposal. A link to our AEs can be found here: http://www.greenclimate.fund/partners/accredited-entities
9. Regarding the MSME Pilot Programme (FP2016/PSF/001) document, we are not clear whether CABEI as a potential Accredited Entity and qualified financial institution that has a proven track record and wide experience working with MSMES in the Central American region may present a Concept Note through this Pilot Program by itself or it is required to present a Concept Note in	Please refer to response 8.

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<p>partnership with an already accredited entity.</p> <p>The above considering the following sections of the MSMS Enterprise Pilot Programme:</p> <p>Section II “Scope and focus of the assignment”, paragraph 4</p> <p>Subsection 2.2 “Project/Programme”, paragraph 23, item (c) Implementing entity readiness (i)</p> <p>Subsection 2.3 “Eligible entities”, paragraph 26.</p>	
<p>10. Does GCF consider smallholder farmers as MSME in its definition, as well as local lenders (e.g. microfinance institutions and local banks or agribusiness lenders)?</p>	<p>Entities are requested to provide the definition of MSMEs they plan to use in their proposal</p>