



## IKI Collaborations

# The NAMA Facility

## A Learning Hub for Climate Action

The NAMA Facility is a strong agent against climate change and for the empowerment of its partner countries. The successful mitigation tool based on the idea of NAMAs (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions) is helping developing countries worldwide to fulfil Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement. The NAMA Facility runs competitive Calls for NAMA Support Projects (NSPs) and selects the most promising to provide financing support for their implementation.

### **NAMA Facility's Mission: Competitive Calls for NAMA Support Projects**

The NAMA Facility was founded in 2012 jointly by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) of the United Kingdom. In 2015, the Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate (EFKM) and the European Union joined the programme as new donors, as well as the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) in 2021. The NAMA Facility has earmarked 667 million euros in funding to hold open competitive Calls for applications and select NSPs. So far, the NAMA Facility has conducted eight Calls, not including the latest Ambition Initiative Call, through which 39 NSPs were chosen for further development and implementation. Calls are open to multiple sectors, ranging from agriculture and waste to energy and transportation, in all Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible countries.

All projects need to consist of two components: the provision of financial support and technical cooperation instruments. Projects are assessed along official eligibility criteria, as well as ambition and feasibility criteria; examples include national embeddedness, quality and combination of policies and financial mechanisms and the presence of public and private sector support and involvement. Ambition criteria, which help ensure that the NAMA Facility supports the most ambitious NAMAs, include transformational change potential, financial ambition, and mitigation potential.

### **NSP Spotlight: The Gambia Grid-Connected Solar**

The NSP "The Gambia- Investing in Grid-Connected Solar" aims to support financing of grid-connected renewable energy Independent Power Producers (IPPs), which will be supplying renewable electricity based on solar PV into six regional electricity grids. The project, based on the NAMA "Rural Electrification with Renewable Energy in the Gambia" and a grid-connected solar feasibility study, will generate approximately 30-40,000 MWh of electricity from solar PV and increase renewable energy's share in regional grids to 43 per cent. Annual emissions reductions of at least 7200 tCO<sub>2</sub> have been anticipated.

#### **Investing in Grid-Connected Solar**

Country: Gambia

Funding volume: €10.6 million, Project duration: 2020-2025

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### Thailand Rice NAMA

Country: Thailand, Funding volume: €14.9 million

Project duration: 2018–2023

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### NSP Spotlight: Thailand Rice

In Thailand, almost 60 per cent of agricultural emissions are caused by the rice sector. The NSP “Thailand Rice NAMA”, started in 2018, strives to disseminate advanced farming techniques that will save 30 per cent of water usage and simultaneously cut the farmer’s costs by 53 per cent, increase yields and profits, and enhance food safety. Above all, the transformation of cultivation practices will reduce annual emissions by 1.664 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e.

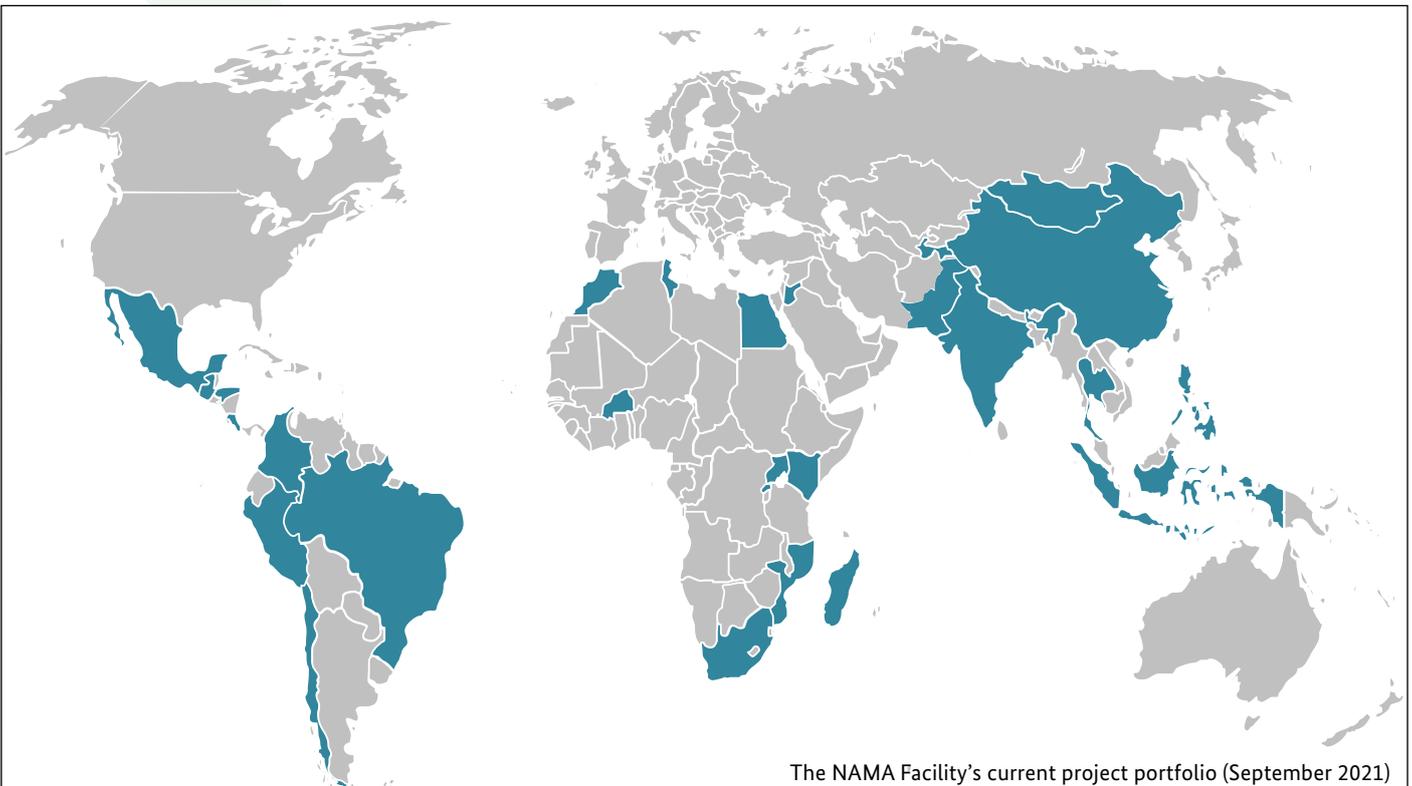
### The Ambition Initiative

In 2020, the NAMA Facility launched the Ambition Initiative with an overall funding of 177 million euros, which supports those countries that have updated and increased their NDCs and gear toward a carbon-neutral economy, while contributing to green recovery efforts from the Covid-19 pandemic. The Call especially reiterates the need for alignment with global partnerships, like the NDC Partnership and extends the scope to cover novel technologies.

The Ambition Initiative also features higher upper funding volumes of 25 million euros per NSP and offers disbursement of additional budget for highly successful NSPs. The first Call closed on 31 May 2021.

### The NAMA Facility’s Vision for the Future

The NAMA Facility functions as a learning hub that collects and shares best practices, gathers lessons learnt and monitors the progress of the partner countries’ NSPs. It also engages in the evaluation and learning exercises (ELEs). Such practices help build the capacity of future applicants and set examples for other governments. With good practice examples of NSPs and the spirit of fearless learning, the NAMA Facility hopes to inspire others to raise ambition and replicate strategies and techniques.



The NAMA Facility’s current project portfolio (September 2021)

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