

Prior Information Notice

Improving Access to Climate Finance for Transport Projects in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)

This is a prior information notice (PIN) only. A call for competition will be launched once the Terms of Reference are fully defined and approved.

The High Volume Transport Applied Research Programme (HVT) is a seven-year, £18 million investment by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) to undertake research into the complex and interrelated issues of sustainable transport development across Africa and South Asia. This new body of research aims to help inform the decisions of policymakers in low-income countries and make road and rail transport greener, safer and more accessible, affordable and inclusive and to ultimately make good investment decisions that will help drive economic development and poverty reduction. HVT is delivered through a Programme Management Unit led by the international development consultancy DT Global. More information about the HVT Programme [can be found here](#).

HVT will be seeking to appoint a Research Supplier to map out and analyse recent developments in the climate finance landscape. They will need to investigate existing constraints and provide evidence-based solutions/recommendations on how the public and private sector can better position eligible projects to access the growing range and scale of climate finance and risk management instruments available for greener transport development in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). This is expected to include a review of the key barriers to scaling up private sector financing for climate adaptive transport, as well as a review of the legal and institutional arrangements and sector wide reforms necessary to improve access to finance for transport projects that contribute to National Determined Contributions in LMICs.

According to the recent report by the Climate Policy Initiative, climate finance reached a record high of \$612 billion in 2019, with transport accounting for 20%. However, only 21% of climate finance went to LMICs. Moreover, only 5% of climate finance was blended with private finance, indicating a large untapped potential for leveraging private capital.

HVT is seeking to engage a Research Supplier to establish the scale of the opportunity presented by the emerging scope of climate finance products and resources available, provide evidence-based recommendations for how they can be accessed for transport sector projects in LMICs, and how this information can be disseminated widely to build capacity and improve access to climate finance for transport sector projects in LMICs.

The project aims to produce clear decision supporting tools and guidelines that could subsequently be used in a digital Climate Finance Toolkit that will serve as a readily accessible online repository of knowledge products and capacity development resources.

The potential beneficiaries of the study will include regional and national LMIC governments, transport infrastructure and service providers, as well as transport users, research bodies, universities, civil society and beneficiaries of land and water transport in LMICs in Africa, South Asia and elsewhere.

The study will deliver a Research Report, a Policy Guide and an academic paper. It will be carried out in two phases. Phase 1 will draw lessons from the current practice on private sector financing, Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and concession agreements, and propose ways of increasing access to climate and private finance. The reviews will involve consultations with partners and LMIC stakeholders'. Phase 2 will publish at least one academic paper and develop, validate, and prepare for publication of the Policy Guide.

The HVT Programme will demand experts that have the necessary professional skills and experience in private sector investment in transport and management of infrastructure, as well as the ability to deliver an innovative, convincing, concise, comprehensive and user-friendly Policy Guide.

Important Note

This is a Prior Information Notice, not a call for competition/ tender at this time. No tender documents are available at this stage. The project for Improving Access to Climate Finance for Transport Projects in Low and Middle-Income Countries will be advertised for competitive tender at a later stage by the HVT PMU.

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