

Canada and Germany are key partners in international climate and environmental protection.

The **UNFCCC COP 27** in November 2022 emphasized the urgent need to address the related crises of climate change and biodiversity loss in a comprehensive and synergistic manner. On December 19, 2022, world leaders adopted the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, including the target to minimize the impact of climate change on biodiversity.

As in recent years, the German Embassy in Canada aims to fund environmental and climate projects under the Climate Diplomacy Fund to further enhance the exchange of ideas between governments, business, science, civil society and/or other multipliers.

## Call for Ideas

The German Embassy in Canada is seeking ideas for climate projects that support the opinion-forming process.

We are inviting interested parties to submit ideas by email by February 24, 2023, to: wi-2@otta.diplo.de; wi-10@otta.diplo.de.

Ideas should focus on Nexuses between Climate and Biodiversity.

Changes in biological diversity, e.g. through changes in land use, deforestation, overexploitation of natural resources and pollution have a negative impact on the climate system, especially through influences on carbon, nitrogen and water cycles. At the same time, the climate crisis is causing the biodiversity crisis: increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere lead to increased average temperatures, changed precipitation patterns, increased frequency of extreme weather events and oxygen depletion and acidification of the oceans, which in turn has a strong impact on biodiversity. The other way around - protecting biodiversity helps our climate and protecting our climate helps biodiversity. The idea should address the cross-connections between climate protection and environmental/nature protection and contribute to overcoming silo thinking.



The **format** is flexible, e.g. conferences, workshops, side events, trainings, risk analyses, exchanges of German and Canadian experts, and/or networking of think tanks. It can be virtual or in person, but travel costs should be a minor part of the total budget.

## Ideas should contain

- A short outline (including title, goal, specific objectives & measurable targets, brief description of planned activities, timeline, availability of co-funding by your institution, potential cooperation with international, regional or local partners, target group, public and media impact as well as strategy);
- A budget estimate in EUR;
- Information on the specific expertise of your organization including network and outreach.

Please note that all activities must be completed by **Dec. 13, 2023**. In principle, the budget for projects should be between € 10,000 – 30,000.

## **Procedure**

The German Embassy will assess the ideas and seek funding for a limited number of projects under the Climate Diplomacy Fund. Please note that the selection of a project based on your idea does not automatically imply that your organization will be the implementing partner. The choice of the final implementing partner will be made in line with the relevant funding requirements and legislation. Following our procurement guidelines, the Embassy can be required to source a number of offers for the implementation of specific project proposals depending inter alia on the type and amount of funding required. The relevant follow-up steps (allocation contract or procurement process including call for tenders if certain financial limits are exceeded) will be implemented after the German Embassy has received approval for carrying out specific projects under the Climate Diplomacy Fund 2023. We ask you to submit ideas only, if you agree that other experts/organizations may compete for its implementation. For the idea, as such, there will be no compensation or remuneration.

