

## **Annex 1**

### **1. About the A2D Facility**

The Accelerate-to-Demonstrate (A2D) Facility aims to accelerate the commercialization of innovative clean energy solutions in developing countries (those that are eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA), as per the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) [list of ODA-eligible countries](#)). It focuses on providing grant support for the implementation of “lighthouse” demonstration projects in critical minerals, clean hydrogen, industrial decarbonization and smart energy.

The A2D Facility fills an important gap in the landscape of climate innovation funds that support developing countries through international climate finance and ODA, as it targets the demonstration phase of the climate innovation chain, and focuses on the implementation and operation phases, rather than the planning phases, of demonstration projects. The programme targets those projects that have a “lighthouse” effect and have the potential to have transformational impacts in supported countries. This complements the existing landscape by filling the gap between programmes supporting earlier-stage smaller projects and larger commercial-scale projects, and ensuring that demonstration projects are integrated within a broader enabling environment within supported countries. The four initial thematic areas-of-focus (critical minerals, clean hydrogen, smart energy and industrial decarbonization) are key areas within clean energy transitions in developing countries where innovation support is most needed and where grant funding can be limited.

The A2D Facility's initial donor funding comes from the United Kingdom (UK) Government's Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), which committed an initial GBP 65 million (~USD 80 million).

### **2. About the Call for Proposals**

The first global Call for Proposals for the A2D Facility opened on 8 July 2024 and will run until 19 August 2024, 16:00 Vienna CET. This initiative aims to support catalytic and scalable demonstration projects in developing countries eligible to receive ODA

For detailed information regarding the call, including objectives, eligibility criteria, requirements and the application process, please visit:

- **UN Global Marketplace:** [Notice 239752](#)
- **UNIDO Procurement Portal:** [Event number 7000007043](#)

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