Email reply from NSF, the US-based Consortium Partner, about their Annex details:

Below my signature is information that will shortly be appearing on the NSF website in regards to the NFRF 2023 opportunity.

If you want to confirm that your partners are <u>eligible for NSF funding please check here</u>. NSF participation will follow the guidelines of the call as well as of our PAPPG.

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FY23 and FY24 Opportunities for International Research Collaboration:

2023 International Joint Initiative for Research in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Competition
NSF 23-557 Global Centers; Use-Inspired Research Addressing Global Challenges in Climate Change and Clean Energy

Proposal Preparation and Submission Instructions

All proposals to the International Joint Initiative competition, including those from teams with U.S. investigators, must be submitted to Canada's Convergence Portal by a PI/co-PI eligible to receive funds from NFRF.

Eligible expenses may vary across a project team. U.S. team members should consult the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) on eligible expenses as well as indirect/direct costs limitations. Applicants are expected to review the documentation from the relevant Consortium Partner(s) to ensure the proposed project meets all eligibility requirements of each funding partner. Expression of Interest (EOI)

To ensure eligibility for funding from NSF, any project team with U.S. researchers who believe they are eligible for NSF support are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to NSF following the instructions TBA.

The EOI submission includes the following information:

- Proposed Project Title.
- Names, email addresses, and departmental and institutional affiliations of the U.S. based researchers.
- Bottom-line estimates of total funding (including indirect costs) to be requested from NSF in US Dollars.
- Estimated number of postdocs (U.S.), estimated number of students supported (U.S.), and estimated number of salary months requested (U.S.).
- Summary of the proposed research outlining how it addresses the objectives of the 2023
 International Joint Initiative for Research on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Competition.

NSF welcomes EOI submissions up until July 15, 2023.

Merit Review

Consult the program announcement, linked above.

Funding Decisions

NFRF multidisciplinary review panels will agree on a list ranking all proposals based on their overall merit. The ranked list will be used in discussions with consortium partners to determine which applications will be funded. Applications will be funded in their ranked order from highest score to lowest. An application in the list will only be skipped in cases where one consortium partner has no budget remaining to award to it. Funding decisions may be subject to budget limits.

U.S. researchers on teams with well-reviewed proposals that will be recommended for funding will be contacted by NSF and asked to submit the team's proposal through the Research.gov system to enable NSF to process a funding decision.

NSF has committed \$5 million, subject to appropriation, to support participation of NSF-eligible team members in the International Joint Initiative. NSF anticipates supporting 7-10 U.S. teams at up to \$700,000 per award in total for three years. NSF funding will be awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed in the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG). For details on funding levels of other consortium partners, see the program announcement, linked above.

Post-Award Considerations

- Awardees will be expected to comply with the award conditions and reporting requirements of the agencies from which they receive funding.
- Awardees are expected to acknowledge NSF and other funding partners in any reports or publications resulting from the award.
- NSF will consider requests for no-cost extensions for U.S. PIs using standard procedures.
- In accordance with NSF standard procedures, awards will be publicly announced.