

Annex III: Immediate actions that the Secretariat will implement

I. Origination

- (a) Improve origination of funding proposals by supporting national designated authorities (NDAs)/focal points (FPs) in accelerating the development of strategic country programmes;
- (b) Encourage funding proposals and concept notes to be developed directly from country and entity work programmes, and concept notes will include a clear rationale on the concept of paradigm shift;
- (c) Derive strategic programming from the country and accredited entity (AE) work programmes and requests for proposal (RFP);
- (d) Encourage and support NDAs to solicit AEs to support country programmes and the preparation of the pipeline based on the principle of country ownership;
- (e) Continue to implement the no-objection procedure by NDAs on Project Preparation Facility proposals before Secretariat consideration;
- (f) Inform NDAs or FP of concept note (CN) submissions to the Secretariat and, where requested by the NDA/FP, inform on the feedback provided to the AE;
- (g) Improve and simplify the CN templates. Template to include a word- and length-limit as technology development allows; and
- (h) Require country programmes, concept notes and funding proposals to satisfactorily cover gender issues, stakeholder engagement and, where relevant, indigenous people issues.

II. Review

- (a) Develop an online CN and FP submission portal;
- (b) Consult with the Board on policy related issues raised in concept notes as necessary;
- (c) As part of the ongoing independent Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) review, explore increased TAP and AE interactions;
- (d) Expedite timing, processing, transparency and guidance of concept notes and funding proposals;
- (e) Increase transparency by publishing concept notes and the status of funding proposals as per the confidentiality assessment of the AEs and in accordance with the Information disclosure policy;
- (f) Publish the Secretariat's assessment of funding proposals sent to the Board;
- (g) The Secretariat will check the feasibility of proposed conditions with the accredited entity during the project review; and
- (h) Improve data management and analytics, for example the AE submission portal and NDA portal. Provide updated note on proactive pipeline management and related knowledge management by the eighteenth meeting of the Board (B.18).

III. Post approval



- (a) Take note of the budget implications of the implementation of conditions;
- (b) Provide an update on the status of the fulfillment of conditions attached to approved funding proposals; and
- (c) Provide status update on Board approved funding proposals without a signed accreditation master agreement.