

Annex XVI: List of the measures being implemented by the Secretariat to improve the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

1. Develop a theory of change that better clarifies the outcomes and results of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme (hereinafter referred to as the Readiness Programme), in alignment with a unified vision of the programme.
2. Assess the feasibility of potential modalities of ex ante payments with robust ex post monitoring to directly support national designated authorities (NDAs)/focal points, considering the policy and legal implications and risk mitigation measures.
3. Propose revisions and/or improvements to the Readiness Programme to address the evolving and increasingly ambitious needs of countries and entities, taking into account the outcomes of independent evaluation of the Readiness Programme.
4. Strengthen guidelines to facilitate the accessibility of countries to readiness resources. This may include:
 - (a) Improving clarity of readiness application processes (e.g. proposal review and approval criteria) and timelines;
 - (b) Evaluating options to further streamline the readiness application process;
 - (c) Sharing concrete examples of good practices;
 - (d) Further reviewing the readiness guidebook and associated templates, in alignment with any improvement proposed to the readiness framework and access modalities (e.g. updating the Readiness Programme's guidelines based on the new theory of change);
 - (e) Translating the readiness guidebook into additional languages and ensuring more consistent communications and guidelines in multiple languages, including through up-to-date video presentations in multiple languages, where feasible;
 - (f) Strengthening the capacity of the Secretariat, including regional advisors, to improve support and outreach, and to strengthen regional presence;
 - (g) Providing technical/advisory support from the Secretariat, including through more regular in-country engagement, with a view to strengthening the capacity of technical experts at the national level to support countries' delivery of appropriate readiness results;
 - (h) Considering options to formally organize regional networks of NDAs and support their operation through regionally based expertise; and
 - (i) Enhancing knowledge-sharing and placing greater emphasis on peer-to-peer learning.