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What We Have Learnt So Far?

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A Quick Look At the First Call

- ▶ *Great interest from countries and OIC Institutions*
- ▶ *Signature Ceremony of Operational Contracts (April 2nd)*
- ▶ *Training Program for Implementation, Reporting and Monitoring Procedures (April 2nd -3rd)*
- ▶ *8 projects were selected and successfully completed as of December 2014.*
- ▶ *Project details and analytical reports are available on COMCEC Web Site (pcm.comcec.org)*

A Quick Look At the Second Call

- ▶ **17 projects** are final listed
 - ▶ 2 Trade, 2 Finance, 2 Tourism, 5 Agriculture, 4 Poverty Alleviation and 1 Transport Projects
- ▶ Signature Ceremony of Operational Contracts (**March 30th**)
- ▶ Training Program for Implementation, Reporting and Monitoring Procedures (**March 30th -31st**)
- ▶ **13 projects** began implementation

What we know about the First and Second Call?

What we know?

Advantages Possessed

- *Simple Rules (Program Implementation Guideline)*
- *Flexible Procedures (57 countries, 57 legal and institutional settings)*
- *Multi-year Financial Framework (2013-2015)*
- *Open to All Member Countries (prerequisite: WG membership)*
- *Larger impact via **multilateralism***
- *Beneficiary Ownership (**Responsibilities and Co-Finance**)*

In-kind contribution is available

What we know?

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Advantages Possessed

- Result Oriented Framework (Clear Goals and Outcomes)
- Decentralised Structure (CCO, The Bank, Project Owner)
- Gradual Project Submission (2 Steps)
- Program Management and Information System
 - Online Submission (project.comcec.org)
 - Online reporting (underway)
- Continuous Support and Backstopping by CCO
- Enhanced Engagement with the OIC Community



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Challenges Faced

- Focal Point Awareness (*enabling opportunity windows for other possible actors*)
- Focal Point Coordination (**Multilateralism**)
- Activity Identification (**Tentativeness**)
- Timely Completion of Signature Process (**Operational and Financial Contract**)
- Setting Verifiable Indicators (*not quite precise time to time*)
- CCO Interventions (*for ensuring PCM procedures*)



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Challenges Faced

- *Defining and Communicating with Right Partners*
- *Ex-Post Payment (reimbursement obstacles)*
- *Capacity Problems for Project Design*
- *Reference Documents (complicated?)*
- *Item Type-Based Budgeting (confusing?)*
- *Unfamiliarity With Standard Documents (i.e. Log Frame)*
- *Communication Problems (causing delays)*
- *Broad Differences on Costs (57 countries)*



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Lessons Learnt

(What we will do as CCO)



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Lessons Learnt

- *Raise Focal Point Awareness (via WG Meetings, focal point gatherings and trainings)*
- *Ensure Focal Point Coordination (btw Partners and Focal Points)*
- *Continuous Support at All Times*
 - E-mail (pcm@comcec.org)*
 - Video Conference? (Skype etc.)*
- *CCO Orientation for Activity Planning (identification)*

- *Precise Performance Indicators*
- *From Item-Type to **Activity-Based** Budgeting*
- *Revised Timetables*
- *Setting **Standard Market Values** for Budget Items
(including fees of the project personnel)*

- Further **Simplifying** Documents
- Improving the **User-friendliness** of the Online System
- Introducing **Online Monitoring and Reporting System**
- New **Program Implementation Guidelines** is going to be published in the coming months...

***What we **Expect**
from **WVG Focal Points**
for the **Third Call*****



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Expectations from WG Focal Points for the Third Call

- **Proactivity** (*Informing Potential Local Stakeholders*)
- *Close Coordination (with CCO and among themselves)*
Following CCO Notifications and Announcements (comcec.org)
- *Request Information at all times (CCO and Bank support)*
Do not hesitate to ask
- *Align with Project Selection Criteria*
Principles, Objectives and Output Areas of the COMCEC Strategy
WG Themes

Expectations from WG Focal Points for the Third Call *con't*

- *Following the Submission Format and Timetable*
- *Selection Process: Competitive (focus on **quality** rather than quantity)*
- *Identify the right Responsible Authority (**signatures**)*

- *Selecting the **Right** Experts*

Following Resume Format

Keeping the Candidates

- ***Concrete** Activities and **Realistic** Budgets (i.e. Human Resources)*

Expectations from WG Focal Points for the Third Call *con't*

- *Prioritizing **Multilateral Cooperation** (at least three countries)*
- ***Minimizing** Bureaucracy (where possible)*
- *Ensuring COMCEC **Visibility***
- *Taking **CCO Comments** into Consideration (both for preliminary and final fiches)*
- *Take **WG Meetings** as an Opportunity to Build Project Partnerships*

Comments and Suggestions of WG Focal Points...



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