



# **COMCEC**

## **Project Cycle Management**

### *What We Have Learnt So Far?*

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# A Quick Look At the First Call

- ▶ *Great interest from countries and OIC Institutions*
- ▶ *Total Project Proposals: **98***
- ▶ *Number of Countries submitted projects: **23***
  - ▶ *Total number of country projects: **86***
- ▶ *Number of OIC Institutions submitted projects: **3***
  - ▶ *Total number of OIC Inst. projects: **12***

# A Quick Look At the First Call-2

- ▶ **15 projects** are final listed
- ▶ *Signature Ceremony of Operational Contracts* (**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**)
- ▶ *Training Program for Implementation, Reporting and Monitoring Procedures* (**April 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>**)
- ▶ **13 projects** began implementation

# *What we know about the First Call?*

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## *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)*
- *Beneficiary Ownership (Responsibilities and Co-Finance)*
  - *In-kind contribution is available*

# What we know about the First Call? con't

## *Advantages Possessed-2*

- *Result Oriented Framework (Clear Goals and Outcomes)*
- *Decentralized Structure (CCO, The Bank, Project Owner)*
- *Gradual Project Submission (2 Steps)*
- *Online Submission (project.comcec.org)*
- *Continuos Support and Backstopping by CCO*
- *Enhanced Engagement with the OIC Community*

# What we know about the First Call? con't

## *Challenges Faced*

- *Focal Point Awareness (enabling opportunity windows for other possible actors)*
- *Focal Point Coordination (Multilateralism)*
- *Activity Identification (Tentativeness)*
- *Setting Verifiable Indicators (not quite precise time to time)*
- *CCO Interventions (for ensuring PCM procedures)*
- *Ex-Post Payment (reimbursement obstacles)*

# What we know about the First Call? con't

## Challenges Faced-2

- Capacity Problems for Project Design
  - Reference Documents (*complicated?*)
  - Item Type-Based Budgeting (*confusing?*)
- Unfamiliarity With Standard Documents (*Log Frame*)
- Communication Problems (*causing delays*)
- Broad Differences on Costs (*57 countries*)

# *Lessons Learnt*

*(What we will do as CCO)*

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- *Raise Focal Point Awareness (WG Meetings and Trainings)*
- *Ensure Focal Point Coordination (new mechanisms to be explored...)*
- *Continuous Support at All Times*
  - *E-mail ([pcm@comcec.org](mailto:pcm@comcec.org))*
  - *Video Conference? (Skype etc.)*
- *CCO Orientation for Activity Planning (identification)*

# *Lessons Learnt (2)*

- *Precise Performance Indicators*
- *From Item-Type to **Activity-Based** Budgeting*
- *Setting **Standard Market Values** for Budget Items*
- *Further **Simplifying** Documents*
- *Improving the “**User-friendliness**” of the Online System*

# *Within the guidance of the **Lessons Learnt***

## *New Program Implementation Guidelines (2014 Edition)*

- *New Timetable*
- *Activity-Based Budgeting*
- *other minor modifications and refinements*
- *to be published in the coming months...*

*What we **Expect**  
from **WG Focal Points**  
for the **Second Call***

# **Expectations** from WG Focal Points for the Second Call

- *Proactivity (Informing Potential Local Stakeholders)*
- *Close Coordination (with CCO and among themselves)*
  - **Following CCO Notifications and Announcements** ([comcec.org](http://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 (new!)**

# **Expectations** from WG Focal Points for the Second Call-2

- *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 Second Call-3*

- *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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