DELTAS Consortia Processes KII Topic Guide for Funding Actors

1) What is AESA's current role (overall and with respect to DELTAS)?
    - How has that role with respect to DELTAS evolved over time?

2) Why was the DELTAS initiative developed, and what was the thinking behind it?
    - How has that evolved?
    - Which stakeholders were involved?
    - Role of previous initiatives?

3) What processes went into developing the initiative and what determined/informed the design requirements given in the call?

4) Why the preference for consortia/collaborations?

5) Did AESA (together with its funding partners) provide any support to applicants during the application process?

6) What are the challenges faced by AESA in administering DELTAS Africa?

7) What are your thoughts on how the DELTAS consortia were formed and how they are managed?
    - Any patterns, similarities, differences?
    - Examples of successes and challenges
    - What can be improved to better facilitate the achievement of DELTAS goals?

8) Which aspects of how consortia are established and managed are important to AESA?
    - Why?
    - What will be important to follow-up on during this study?

9) Having gone through the experience of establishing the DELTAS programme, what will you do differently in a subsequent initiative?

- In terms of supporting the formation and management of consortia
- Generally?

10) Generally, has the initiative unfolded in the way you expected?

- Any unexpected experiences or things that have naturally emerged?

11) What will you say are the main successes and challenges of the initiative so far?

12) What will a successful DELTAS look like for AESA?

- What do you expect consortia to achieve (in addition to research capacity) in the area of research/consortium management?

13) Any other comments?