ACT-Accelerator Facilitation Council Financial and Resource Mobilization Working Group

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As of October 15, 2021 the Facilitation Council Resource Mobilization Working Group and the Facilitation Council Financial Working Group have merged to form the Facilitation Council Financial and Resource Mobilization Working Group.

Objectives:

- To support the ACT-A Facilitation Council as well as the ACT-A partnership on finance and resource mobilization related matters and to act as a sounding board for budget and financial decisions of the ACT-A partnership.
- To support Head of Government outreach by the President of South Africa and the Prime Minister of Norway, Co-Chairs of the ACT Accelerator Facilitation Council (FC), and other members of the Facilitation Council calling on countries to contribute their share of the resource needs of ACT-A to ensure a fully-funded ACT-Accelerator in 2021 and 2022.

Working Group Members:

- Country members are a subset of members of the Facilitation Council.
- Members can propose new participants; new participants are validated by the Facilitation Council Co-Chairs.
- Working Group members would have a good understanding of ACT-Accelerator, cross-government/political influence beyond the development agency and the ability to mobilize political leaders and diplomatic networks.
- Current members: Senior Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or Finance (as appropriate) from: Norway (chair of WG) and South Africa (FC Co-Chairs), Canada, the EC, Germany, France, Italy, Indonesia, Mexico, UK, USA, Egypt, Cambodia and Uganda. This group of countries is supported by senior representation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation the World Bank and the IMF.
- Two CSOs members are included in the working group, one of which must be a voice from an LIC/LMIC. The confirmed CSO representative is Frontline AIDS, based in the UK. The interim community organization representative is Living Goods, based in Kenya.

Mode of operation:

- The Working Group meets on a regular basis (weekly, or as much as needed).
- There are regular joint meetings between the working group and ACT-A agency Resource Mobilization Directors.
- Between meetings of the Working Group, the group leverages the ACT-A Hub to perform ad hoc analysis or any relevant investigation.
- The ACT-A Hub facilitates and supports the Working Group meetings and outreach activities.
- The deliberations of the group are confidential. Statements made in the meetings are not to be attributed to individuals or countries.

Tactics:

- Creation of a financing framework, to explicit the way different funding avenues could help to bridge the ACT-A funding need
- Creation of and advocacy for a burden sharing framework.
- An all-of-government approach to advocating with peers to contribute their share of the financial burden to ensure a fully-funded ACT-Accelerator in 2021.
- Diplomatic outreach in the context of increasing political momentum for the ACT-Accelerator and its full financing.
- Financial updates for the Facilitation Council.