Global Call for Proposals - 2017 Relaunch

New two-tier approach
For all developing country SAIs and
Targeted, intensive support to help the most challenged SAIs

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The Global Call for Proposals (GCP) helps SAIs in developing countries to lead the development of their capacity and performance.

The GCP will be relaunched in 2017, in a stronger format following lessons learned from the 2011 and 2013 GCPs. It will follow a two-tier approach.

**Tier 1:** similar to prior years, an inclusive approach, accepting proposals from all SAIs, INTO-SAIs bodies and regions, for initiatives benefiting SAIs in developing countries.

**Tier 2:** a new targeted approach with more intense support to a small group of the most challenged SAIs that struggle with developing strategic capacity development programs, particularly SAIs in fragile and conflict environments.

Managing expectations of applicants will be crucial to perceptions of success. Previously, around 50% of applications received some form of support. While strategic capacity development initiatives fared well, large infrastructure projects were not well supported. Donor fact sheets will be made available showing the country focus and priorities of different donors, enabling early targeting of approaches. Applicants should be mindful that donor focus is increasingly shifting to low-income countries, though a small number of donors and SAIs retain an interest in supporting SAIs in upper-middle income countries.

What is New in Tier 1?

**Rolling Process:** proposals can be submitted at any time, rather than in set time windows. So SAIs can apply when they are ready, and when best fits with their strategic management cycle.

**Stronger quality checks against key principles:** Proposals will still be reviewed against the core principles, but now will only be circulated to donors once these are met. This includes: SAI-led not donor driven, linked to the SAI’s strategic plan, harmonized and coordinated with existing support to avoid confusion and overlap.

Tier 2: a New Approach

**Country Selection:** an initial target list of 10-20 of the most challenged SAIs in the world will be developed, based on agreed criteria. E.g. SAIs in low income states, classed as fragile or conflict affected, with weak accountability systems, high perceptions of corruption, and limited existing support to the SAI. A T2 donor Committee will make the final selection, taking advice from INTOSAI, though INTOSAI will refrain from involvement in funding decisions.

**Strengthened coordination and monitoring of the GCP by the INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat.** Particularly in facilitating matching between funders and providers of support for challenged SAIs under tier 2, and more regular monitoring and feedback to applicants and funders.

Support throughout the SAI’s strategic management cycle. Rather than submitting proposals, tier 2 SAIs will be offered more intensive support, as needed, from needs assessment and strategic planning through to project design, delivery and evaluation. Support will be mainly country level, though initiatives such as needs assessment and support to strategic planning could be delivered to groups of challenged SAIs.

Partnership Approach: facilitating sustainable change in challenged SAIs will require long term partnerships between the SAI, the donor or other funder, and those providing support.

Peer to peer support: recognizing that SAIs have unique roles best understood by other SAIs, and that peer support is already established as a credible and independent form of support within INTOSAI, the GCP (especially tier 2) will put greater emphasis on using SAIs and INTO-SAIs bodies as providers of support. This will be facilitated by a call for capability statements in early 2017 to identify capable INTOSAI providers of support and what kind of support they can provide.