



Annex 1B

Assessment and scoring

Annex 1B is a guide for assessing and scoring the applications for Strategic Partnerships 2022-2025 based on the Application Form (Annex 1) and relevant annexes. Applicants should therefore *not* fill out this form but use it for information only.

As with the first round of Expression of Interest (EoI), where organisations' eligibility and capacity were assessed, the application for the Strategic Partnership will be scored by applying the adapted version of the World Bank inspired rating scale 'LEADS', allocating scores from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). Hence, the minimum an organisation can score is 1 and the maximum is 5.

LEADS stands for		Score	The score is given when there is
L	Little action/evidence	1	Weak indication that supports the criteria
E	Some Evidence	2	Some indication that supports the criteria
A	Action taken	3	Indication that supports the criteria
D	Developed	4	Solid indication that supports the criteria
S	Sustainable	5	Comprehensive indication of implementation and/or indication of an established approach/system that supports the criteria

To score the application, each criterion is broken down in sub-components with a weighted percentage. This means that each sub-component will receive a score of 1-5 and afterwards weighted with the respective percentage. The total score of the criterion will hence reflect the combined weighted scores of each sub-components.

Applications will be assessed based on transparent criteria and weights as indicated below. The scores from the assessment will be used to determine funding levels. If the total applied amount from all partners exceed the available funding, a calculating mechanism will be applied to finally determine the strategic partners and adjust funding levels. The applied mechanism is intended to ensure a diversity of strategic partners and adequate coverage of strategic priorities.

As indicated in the tabel below, the score from the EoI weights a total of 20% and the application weights a total of 80%. When submitting the application, applicants declare that the level of capacity assessed as part of the EoI as a minimum is still applicable.



Weight and sub weight of assessment criteria from EoI and Application

Application format	Overall weight	Relevant criteria/subcriteria	Sub weight
1. Capacity assessment (EoI)	20	Capacity for analysis, learning and innovation	20
		Delivering and documenting results	30
		Organisation and human resources	10
		Financial management	10
		Partnership approach	30
2. Strategic relevance (Application)	30	Overall ToC	30
		Strategic priorities	40
		Contribution to SDGs	10
		Coherence with organisational mandate	20
3. Programmatic approach (Application)	50	Overall programme approach	10
		Partnership and local leadership approach	15
		HDP action (nexus)	10
		Innovation	5
		HRBA and LNOB	10
		Gender equality, girls and women's rights	10
		Meaningful inclusion of children and young people	5
		Greening of engagements	5
		Global and local connectedness and coordination	5
		Information and public engagement in DK	5
ToCs for each country/thematic/regional/global programme	20		



Assessment criteria and basis for assessments

APPLICATION	Score 1 - 5
Strategic relevance	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear and relevant overall Theory of Change (ToC) for the entire Strategic Partnership including overall objective(s) and link to strategic priorities. <i>(Weight 30%)</i> 2. The degree to which the Strategic Partnership will contribute to one or more (depending on type of partnership applied for) of the three strategic priorities outlined in the information note and how they are balanced against each other. <i>(Weight 40%)</i> 3. The degree to which the partnership engagement will contribute towards relevant SDGs. <i>(Weight 10%)</i> 4. The degree to which the Strategic Partnership is coherent with the applicant's overall mandate, vision, goals, strategies and core competencies. If relevant: the degree to which engagements in countries/regions or within thematic areas, where the applicant has not been present previously are credibly sustained and added value justified. <i>(Weight 20%)</i> 	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • ToC diagram (optional) • Existing international strategy or similar • Summary results framework (max 4 pages) • A budget summary for the Strategic Partnership with breakdowns and related annexes specified in the designated format (Annex 2). (If organisations wish to request for approval of global entities, Annex 2F should be included and will be assessed separately.) • A description/plan (max ½ page) for fulfilling the own-financing requirements of 20% (documentation purpose only).



Overall programme approach	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The degree to which the overall programme approach in the Strategic Partnership is relevant and comprehensive. (<i>Weight 100%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form

Partnership and local leadership approach	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of capacity building and organisational development towards enabling partners in the global South to effectively combat poverty, vulnerability, inequality, build community resilience, crisis preparedness and ability to adapt to climate change. This includes building legitimacy, constituency and internal democracy, and accountability primarily in organisations and social movements. It also entails strengthening resilience towards shrinking space. (<i>Weight 10%</i>)2. Approach to and track record of advocacy efforts involving and empowering relevant local civil society actors and local partners, informed by evidence, based on knowledge of the processes and stakeholders. Such efforts include holding duty bearers accountable for implementing the SDGs. (<i>Weight 10%</i>)3. Approach to and track record of promoting an enabling environment for civil society in the global South primarily including i) basic legal guarantees such as freedom of expression and the right to assembly, association and registration, ii) appropriate measures for CSOs' financial viability and sustainability and iii) appropriate spaces for participation in local, national and international decision-making processes. (<i>Weight 10%</i>)4. Approach to and track record of supporting new and emerging civil society actors including non-formalised actors, such as community-based networks, local committees, activists and social movements, women and youth groups. To ensure relevance and effectiveness strategic partners are encouraged to also support informally organised civil society actors, including children and adolescent civil society actors, and social movements as drivers for change when relevant and timely. (<i>Weight 10%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Local leadership strategy• Referral to one specific case providing recent example



<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Relevant considerations regarding long-term partnerships and related exit strategies (if relevant) and strategies for entering into new partnerships. <i>(Weight 10%)</i>6. Approach to and track record of working with multistakeholders and engage with a broad range of partners, including new emerging civil society actors, private sector actors, finance institutions, universities, governments, think tanks and multilateral agencies to strengthen collective impact. This may include innovative partnerships on sustainable growth and job creation as well as climate change adaptation and green and just transition. <i>(Weight 10%)</i>7. The degree to which the submitted local leadership strategy (max 3 pages) for the Strategic Partnership period sets ambitious objectives and delivers on the five core elements. <i>(Weight 40%)</i>	
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Humanitarian, development and peace action (nexus)	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of working with nexus sensitivity in the Strategic Partnership including, if relevant, how the strategic partner and local partners will work through a double or triple nexus approach to address and reduce humanitarian needs, support conflict prevention, and peace efforts, while investing in long-term development to address the root causes of marginalisation and economic, social, political and ecosystem vulnerabilities and inequalities. <i>(Weight 100%)</i>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example

Innovation	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of working with innovation to develop new approaches, methodologies, technologies, knowledge products, and partnerships to seek improved outcomes, based on risk-willing investments. This includes the development and piloting of new strategies and operational approaches and methodologies that the applicant can take to scale across programmes and contexts. <i>(Weight 100%)</i>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example



HRBA and Leaving No-One Behind	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of HRBA in the Strategic Partnership. (<i>Weight 50%</i>)2. Approach to and track record of how the Strategic Partnership with reference to LNOB will focus on marginalised groups' rights and dignity, e.g. the rights of indigenous people, minorities, LGBTQIA+ persons, and vulnerable groups. It includes faith based and other actors' role in the promotion of human rights and democracy, including promotion of freedom of thought, conscience and religion for all religious communities, non-believers and minorities. It includes fighting discrimination, stigma and persecution of minority groups; and ensuring equal rights and voice of people living with disabilities. (<i>Weight 50%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example

Gender equality, girls and women's rights	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of working with gender equality in the Strategic Partnership, either as cross-cutting priority or through dedicated programming, with focus on girls and women's economic and political rights including participation, representation and leadership. When relevant it should also include focus on girls and women's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), education, decent work, as well as on fighting sexual and gender-based violence, tackling harmful gender roles, norms and power relations. Women and women-led organisations and Women Rights Organisations are central partners in this and must when relevant and possible be involved in planning, decision-making and implementation of actions. (<i>Weight 100%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example



Meaningful inclusion of children and young people	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of meaningful inclusion of children and youth including focus on the rights, empowerment, voice, and specific vulnerabilities of children and youth, as well as their potential role as partners and actors of change. (<i>Weight 100%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example

Greening of engagements	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of addressing the environmental dimension of sustainable development in activities and coherence with the goals of the Paris Agreement and other global environmental agreements. This may include having climate, nature and biodiversity as the main focus in the engagement and/or as a cross-cutting consideration ensuring that activities do not harm the environment and that possible synergies and co-benefits with environment and climate goals are considered. Greening of engagements depends on on the strategic partners' core competencies and outset for working with greening. i.e. green jobs and just transition, locally led adaptation, nature based solutions or access to sustainable energy sources in humanitarian contexts. (<i>Weight 100%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example

Global and local connectedness and coordination	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of the Strategic Partnership in tapping into, leverage and impact on national, regional and global alliances, networks and other relevant fora and, as relevant, tapping into and influencing international policy agendas. Such networks can take form as formal alliances and federations, but may also include loose networks and ad-hoc fora. (<i>Weight 50%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example



<p>2. Approach to and track record of the expected collaboration and coordination with the MFA, other strategic partners and relevant stakeholders at country, regional and international level. This may include promotion of learning as well as synergies and exchanges of knowledge in the development of context analysis, Country Strategic Frameworks and specific programming exercises. It may also include mutual support in ensuring relevant collaboration and coordination with other development and humanitarian actors, e.g. – in humanitarian settings – through the cluster system. (<i>Weight 50%</i>)</p>	
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Information and public engagement in Denmark	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approach to and track record of building public engagement in Denmark through engaging a larger and more diverse segment of the Danish public, including target groups and stakeholders not traditionally involved in development issues. Innovation and risk taking in new methods and/or target groups is encouraged. (<i>Weight 70%</i>)2. Relevance and quality of the three proposed engagement targets (hard and soft) for the partnership period with point of departure in the applicant's strengths and capabilities. (<i>Weight 30%</i>)	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Referral to one specific case providing recent example

ToC for each country/thematic/regional/global programme	
<p><u>The assessment of the criteria will include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Whether the ToCs present a clear link from a sufficiently comprehensive analysis of context, needs and stakeholders to the specification and outline of objectives, expected outcomes for the concerned programmes, the underlying assumptions, sustainability considerations, and risk assessment and mitigation (including scenario planning in view of rapidly changing contexts).). It should include a description of expected relevant partners.	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• ToC diagrams (optional)• Summary Results Framework• Budget Summary including annexes



If relevant: If applicants are proposing engagement in countries/regions or within thematic areas, where the applicant has not been present previously, the relevant ToC must indicate this and demonstrate how such programmes will be credibly sustained e.g. by drawing on the applicant's international network or coalition. Further, the applicant must present a justification for its added value in the new context and with new local partners.

If relevant: Applicants proposing programmes co-financed with other entities (e.g. within international alliances) should describe the engagement planned and expected added value of the Strategic Partnership.

(Weight: Each ToC will be scored and weighted equally, making up 100% - i.e. 4 ToCs weigh 25% each)