

Summary of conclusions from the Programme Committee meeting on 6 February 2019

Agenda:

1. India-Denmark Energy Partnership (2018-2024)

(Presented by Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate/Danish Energy Agency/MKL)

2. Support for Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership multi donor trust fund (2019-2022)

(Presented by MKL)

Participants:

Stephan Schönemann (Center for Global Development and Cooperation) (Chair); Asser Rasmussen Berling, Dorthea Damkjær, and Tobias von Platen-Hallermund (Department for Multilateral Cooperation, Climate and Gender Equality – MKL); Signe Skovbakke Winding Albjerg (Department for Development Policy and Financing - UPF); Thomas Thomsen (Department for Humanitarian Action, Migration and Civil Society – HMC); Jakob Haugaard (Department for Growth and Employment - VBE); Anders Hoffmann and Morten Svendstorp (Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate); Ole Emmik Sørensen and Benoît Bizet (Danish Energy Agency); Mikael Hemniti Winther, Jens Fugl, Lars Christian Oxe and Peter Jul Larsen (Department for Technical Quality Support - KFU).

Prior to the Programme Committee meeting, the documents were subject to a public consultation on [the Danida transparency website](#). No comments were received.

1. India-Denmark Energy Partnership (2018-2024)

The Programme Committee (PC) found that the concept note was well prepared and welcomed the proposed partnership within the energy sector in India. The PC welcomed also the elaborated oral introduction and explanation to the proposed engagement of which many of the issues mentioned need to be reflected and elaborated further in the programme document.

The PC acknowledged that the concept note explains the justification for Denmark to engage in the wind energy sector and the integration of renewable energy in the Indian power system. However, the PC found that, when preparing the programme document, the added value of Danish expertise in the energy planning and the partnership with a large country like India, where Denmark has little recent experience, needs to be better explained. The PC stressed the need to include a political economy analysis around renewable energy, explain the present and planned support to the sector from other partners (donors), and how the relatively limited

Danish support fits into this landscape. Further, the PC found that the programme document should include considerations of engagement at state versus federal level, as well as better describe what changes Denmark wants to promote and how the design of the interventions could be focused to avoid too many partners. Even though the cooperation with India is expected to be a long-term partnership, the PC found that it would be important to describe the success criteria for either exit or continuation of support beyond the project duration. While it is indicated that the programme will support the principles of participation, accountability, non-discrimination and transparency, as well as both gender and youth, it needs to be explained how that will be the case in the further formulation.

The PC stressed the need to ensure that the management set-up for the implementation and monitoring of the intervention, both in India and in Denmark, should take into consideration the already existing set-up of related activities and any experiences achieved. In that regard, it would be important to elaborate further on how short-term technical assistance will be used. The PC agreed that a detailed planning up front of all the planned interventions would make it easier to e.g. monitor the activities, but stressed that experience shows that a degree of flexibility is important to allow for adjustments during the implementation.

Finally, the PC stressed the importance of allowing enough time to ensure sufficient buy-in from Indian partners as well as using the experience gained before finalising the programme document. In this regard, the findings from the ongoing DEPP II review, which is planned to be finalised by end-April, should be available before the appraisal of the Energy Partnership programme can be initiated.

Written comments from KFU were forwarded to MKL after the meeting.

2. Support for Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership multi donor trust fund (2019-2022)

The PC welcomed the note explaining the proposed Danish engagement with the newly established Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership multi donor trust fund (GWSSP) placed within the World Bank's Water Global Practice. The GWSSP is consolidating a number of previous smaller (water) trust funds. The PC took note of the fact that GWSSP will be the largest Danish multilateral engagement earmarked for SDG 6 (water) and that an engagement in the fund could complement in various ways (analytical research, knowledge products, etc.) the vast range of Danish bilateral activities in the water sector.

However, the PC found that there would be a need for a more comprehensive and elaborated justification as to why Denmark should support the GWSSP as proposed, not least given the fact that water is only a priority SDG for support to economies in transition in Denmark's Strategy for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action - The World 2030. The PC stressed the need for a more detailed description of how GWSSP contributes to other key

Danish priorities, such as gender/inclusion, climate change, fragility, making projects and utilities bankable for private investment, etc. It would also be important to mention how the Danish resource base could be engaged. In other words, the description of the relevance of, and what it is Denmark wants to achieve by supporting GWSSP should be strengthened.

Further, the PC underlined the need for a strengthened description of how it will be ensured that the necessary Danish resources are allocated to participate in the governance of the GWSSP. The PC stressed also the importance of the need for further elaboration on how possible synergies with relevant country programmes/embassies and units in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as other Danish actors like the new IFU water facility, and private companies could be achieved by making them all aware of the GWSSP products and opportunities.

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