



ANNEX 1B

ASSESSMENT AND SCORING

Annex 1B is a guide for assessing and scoring the full proposal for Strategic Partnerships 2027-2031 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 prequalification, where organisations' eligibility and capacity were assessed, the full proposal 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 of the seven criteria listed below is broken down in sub-criteria with a weighted percentage. This means that each sub-criterion 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-criterion.

The full proposal will be assessed based on criteria and weights as indicated below.

Application format	Overall weight	Relevant criteria	Sub-weight
1. Approaches (Full Proposal)	40%	Local Leadership and Danish added value	40%
		Information and Public Engagement	20%
		Gearing of resources	20%
		Cross-cutting programming approaches	20%
2. Thematic Priorities (Full Proposal)	60%	Overall rationale, justification, objectives, outcomes and ToC	50%
		Programme engagement and contribution to thematic priorities	50%

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2. APPROACHES (Weight 40%)	Score 1-5
2.1 Local leadership and Danish added value (Weight 40%)	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>2.1.1 The extent to which the applicant demonstrates ambition and commitment to local leadership in the Strategic Partnership, including degree to which the submitted local leadership strategy for the Strategic Partnership period delivers on the six core elements outlined in the Information Note (see section 2.1). The assessment includes the extent to which the applicant presents a clear and ambitious planned process of developing country/regional/thematic engagements in collaboration with partners as part of SPA 2027-2031 and how local partners will be involved in the process. (<i>Weight 60%</i>)</p> <p>2.1.2 The extent to which the applicant articulates and presents the added value of the Danish strategic partner vis-à-vis other partners – local, national, Danish and international, including specific technical capacity or expertise also within wider international alliances or networks, correspondence between national work in Denmark and the international engagement, and the ability to draw on other Danish competencies, actors and stakeholders also beyond traditional civil society including chambers of commerce, Danish companies, and their representative organisations. (<i>Weight 40%</i>)</p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Local Leadership strategy
2.2 Information and public engagement (Weight 20%)	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>2.2.1 The extent to which the applicant describes and defines overall approach and ambition for strengthening information and public engagement in Denmark, including how the Strategic Partnership will engage various groups in Denmark and facilitate people-to-people exchanges and encounters and strengthen two-way-learning, as well as targets for IPE</p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • A Summary Results Framework (max 4

<p>presented in the Summary Results Framework, reflecting the ambition of reach and impact. (<i>Weight 50%</i>)</p> <p>2.2.2 The extent to which the applicant ensures that local voices, leadership and representation is integrated in IPE activities. (<i>Weight 35%</i>)</p> <p>2.2.3 The extent to which the applicant demonstrates clear synergies between the applicant’s international development engagement and Danish information and public engagement activities. (<i>Weight 15%</i>)</p>	<p>pages) outlining overall outcomes and impact for the five-year period including annual track on progress</p>
<p>2.3 Gearing of resources (Weight 20%)</p>	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>2.3.1 The extent to which the applicant’s plans for ensuring own-financing corresponding to at least 25 pct. of the Strategic Partnership budget during the partnership period are relevant and realistic. (<i>Weight 20%</i>)</p> <p>2.3.2 The extent to which the applicant demonstrates a relevant and effective strategy and targets for expected use of MFA funds towards mobilizing other funding for humanitarian and development purposes beyond MFA funding, including co-financing, basket funds, joint programmes and match funding of local partners to enhance scale, influence and promote harmonisation in countries and regions. (<i>Weight 80%. In case section 2.3.3 is included, the weight is 40%</i>)</p> <p>2.3.3 <i>If the applicant intends to engage in financial mobilization through innovative and blended finance activities:</i> The extent to which the applicant presents a relevant and qualified concept note on innovative and blended finance and describes the use of their expertise to ensure high programming standards, including accountability, monitoring and evaluation, local leadership, use of local expertise, facilitation of stakeholder engagement, alignment with development goals, alignment with SPA objectives, safeguarding of human rights and safeguarding of social and</p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • If relevant: Concept note(s) on innovative and blended finance activities

<p>environmental standards. <i>(In case the applicant includes innovative and blended finance, the weight is 40%)</i></p>	
<p>2.4 Cross-cutting programming approaches (Weight 20%)</p>	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>The extent to which the applicant demonstrates relevant consideration and application of the cross-cutting programming approaches outlined in the Information Note (see section 2.4 for the full description), namely:</p> <p>2.4.1 Strengthening civil society as a goal in itself as well as applying a multistakeholder approach to strengthen collective impact. <i>(Weight 20%)</i></p> <p>2.4.2 A HRBA and LNOB approach focusing on marginalised groups' rights and dignity, including efforts to include, protect and reach those most in need. <i>(Weight 10%)</i></p> <p>2.4.3 A cross-cutting focus on gender equality, and girls and women's rights, specifically focusing on girls and women's social, economic and political rights including participation, representation and leadership. This includes working with women-led organisations and Women's Rights Organisations. <i>(Weight 10%)</i></p> <p>2.4.4 A meaningful inclusion of children and young people, including focus on rights, empowerment, voice, representation and specific vulnerabilities of children and youth. <i>(Weight 10%)</i></p> <p>2.4.5 A meaningful inclusion of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, including focus on rights, empowerment, voice, and specific vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities. <i>(Weight 10%)</i></p> <p>2.4.6 An integrated (nexus) approach - wider and longer-term multisectoral - to development and crisis response that sustainably reduces vulnerabilities and increase resilience. <i>(Weight 10%)</i></p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form

<p>2.4.7 Integration of climate, nature and biodiversity concerns and elements in programming, ensuring that activities do not harm the environment and that possible synergies and co-benefits with environment and climate goals are considered. (<i>Weight 10%</i>)</p> <p>2.4.8 Strengthening global and local connectedness and coordination through strategic dialogue, collaboration and coordination with the MFA, other strategic partners and relevant stake holders at country, regional and international level, as well as leveraging and impacting on networks, alliances and partnerships. (<i>Weight 20%</i>)</p>	
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3. THEMATIC PRIORITIES (Weight 60%)	Score 1-5
Overall rationale, justification, objectives, outcomes and ToC (Weight 50%)	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>3.1 The extent to which the applicant presents clear and relevant overall rationale, justification, objectives and outcomes for the entire Strategic Partnership, including overall Theory of Change (ToC) with intervention logic, expected changes, key assumptions and associated risks, as well as overall description of main partners and stakeholders. This includes assessment of relevant track record on proposed programme engagement and clear coherence between the Strategic Partnership and the applicant's overall mandate, vision, goals, strategies and core competencies (<i>Weight 100%</i>)</p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Overall ToC illustration • Existing international strategy or similar
Alignment with thematic priorities (Weight 50%)	
<p><u>The assessment of the criterion will include:</u></p> <p>3.2 The degree to which the proposed programme engagement in the Strategic Partnership is relevant and comprehensive and contributes to one or more of the five thematic priorities, as</p>	<p><u>Basis for assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form

outlined in the Information Note, and, if relevant, how they are interlinked. (Weight 100%)

- Cases showing relevant track record across the proposed programme engagement
- Overall ToC illustration
- A Summary Results Framework (max 4 pages) outlining overall outcomes and impact for the five-year period including annual targets on progress.
- A Budget Summary for the Strategic Partnership with breakdowns and related annexes specified in the designated format (Annex 2).

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