ACT-Accelerator Facilitation Council Financial and Resource Mobilization Working Group

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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.