Item 3
Update on impact assessment work following from the 2019 ISC workshop with FTA senior leadership

Provisional agenda for the item (90 minutes)

• Introduction by ISC Chair (5’)
• Presentation by FTA MELIA team of Doc 3 (20’)
• Discussion on the study (40’)
• Discussion on the next steps / way forward (15’)
• Conclusion by the ISC Chair (5’)

The ISC is invited

- to discuss the results of the preliminary results of the Integrative FTA Outcome Evidencing and Impact Estimation for Challenge 1 and 5 (Doc 2), and
- to make recommendations to FTA on the content of the MELIA workplan 2021, in light of the 2020 workplan progress and of overall work prioritization recommendations decided by the ISC at its meeting of 26 October 2020.

Background documents for this item

Doc 1: Minutes of the ISC workshop on Impact Assessment of 5 November 2019

Doc 2: Preliminary draft Integrative FTA Outcome Evidencing and Impact Estimation (draft 24 November 2020); Challenge 1 (Deforestation and Forest Degradation) and Challenge 5 (Food and Nutrition Security)

Doc 3: Draft MELIA workplan 2020

ISC recommends that FTA use the following overarching principle when preparing its 2021 POWB. To fulfil its responsibilities to donors and prepare itself for the future, FTA should:

(i) demonstrate the achievements of the program through finalization of key previous activities and their synthesis, and through appropriate impact assessments,
(ii) show how to effectively connect with end users to increase FTA’s sphere of influence (including through programme-level communication), and
(iii) draw lessons for the future from its 10 years of operations.

A necessary condition to achieve these objectives is that an appropriate amount of resources be allocated to programme coordination (including FPs and partners), and to reporting and communication with donors.