Subject: DRAFT Process and calendar to prepare FTA 2018 POWB

For the 2018 budget, a priority setting mechanism discussed and endorsed by the ISC at its 6th meeting will be fully integrated in the development of 2018 work and budget on Program and FPs/CCT level along with the revised bilateral projects’ vetting process addressed by the ISC. The POWB 2018 will be the output of rolling out processes. This note proposes a mechanism and calendar for elaborating POWB document.

Draft Provisional timetable and steps to elaborate 2018 POWB

- 29 June in Rome: ISC decides on priority setting mechanism and mapping of bilateral projects to FTA and endorses the mechanism and relevant criteria.

- July-September: finalization of the set of FTA indicators.
  - By 10 September: MELIA team sends the final set to MSU, targeting 5-10 indicators
  - By 14 September: MT meeting on indicators (with MELIA).
  - By 20 September: transmission to SMO

- July- November: priority setting (see Paper 1 for details) according to the criteria endorsed by the ISC.
  - By 30 July: drafting of the prioritization framing note.
  - By 30 September: FPs and SP cluster leaders, in consultancy with partners submit the proposals to the MSU who in turn submits the compilation of proposals to the prioritization committee.
  - By 20 October: The prioritization committee evaluates the proposals in light of the prioritization note, and proposes a ranking and an assessment, against the criteria commonly agreed.
  - By 30 October: The FTA director consults the Management team on the proposals of the prioritization committee before sending those to the ISC.
  - 13 November TBC (ISC telco or meeting #7): ISC endorses results or gives further guidance.

- November-December: POWB document preparation. Based on agreed priorities, the FPs and SP prepare remaining input to the POWB, including description of outputs of bilateral projects
vetted to FTA according to revised mechanism (see Paper 4). It should be noted that due to prioritization process, the POWB works would be advanced at this stage as the FPs already submitted sound rationale and narrative for W1+2 resource use to the prioritization committee.

- 20 November (TBC) MT meets face to face in order to finalize the operational plan and POWB, given the ISC guidance
  - End December - January - Submission of draft POWB to ISC for the feedback
  - January: Revision and improvement based on ISC comments
  - Mid Feb. 2018 Submission of POWB to SMO and FTA W2 Donors.

**Compulsory elements in the POWB**

The POWB *Interim* template imposed in 2017 by the SMO required FTA to describe narratively its workplan and to provide information on:

- Table 2: indicators and targets for contribution to the SRF (sub-IDOs)
- Table 3: Expected Annual Milestones (progress markers) towards Outcomes 2022 and mapped budget (both W1/W2 and W3/bilateral)
- Table 4: Expected Key Outputs in a given year towards Outcomes 2022
- Provide total bilateral funding by FP in a given year

**Note: the template will change for next year.**

FTA, FPs and CCTs are additionally asked to explain how W1/2 allocations fund specific activities, outputs and outcomes. FPs will be also required to provide accurate information on the level of bilateral co-funding per activities and outputs. It will make clear how different sources of funding are being used towards the results, to ensure the best application of these funds, and in particular to be able to explain how W1/W2 resources are strategically used with respect to bilateral resources. All new bilateral projects mapped to FTA will follow bilateral projects vetting rule endorsed by ISC.