



CWP GENDER STRENGTHENING FUND APPLICATION SELECTION CRITERIA

This document seeks to help the CPA Headquarters Secretariat to identify and select bids/projects that contribute best to the achievement of the CWP Network's objectives and mission, *'To promote the representation of women in CPA Branches and women's full and equal participation in all political and parliamentary leadership at all levels'*.

The main objectives of this document are:

- To assess the relevance of the project proposal and how it meets the CWP Network's mission
- To assess the likelihood and practicality of the project proposal being implemented
- To use the result of the selection criterion as a basis for decision-making
- To ensure transparency

Selection Criterion

The CPA Headquarters Secretariat will consider the questions found below and rank them in accordance with the below scale:

- **0** - (insufficient)
- **1** - (sufficient)
- **2** - (appropriate)
- **3** - (completely appropriate)

The bids with the highest points will be deemed as those which best meet the criteria and will therefore be prioritised when considering funding allocation.

Allocation of Funds

When making this decision, the CPA Headquarters Secretariat will take into account geographical spread ensuring that as many Branches or Regions who bid for the Fund and meet the criteria receive an allocation of the total Fund.

Successful bids for multi-year funded projects are to be spread over a maximum of three years to ensure that there is sufficient funding left for other successful bids. Where funds are to form part of multi-year funding agreements with third parties, the approval for the allocation of the fund may need to be sought from the CPA Coordinating Committee.

Project Relevance

1) How well is the need for the project justified?

- a. There is a real need for the project (well justified, reasonable, well explained);
- b. The project is in line with CWP's mission '*To promote the representation of women in CPA Branches and women's full and equal participation in all political and parliamentary leadership at all levels*';
- c. The project clearly contributes to a CWP Work Plan, CWP Regional Work Plan or Region/ Branch gender related Work Plan, wider strategic plan or policy.

2) How does the project build on existing practices?

- a. The project makes use of available knowledge and builds on existing results and practices;
- b. The project is active, engaging and innovative;
- c. The project (excluding multi-year funding) tries to avoid overlaps and unnecessary replications from the Region or Branch's previous proposals; there is evolution of ideas;
- d. The project demonstrates new solutions and methods of engaging with CWP Network stakeholders that go beyond the existing practice or adapts and implements already developed solutions.

Cooperation and partnerships

3) What added value does the cooperation bring?

- a. The importance of cooperation beyond the jurisdiction for the topic addressed is clearly demonstrated;
- b. The results cannot/only to some extent be achieved without cooperation;
- c. There is a clear benefit from cooperating for the project partners / target

groups / project area / programme area.

- 4) To what extent is the partnership composition relevant for the proposed project?
 - a. Partner organisations have proven experience and competence in the thematic field concerned, as well as the necessary capacity to implement the project (financial, human resources, etc.)

Project success and legacy

- 5) To what extent is project implementation logic and plausible?
 - a. Project objectives are specific, realistic and achievable;
 - b. Proposed project outcomes and results are possible to achieve with given resources – i.e., time, partners, budget.
- 6) To what extent will project outcomes and successes have an impact beyond the project's lifetime?
 - a. Project outcomes are durable (the proposal is expected to provide a significant and durable contribution to solving the challenges targeted);
 - b. Project outcomes will contribute to the legacy of CWP on a branch, regional and international level, and its objective to be recognised as a leading, international women's parliamentary network.