

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CYCLE 6 NATIONAL PLATFORMS PARTNERSHIPS

Note that for all other Capacity Strengthening Opportunities **all members are eligible to participate. The only requirement is to complete the organisational assessment and include the time dedicated to this learning journey in your work plan for the coming months.*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for the sixth cycle of capacity strengthening support, your organization should:

- Be a Forus national member
- Be up to date with Forus membership fees (payment realized; committed or exempted until the year 2024)
- Be debt -free with Forus
- Be located in a country in the Development Assistance Committee's list of Official Development Assistance recipients. This is a requirement from the French Development Agency, which is the main source of funds for this cycle. Eligible countries are located in Africa, Asia, Pacific and Latin America except for the following countries, which are not eligible: Chile, Cook Islands, Japan, New-Zealand, South Korea, Uruguay, Seychelles & Taiwan.

National platforms that are not eligible can be invited to be part of a project, or an activity implemented by an eligible member, since this support's global goal is to contribute to exchanges and learning in the Forus' network. Members are encouraged to reach out to one another to establish these links.

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1. Having completed the 2024 organizational assessment.
2. Project relevance and alignment with the National Platforms Partnerships focus area: organisational development. Particularly core competencies around strategic and participatory planning, representative governance, resource mobilisation and advocacy.
3. Feasibility and clarity of the implementation plan: Clear objectives and clear description of planned activities, roles, and responsibilities, ensuring project feasibility and intended impact.
4. Budget Coherence: A detailed, coherent budget proposal that aligns with project objectives and activities and demonstrates the effective use of funds.

5. Measurable outcomes and impact: Look for specific indicators that will be used to measure success. These should be quantifiable and realistic, allowing for effective tracking of progress.

6. Evidence-Based Strategies: The proposed project is produced in solid foundation, demonstrates understanding of the context.

7. Sustainability: outlines a clear plan for lasting change that can continue beyond the funding period demonstrating engagement of stakeholders and components. Review the plans for financial sustainability after the grant period. This includes identifying potential funding sources, partnerships, or revenue generation strategies that will keep the project running.

8. Capacities are developed institutionally rather than individually: the capacity development support should contribute to the implementation of processes that will be embedded into organisational practices, which will remain despite changes in staff of the platform. Proposals will demonstrate a plan to share information within the platform and its members will provide feedback on the changes they perceive the platform is making with the additional support in their structure and operations.

9. Partnerships for knowledge production: the project foresees partnerships with other stakeholders that provide an additional set of knowledge that would enrich the project. Proposals will be evaluated on the plans to share back lessons learned and stories of change or reflections with the Forus network.

10. Legitimacy & Visibility: Platform must demonstrate existing relationships with its community and confirmation of its role of representative and convener from its members.

The selection process will aim to be equitable in opportunities available in the network among members.

BONUS

- Platform already or intending to have a representative governance structure (particular focus gender justice and intergenerational collaboration).
- Platforms with or exploring to increase the level of members engagement in the platform's activities.