



WBIF Self-Assessment



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Background

- Introduction of “new methodology” DDG K Mathernova announced “mid-term-review”
 - WBIF self assessment
 - IAS audit
 - IPF evaluation
- Self Assessment launched at 18th WBIF SC in Paris
- IFICO charged with execution
- First presentation of WBIF Self-assessment at 26th PFG (Nov 18) / background paper for 26th PFG



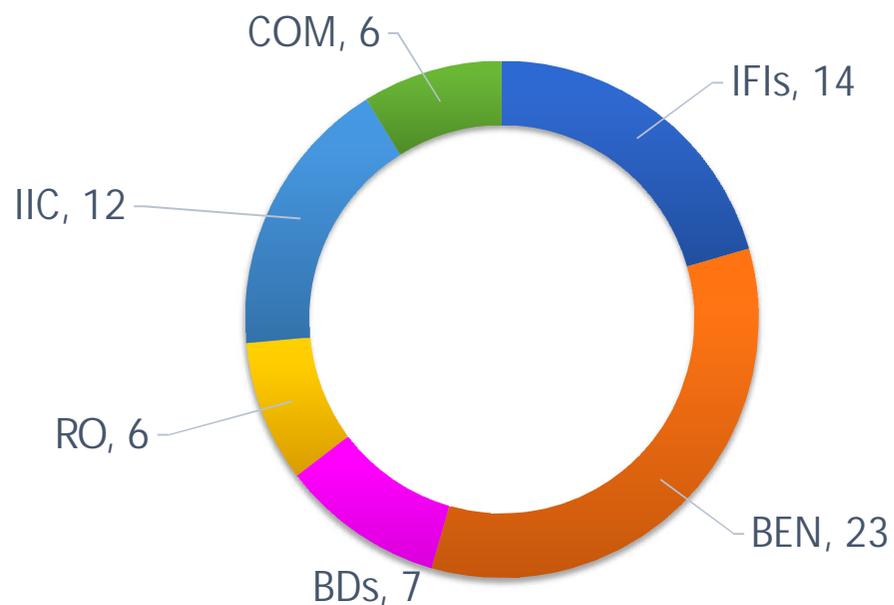
Methodology

- Design and discussion of draft questionnaire
- Focus on WBIFs:
 - (1) current functioning;
 - (2) areas for improvement; and
 - (3) future orientation including the aspects of the next financial framework (2021 – 2027)
- Evaluation of questionnaires
- Report (no analysis, just reflection and summary)



Overview

68 questionnaires received and assessed





Result “current functioning & improvement”

| 3 Areas working best | 3 Areas for improvement |
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| Project / grant related discussions (41%) | Project implementation (25%); |
| Project / grant approval process and implementation (both 16%) | ToR preparation (24%) |
| Policy and strategy discussions (13%) | Project/grant approval process (16%) |



Specific areas for improvement

| Specific areas for improvement | Actions taken / under way |
|---|---|
| Pre-notification for TA (not useful) | / |
| GAF preparation TA (quality, clarity GAF) | GAF has been updated, more functional now Quality improvements: ongoing effort |
| GAF preparation INV (quality, clarity GAF) | As above |
| Submission of bankable high impact projects TA | / |
| ToR preparation TA | Concrete proposals (Background paper) |
| Specific donor visibility through WBIF | Increased efforts visibility coordination |
| Overall visibility of WBIF at local, regional level | Increased cooperation / coordination with EUDs |



WBIF's future orientation

| Topic | Trends |
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| Overall integration of other initiatives | 67% view this positive, noticeable levels of uncertainty on level and depth of integration. |
| Integration of concrete initiatives | Overwhelming support to "closer involvement" of EDIF, REEP and GGF, little less for EFSE. |
| Integration of national IPA under WBIF | Overwhelming agreement that IPA national should be brought under or closer coordination with WBIF, but noticeable scepticism about WBIF's suitability for national IPA. |
| Extension of WBIF's scope | Vast majority supports linking INV grants to reforms and would support cross sector investment programs. Majority wants to see an increase in SOC and DII projects. Split on "new" (other) sectors. |
| Increased COM funding | All welcome increase in funding. Most want all sectors benefiting from all types of support & want to address the existing funding gaps first. |
| Additional priorities | Many believe WBIF's transparency should increase, policy reforms should be addressed nationally and WBIF should support this. |



Selected Comments (raised by at least 3 stakeholder groups)

| Comment summary on current functioning | Stakeholders |
|---|--------------------|
| Closer involvement of NIPACs (emphasis), NIC and BDs in policy and strategy | All but RO |
| Increase transparency in discussions and decision making | COM, BD, BEN |
| Streamline or reconsider entire ToR process, too time consuming | All |
| Introduce workshops on new policies in WBs | IFI, BEN, IIC |
| Improve GAF quality, involve end-beneficiaries and IFIs | IFI, COM, BEN, IIC |
| Make MIS more functional | IFI, BD, BEN |
| Pre-notification / endorsement not efficient | IFI, BD, BEN |
| Improve SPP process, involve BDs, EUD, IFI closer, regular progress updates | COM, BD, IIC |
| Make JF implemented grants more visible, transparent, more efficient | IFI, BD, BEN |
| Introduce 2nd yearly INV Round | IFI, COM, BD, BEN |
| Improve local communication and visibility action | All but RO |
| Improve BD visibility and highlight better BD contributions | IFI, COM, BEN |



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|---|-------------------|
| Expansion not at expense of efficiency; no substantial change to governance | IFI, COM, BD, BEN |
| Consider monitoring of other initiatives, info-exchange, finding synergies | IFI, BD, BEN |
| WBIF improvements first, then expanding, reduce imbalance of sectors | All but IIC |
| Insufficient absorption capacities for integration of IPA national | All but RO |
| Priority for guarantee instrument on existing WBIF sectors & funding gap | IFI, BD, BEN, IIC |
| Introduce ENV and SOC co-financing by COM | All but RO |
| Expand TRA into sub-sectors | IFI, BD, IIC |



Thank you

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