



Multistakeholder Engagement to Implement the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions and the World Bank Social Protection and Jobs Compass (M-GA)

3rd Coordination Council Meeting Technical Level

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Updates on the first funding round

Out of 11 submitted proposals, 9 were selected for funding and implementation: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Nepal, Paraguay, the Philippines, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam. Proposals from Albania and Malawi were not selected in the first funding round.

The proposals were evaluated by independent reviewers using a shared evaluation matrix. A key criterion was that proposals advanced the objectives of the M-GA. All UN-World Bank teams will receive technical feedback from all reviewers (World Bank and UN side reviewers) which can be taken into account for the implementation of the projects. All teams are welcome to submit proposals in the second funding round. Albania and Malawi are welcome to re-submit their proposals from the first funding round after adjusting them on the basis of the technical feedback.

A second funding round will be organized in the first quarter of 2025. The inclusion of social partners and civil society in GA National Steering Committees remains a key factor for the success of the Global Accelerator; to the implementation of which the M-GA initiative contributes.

Global Collaboration

Global Collaboration is an important part of the M-GA partnership. This includes the development of global products that are in alignment with the M-GA's objectives, fill knowledge gaps, support current or prospective countries supported by the M-GA, and contribute to global goods. Two global products have been selected by the Management Team:

Expanding the Quality, Scope and Country Coverage of Global Data on Active Labour Market Policies (ALMPs): A proposal to expand the quality, scope, and country coverage of global data on ALMPs. This aims to address the knowledge gap in labor market programs and inform policy decisions.

Climate Change and Social Protection: A proposal to identify how to enhance social protection systems to better enable poor and vulnerable households to reduce their exposure and vulnerability to risks from climate change, including to slow onset events, and to build an investment case for social protection as climate action policy to the climate change community, including through application of relevant metrics.

Feedback and Suggestions:

- Strong support for the two presented global products from Viet Nam, Namibia, and Senegal
- Three main ideas for future global products:
 - Social protection extension and formalization, in particular for gig workers, casual workers (proposed by Uzbekistan)
 - Digital solutions for increasing employability of persons with disabilities (Uzbekistan)
 - Transboundary schemes for social security (Uzbekistan)
 - Development of sustainable financing strategies for jobs and social protection to ensure positive developments continue beyond the GA (Malawi)
 - Social protection and employment expenditure tracking as a starting point for increasing fiscal space for social investments (Malawi, Senegal)
 - Integrated approaches for jobs and social protection in agriculture (Malawi)
 - Employment Impact Assessments and support for improved data collection and statistical capacity (Namibia)
 - Strengthening social dialogue and capacity building for social partners (Rwanda)
- Ireland suggested a participatory selection process to ensure that future global products respond to the needs of countries
- Germany suggested to ensure close collaboration with the working groups under other international fora and initiatives, such as USP2030

M-GA rapid assessment

On behalf of BMZ, Oxford Policy Management presented the M-GA rapid assessment process and the resulting main recommendations (see the final report for the recommendations). Feedback and further recommendations included:

- All stakeholders, including governments, can continue to give feedback via the national steering committees

The rapid assessment is an opportunity to learn from the process so far and further develop the initiative in the years to come. Coordination Council members are welcome to share further feedback with the Management Team.

Closing Remarks

2025 will provide many opportunities for working together and for joint advocacy for the initiative, including FfD4, WSSD, the Hamburg sustainability conference, G20 in South Africa, the Finance in Common Summit, and the Global Conference on Social Protection in Uzbekistan.