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# UPDATE ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTION

**Board of Directors Meeting**
**June 6-7, 2017**
**Ottawa, Canada**

1. Establishment of a new internal review mechanism
2. Enhancement of the peer review process
3. Independent assessment of ESP/TEP

# 1. Management Review Meetings

**Function:**

- To clear Secretariat's reports and key messaging before they are sent to countries or the GPC
- To ensure rigor and consistency of the QA process

**Outcomes:**

- Enhanced quality and consistency of QA process and products
- Learning across teams
- Ongoing efficiency gains

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**Modality:**

- Joint:
  - Management of CST, SPP and Ops
  - CL, peer reviewers, and QA team .
- Weekly, and based on country timeline and GPC meetings
- Based on clear guidance for each step

**Status:**

- Effective since March 7
- 12 Review Meetings
- 18 reports examined across the different quality assurance steps

# Status - Review Meetings

| Step | Reports reviewed | Countries/ States |
|---|---|---|
| ESP\|TEP comments | 4 | South Sudan, Madagascar, Djibouti, Comoros |
| QAR 1 | 7 | Puntland, Gambia (P), Afghanistan, Zanzibar, Somaliland, Burkina Faso Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone (P) |
| QAR 2 | 3 | Puntland, Cambodia, Liberia |
| QAR 3 | 3 | Lesotho, Puntland, Liberia |
| Accelerated Funding | 1 | Somaliland |

# 2. Enhancement of the peer review process

- **Peer review based on risk levels:**

| Low Risk Grants | Medium Risk Grants | High Risk Grants |
|---|---|---|
| Country Lead (CL) + 1 Education Specialist (ES) | CL + 1 Peer CL + 1 ES + 1 Planning expert | CL + 1 peer CL + 1 ES + 1 Planning expert |

- **Peer review checked by the QA team and discussed at the Review meeting**

# 3. Independent Assessment of ESP/TEP

1. Two training sessions for experts organized jointly with IIEP
=> establishment of a roster of consultants (>30)
2. Development of online training modules for independent assessment experts
3. Review of appraisal reports by the Secretariat (7 reports reviewed)
=>Feedback to individual independent assessment experts
4. Technical review of the independent assessment mechanism is planned (BOD/2015/12-14–Independent Assessment of Education Sector Plans):
    - Initial interim results/progress to be provided in Dec. 2017
    - Evaluation in 2018
5. Face to Face forum with independent experts to share lessons learned + best practices



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