

## UNDP Country-Based Accelerator Lab Network Compact

UNDP is building the the world's largest, fastest learning network of Accelerator Labs to deploy new approaches to emergent development problems. These labs will accelerate development impact and augment existing capabilities of the Multi Country Office. This lab an investment to generate strategic arguments for doing development differently and renewing UNDP's capacity to address frontier challenges.

The success of this institution-wide innovation initiative depends on mobilizing a wide array of dynamic partnerships to contribute knowledge, expertise and resources and translate those into top notch advisory and support. This is the **remit of the Support Team**. The success of this also depends on the **CO management ownership and accountability** for to guide the Labs and grafting innovations onto the way the CO functions.

With this in mind, we propose a compact among ourselves as a guide for our future collaboration:

### What does the CO commit to?

- CO Management to put into context the Support Hub's technical support engages with the Government and creates space for the Accelerator Lab to function. The CO Management leverages Accelerator Lab **not** as a top up to existing program and business as usually, but uses the investment in critical policy areas that ensure long term relevance, reprofiling and repositioning CO with the key partners.
- CO Management to leverage the work of the Lab to transform the the way the CPD is delivered in order to ensure relevance and effectiveness vis a vis exponentially changing development challenges.
- To devote your CO staff and resources during a creative search for talent for the core Lab team. Lab teams must be in place by March-April 2019.
- Remove bureaucratic obstacles at the country level for effective operationalization of the Lab and tell us about the ones that should be taken up globally.

### What does the Country Office get from the Accelerator Lab support team?

- We will help you build the conditions for doing development differently and nurturing Accelerator Labs (including support to engage national partners over this new CO offer, strategic communications, and advice on grafting the Lab functions onto the ongoing CO portfolio).
- To support onboarding of the core team across 60 Accelerator Labs (including guidance on profiles, and strategies for identifying candidates).
- To identify emerging approaches to development (and set up partnerships you can draw down on), design curricula, roll out trainings and initiatives that upskill Lab teams within COs (via boot-camps, virtual sessions, on demand support, linkages with existing UNDP and labs outside the system).
- To incentivize peer-to-peer cross CO exchanges, to document experience of Labs in close to real-time, to learn from communication and collaboration among the Labs as a way of accelerating learning over what works and what doesn't in different contexts.
- To mobilize the funding for the initiative (funding envelope of estimated \$2 million per CO over three years).
- To liaise with business units at the HQ level and protect a 'regulatory sandbox' for the initiative in an effort to remove any unnecessary bureaucratic barriers.

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