

Advising on the review of the Performance Indicators

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Issue

1. The Performance Indicators Secretariat are seeking the thoughts of the Performance Indicators Technical Group on an elementary review of the Performance Indicators.

Outcomes

2. The Performance Indicators Technical Group to provide advice to the Performance Indicators Secretariat on any areas that the fundamental review should cover.

Discussion

3. In preparation for a potential review of the Research and WP Performance Indicators, the PITG have previously considered areas of concern and known issues for both these sets of indicators.

4. In subsequent discussions, the PISG have decided that a more elementary review of the Performance Indicators was required due to the overarching and fundamental questions that apply to all sets of indicators which have risen from considering the Research and WP sets of indicators. PISG felt that preliminary work should be undertaken prior to drilling into the detail of different sets of indicators through a rolling or other form of review process.

5. With this in mind, the PISG have asked the Secretariat to draft a tender document inviting external consultancy to help PISG gain answers to some of these fundamental questions.

6. Two of the fundamental issues/questions that PISG highlighted needed exploring were:

- a. Why are the PIs produced and who is their audience?
- b. What issues do they particularly seek to address?

7. Given the broad knowledge and experience of the PITG on the Performance Indicators, the Secretariat are seeking any additional views on such a review prior to preparing the potential tender document.

Outcome

8. The Performance Indicators Technical Group to provide advice to the Performance Indicators Secretariat on any areas that the fundamental review should cover.

Further information

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