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Country, Ethiopia
Initiation plan

Project Title: Innovation for Development

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Innovation and Technology

Expected UNDAF Outcome 2: By 2020 private-sector driven manufacturing and service industry sector growth is inclusive, sustainable, and competitive and job rich.

Expected CPD Outputs: Priority manufacturing sectors identified in the GTP are more inclusive, productive and competitive in regional and international markets (output 1)

Initiation plan Start/End Dates: May to December 2019


Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Brief Description
<p>With an increasingly complex world where development challenges are continuously emerging and changing, there is an urgent need to move away from business as usual and respond with agile and flexible solutions.</p> <p>UNDP has been driving for innovation in the development arena to represent the next generation of development solutions; from human-centred design to improve service delivery to strategic foresight that enhances planning processes; from innovation labs that incubate and test ideas to behavioural insights and user led designs that create citizen-government feedback loops.</p> <p>The general objective of the programme is to bring out innovation and creativity across all sectors and various actors to scale up and make use of innovative approaches and technologies to help solve development challenges.</p>

Programme Period: 8 months (May to Dec. 2019)
Atlas Project Number: _____
Atlas Output ID: _____
Gender Marker: GEN 2

Total resources required:	300,000
Total resources allocated:	
	UNDP TRAC: 300,000
	Donor: -
	Government: -
	In-Kind: -

Agreed by UNDP:


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I. PURPOSE

The past two decades have proven the pivotal role of innovation in bringing about economic development. The build-up of innovation capacities has played a central role in the growth dynamics of successful developing countries. The development of inclusive innovations as well as the transfer of technologies from developed countries can often contribute significantly to addressing urgent developmental challenges.

Innovation for development is about identifying more effective solutions that add value for the people affected by development challenges – people and their governments, users and clients. Innovation is central to the way development is done and donors are increasingly stressing innovation as a key condition for funding.

UNDP launched a three-year global initiative and established accelerator labs in 60 countries and Ethiopia is one of the selected countries, to build the largest and fastest global learning network. The initiative responds to the widespread recognition for the need to get away from business-as-usual to take us to the world we want in 2030 and beyond. UNDP is one of the development organizations expected to propose new ways of operating that brings about innovation and shapes new solutions to developmental challenges.

The project aims to develop comprehensive programme document that identifies key programmatic entry points to develop innovation ecosystem to enhance innovation for development based on the study on innovation ecosystem in Ethiopia.

II. EXPECTED OUTPUT

Output 1: Comprehensive program document on innovation ecosystem developed and rapid assessment for innovation ecosystem conducted.

Output 2: Best practices and technologies adapted from the experience exchange mission to Israel and key development partners.

Output 3: Existing innovation/acceleration labs in the Ministry of Innovation and Technology strengthened.

Output 4: Innovation challenge competitions at national and regional levels promoted and sustainable commercialization platforms created.

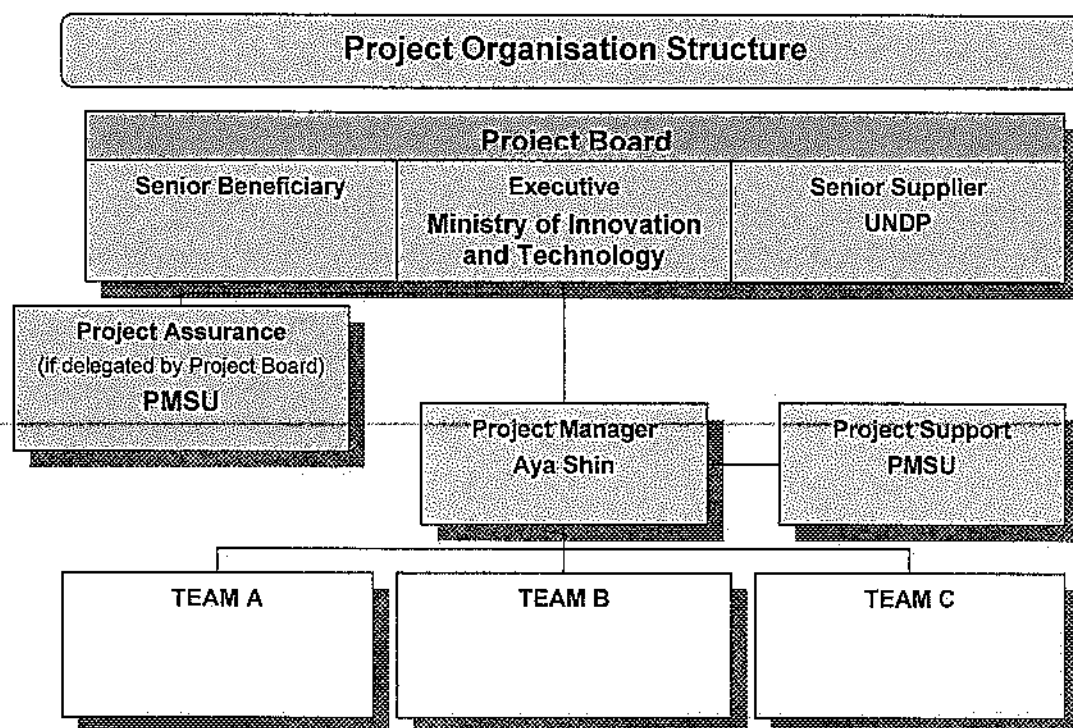
III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The implementation of the Initiation Plan is fully aligned with UNDP's project governance structures. The management of the project will be performed taking into account guidance from the Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MiNT) for programmatic matters as needed. The project will be governed by the project board including MiNT and UNDP which will provide overall strategic guidance on the design and implementation of activities.

The following UNDP officials will be directly involved in the implementation and monitoring of the activities planned under this initiation plan:

- Team Leader of Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development (IGSD) Unit: The TL will provide guidance on the design and implementation of activities and will liaise with government counterparts to secure buy-in and full alignment of the project with government priorities. The TL will keep management informed on the progress of the project with a focus on any issues that may require intervention.
- Programme Analyst (PA): The PA will manage the project and lead the day to day management of the project and will provide technical support to the implementation of activities. In consultation with MiNT, the PA will develop ToR, Concept Notes and other programmatic requisites for the smooth implementation of activities and will secure technical quality assurance of the outputs produced. The PA will be the project manager and will develop reports as required.
- The following CO staffs will provide various forms of support during implementation in a team effort as follows:
 - Programme Analyst for Entrepreneurship Development and Sustainable Tourism will provide technical guidance and support to the Programme Analyst.
 - Gender Advisor provides quality assurance support in the formulation and implementation of the project.
 - Communications Unit: The Communications Unit will ensure the visibility of the project and will contribute to reporting of activities on UNDP's communication platforms and will regularly develop stories and document results.
 - Programme Associate: The IGSD Programme Associate will provide administrative support for the day-to-day running of the project in accordance with UNDP's rules and regulations.
 - PMSU: Partnership Management Support Unit (PMSU) will provide quality assurance for the project.

The Embassy of Israel in Ethiopia and the MASHAV will partner with UNDP as technical support providers. The embassy of Israel and MASHAV are supposed to provide technical assistance such as inviting a couple of people to a training held by MASHAV in Israel, hold a roundtable/workshop to study innovation ecosystem in Ethiopia and send an expert to a roundtable/workshop. Monthly meetings will be held between UNDP and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology to follow up on progress and implementation of project to incorporate the needs of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology.



IV. MONITORING

Ongoing and regular monitoring will be conducted throughout the lifecycle of the project and will be the responsibility of both UNDP and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology. Monitoring will take the form of regular field visits and collection of data and will abide by UNDP's Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) guidelines. The data that will be collected through the monitoring needs to be disaggregated by sex and age. It is expected that a monitoring plan will be issued at the start-up of the project and will guide the project staff in monitoring the various activities.

The project will be reported on a regular basis. Monthly meetings will be held between UNDP and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology to follow up on progress and implementation of project. Quarterly reports will be developed by the Programme Analyst and submitted to the Ministry. A final progress report will be developed at the end of the initiation plan, reflecting results and lessons learnt, using UNDP's standard reporting template.

UNDP's Partnership and Management Support Unit (PMSU) will support the project team in its monitoring, reporting and evaluation endeavour and will be responsible for quality assurance.

V. WORK PLAN - MAY TO 30 DECEMBER 2019

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>Baseline, indicators including targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIME FRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)
Output 1: Comprehensive program document on innovation ecosystem developed and rapid assessment for innovation ecosystem conducted Baseline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No assessment on existing innovation ecosystem. • No existing programme for "Innovation for Development" being implemented. Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid assessment conducted on innovation ecosystem • Full-fledged programme developed for "Innovation for Development" Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-Assessment report developed • 1-Full-fledged programme document developed 	1.1. Carry out a workshop/roundtable on innovations in Ethiopia with an expert from Israel embassy/MASHAV for inputs for the assessment and to map out the needs and determine the framework of assessment.		X	X		MINT, UNDP	TRAC	IC	15,000
	1.2. Carry out rapid assessment on the overall innovation ecosystem in Ethiopia including assessment of existing capacities of the labs within the ministry.		X	X		MINT, UNDP	TRAC	IC	25,000
	1.3. Develop a comprehensive and full-fledged programme document with appropriate mainstreaming of gender responsive methodologies.		X	X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	IC	40,000

<p>Output 2: Best practices and technologies adapted from experience exchange mission to Israel and key development partners.</p> <p>Baseline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of best practices and technologies that can be adapted to Ethiopia. • No personnel attended the exchange visit planned by UNDP and Mashav under the initiation plan. <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of identified best practices and technologies adapted in Ethiopia • Number of personnel attending the exchange visit and training in Israel <p>Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 best practices and technologies identified and adapted. • Experience exchange visit to Israel conducted (at least 30% of participants to be women). 	2.1. Organize an experience exchange visit to Israel through Mashav (at least 30% women)		X	X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Travel	20,000
	2.2. Twinning arrangements with selected institutions and universities to identify the best practices and technologies that can be adapted in Ethiopia			X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Workshop	15,000
	2.3. Establishing and strengthening Incubation Centres in local universities				X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	IT Eqpt.	20,000

Output 3: Existing innovation/acceleration labs in the Ministry of Innovation and Technology strengthened Baseline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity of existing innovation/acceleration labs in the country. Services provided by existing innovation/acceleration labs supported by the Ministry. Awareness of Ministry staff on existing innovation/acceleration labs in the country. Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of existing hubs/labs Number and types of new services provided Number of staffs with enhanced awareness on innovation labs/hubs Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 3 innovation labs strengthened At least 2 new service provisions identified and conducted in the innovation labs and Youth Science cafes. Provision of 2 technical trainings to staff of the Ministry and hubs/Youth Cafés. 	3.1. Provision of technical and materials assistance to existing innovation labs supported by the ministry			X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Material and equipment	30,000
	3.2. Conduct capacity building training for the ministry staff – (at least 30% women).			X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Training	20,000
	3.3. Provision of technical and materials assistance to existing Science Cafes in identified youth centres			X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Training	15,000

Output 4: Innovation challenge competitions at national and regional levels promoted and sustainable commercialization platform created.	Baseline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No innovation challenge competition conducted Low participation of women in similar innovation challenge competitions. Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of innovation challenges promoted (across sectors) Percentage of female participants to the innovation challenge competitions Targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two innovation challenge competitions conducted At least 30% of the participants of the innovation challenge competitions to be female. 	4.1: Advocacy and awareness on innovation and creativity among different universities and identification of pressing challenges (put in place affirmative actions and specific gender considerations to maximize participation of women).					X	X	X	MINT, UNDP	TRAC	Printing and publication	10,000
4.2: Organize Innovation challenge competitions for tech-business start-ups (30% of competitors to be women)											TRAC	Event	78,000
SUB TOTAL												(Programmatic Cost Sub Total)	288,000
DPC Cost (3%)													9,000
M&E Cost (1%)													3,000
TOTAL													300,000