



Guidance for participation in the MCDF Collaboration Platform

I. Introduction

1. The Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF) is a multilateral initiative to increase high-quality infrastructure and connectivity investments in developing countries in compliance with International Financial Institution (IFI) standards, including by encouraging other investors and financial institutions to adopt such standards.

2. The MCDF is designed to complement and reinforce the numerous existing global, regional and sectoral initiatives established in response to the need for more connectivity infrastructure in the world. It will support implementation of the G20 Quality Infrastructure Principles, the UN Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the Paris Climate Agreement. With its goal of working in cooperation with existing channels and mechanisms, the MCDF will aim to contribute positively to a better-connected world built on high quality, sustainable infrastructure.

3. In accordance with Article 5 of the MCDF's Governing Instrument, an MCDF Collaboration Platform will be established to perform the functions in accordance with the Governing Instrument. Guidance on the purpose, activities, and participation in the MCDF Collaboration Platform is being provided below. Given the nascent status of MCDF and its operational activities, the Guidance is purposefully kept in broad and flexible terms and will be further elaborated as experience is gained and cooperation deepened.

II. Guidance

a. Purpose and Activities of the Collaboration Platform

4. The purpose of the MCDF Collaboration Platform is to facilitate the flow of information across IFIs, other development partners including new partners, and private sector entities to avoid duplication, facilitate collaboration, promote synergies and enhance learning and knowledge sharing relating to Accredited IFI Standards and infrastructure and connectivity investment.

5. In particular, Collaboration Platform activities will:

- support a transparent, friendly, non-discriminatory and predictable financing environment for plans and activities related to infrastructure and connectivity investments;

- enhance information exchange and knowledge sharing, including the related analyses and case studies to explore best practices; and
- strengthen relevant know-how and institutional capacity of developing countries and their development partners in areas including, but not limited to, sustainable debt management; procurement; environmental, social and governance including anti-corruption safeguards; and transparency.

b. Participation in the Collaboration Platform

6. Participants are expected to share information and knowledge on standards, best practices and success/best practice stories related to quality infrastructure and connectivity investment. Information will be shared on a voluntary basis and in line with their respective guidelines on information sharing. Participants submitting information will ensure that the information to be shared is accurate.

7. Through engagement in events and activities of the Collaboration Platform, Participants will benefit from: engagement and visibility in the MCDF process; interaction with potential financiers; and the opportunity to advocate for solutions, best practices and success stories utilizing corporate and organizational experience.

c. Role of the Coordination Committee

8. The Coordination Committee, which initially comprises the founding contributors to the MCDF Finance Facility as well as the IFIs who are parties to the Memorandum of Understanding on Collaboration on the Matters to Establish the MCDF (MOU), will oversee and direct all activities undertaken through the Collaboration Platform, with support from the Secretariat. The Coordination Committee will also keep under review the development of appropriate strategies, work plans and budgets for Collaboration Platform activities.

d. Role of the MCDF Secretariat

9. The MCDF Secretariat will serve as the convener and facilitator for the Collaboration Platform, and will inter alia undertake to:

- develop and maintain a Collaboration Platform database of information on infrastructure and connectivity investments, accredited IFI standards, new partners, and financial support;
- gather and share information among Participants with a view to incorporating up-to-date approaches and technologies in the Collaboration Platform to maximize its use and impact;
- develop tools and mechanisms to promote the exchange of information on investment needs and proposals, best practices and knowledge. These tools will include a contact database for Participants and experts; and

- promote communication and knowledge exchange among participants, including through various knowledge sharing events, such as forums, workshops, tutorials, webinars, and/or seminars. MCDF may organize such events on its own or in collaboration with other partners (including IFIs, other development partners, potential new partners, or private sector), taking into account comparative advantage of different entities, and ensuring that high quality information is provided and made accessible in a timely manner.

III. Work Plan and Funding for the Collaboration Platform

10. It is envisaged that initial funding for the Collaboration Platform will be sought from the MCDF Finance Facility through the regular budget allocation process. Following the submission and approval by the Coordination Committee and the Governing Committee in March 2021 of MCDF's first budget, startup activities for the Collaboration Platform could commence.

11. In addition to the annual budget approval on the basis of a proposed workplan, participants are also encouraged to provide financial support and in-kind contributions to the Collaboration Platform activities.

12. Such financial support and in-kind contributions should be part of the future annual planning process for the proposed work plan and budget.