

Modalities for the Ad hoc Working Group on the External Review on Technical Assistance (CDIP/8/INF/1)

1. The ad hoc working group will be open to regional coordinators and other interested delegates, and facilitated by the Secretariat. The setting of this ad hoc working group will not set any precedent.
2. There will be no budgetary implications associated with the ad hoc working group.
3. The work of the Secretariat in the form of the management response as directed by the project (CDIP/4/8, Section 2.3, Component 2, para. (c), p.10), and its accompanied terms of reference, can feed in the work of the ad hoc working group. The Secretariat shall ensure the early completion of its response.
4. The ad hoc working group will commence its work after CDIP 8, with the commitment to present a report on its findings to CDIP 9. If the CDIP 9 deems that it is necessary to extend the ad hoc working group, it should do so by consensus.
5. The ad hoc working group should strive to review CDIP/8/INF/1, with the emphasis on identifying recommendations that are redundant or no longer relevant, without any prioritization of recommendations. The ad hoc working group may also choose to discuss the other elements of the study in an effort to save time for discussions during CDIP 9.
6. The report to be presented shall not duplicate the work of the CDIP, nor direct the CDIP to take action, but only serve as a tool to expedite the discussions within the CDIP.
7. At least one day should be set aside in CDIP 9 to discuss the ad hoc working group's report, the management response of the Secretariat and CDIP/8/INF/1.