

Review of ISC Rate – Proposal to establish a Working Group

Informal Board Consultation
10:00-13:00, April 2nd, 2014



ISC Review: Background

- 'Method for Calculating the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP' paper was presented to February 2014 EB.
- Informal Consultations with members and formal discussions with Finance Committee in January called for more information.
- Three notes for information were issued in the days before the EB.
- Suggestion made to establish Working Group to ensure technical aspects are given due attention by members.
- Further consultations on possible arrangements were held with EB Bureau in March.
- Working Group Concept Note prepared and disseminated.
- Based on feedback from Lists, Concept Note revised and distributed to the Bureau members and this Informal Consultation.

ISC Working Group: Matters of consensus and mixed feedback

All Lists supported Working Group but specific feedback was mixed.

- Consensus:
 - Establish a platform for discussion and common understanding of technical aspects related to the ISC review;
 - Not a decision making body;
 - Assist management prepare EB documents prior to presentation to Informal Consultations;
 - Report to Informal Consultations;
 - Verbal report at Annual Session. Outcomes to be incorporated into documentation to be presented to EB in November 2014.
- Mixed feedback:
 - Technical Working Group (TWG) or Open Working Group (OWG)?
 - Should nominations to the WG be made by all the Electoral Lists?
 - Should participation be restricted to members nominated by each Electoral List?

Next Steps

- Feedback through EB Bureau, specifically:
 - OWG or TWG
 - Provide nominations
- To help us organize the initial work and address your substantive queries: Channel questions regarding the review of method for calculating the ISC rate through List conveners at the Bureau.
- Management to arrange 1st meeting of Working Group in late April to agree work plan and discuss “core funding” question.
- Oral presentation to EB in June.