

Information session

Call TEAM-SI-JOINT 2019

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1. Intro VLIR-UOS



What's in a name: VLIR vs. VLIR-UOS

Flemish Interuniversity Council (VLIR) – **University Cooperation for Development (UOS)**

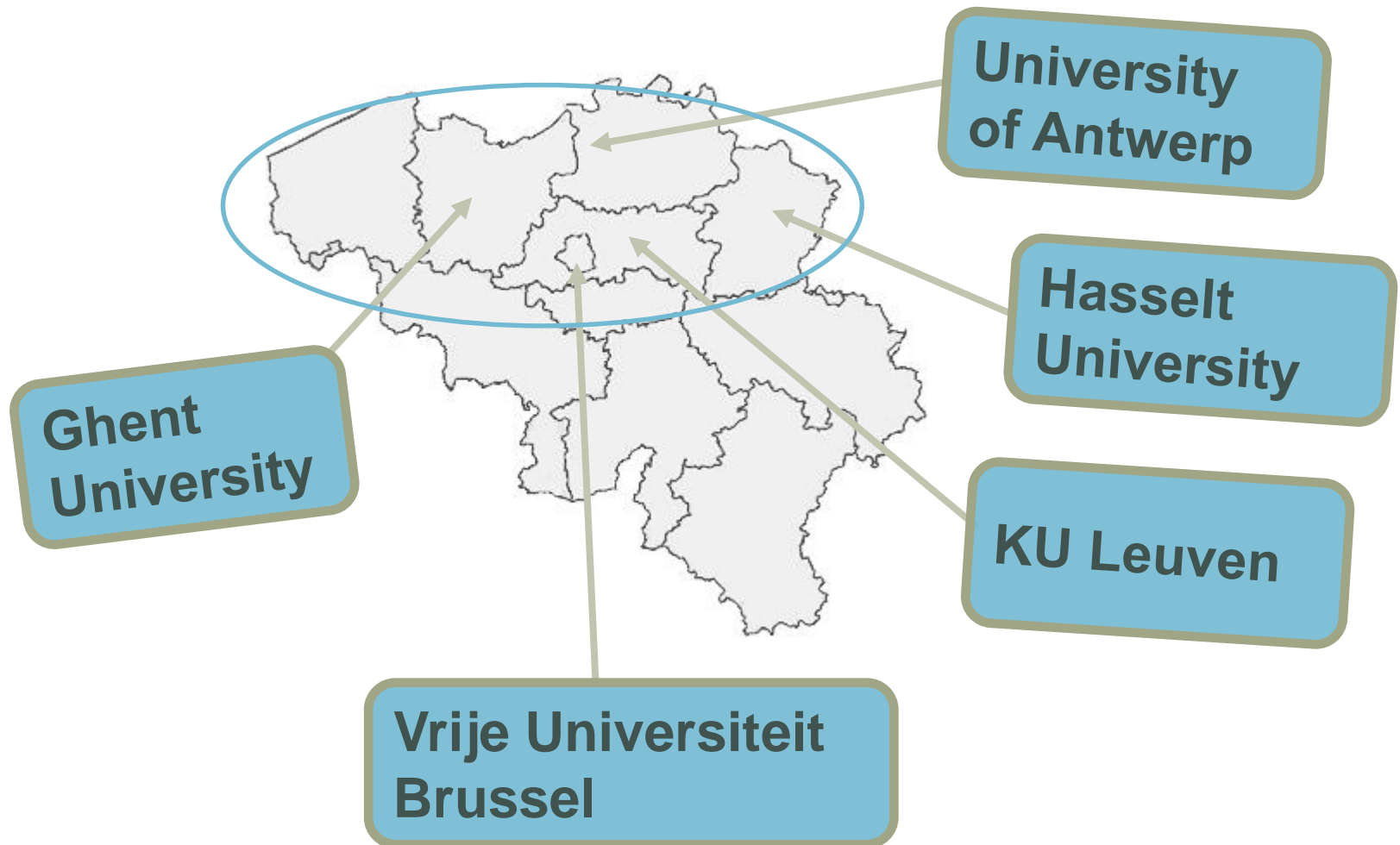
VLIR-UOS created in 1998 under the umbrella of the **Flemish Interuniversity Council**

Funded by the **Belgian minister for Development Cooperation**

Average annual budget of € 32 million (as from 2017 within context of a five-year programme)

FLANDERS BELGIUM

5 universities
13 university colleges



A photograph of two men shaking hands in front of a white banner. The man on the left is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and is smiling. The man on the right is wearing a light blue button-down shirt, glasses, and has a beard; he is also smiling. The banner in the background features the logos for 'THE BELGIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION .be' and 'vliruos SHARING MINDS, CHANGING LIVES'.

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**VLIR-UOS supports partnerships
between universities and university colleges
in Flanders and the South**

**looking for innovative responses to global and
local challenges**



research
projects



scholar-
ships



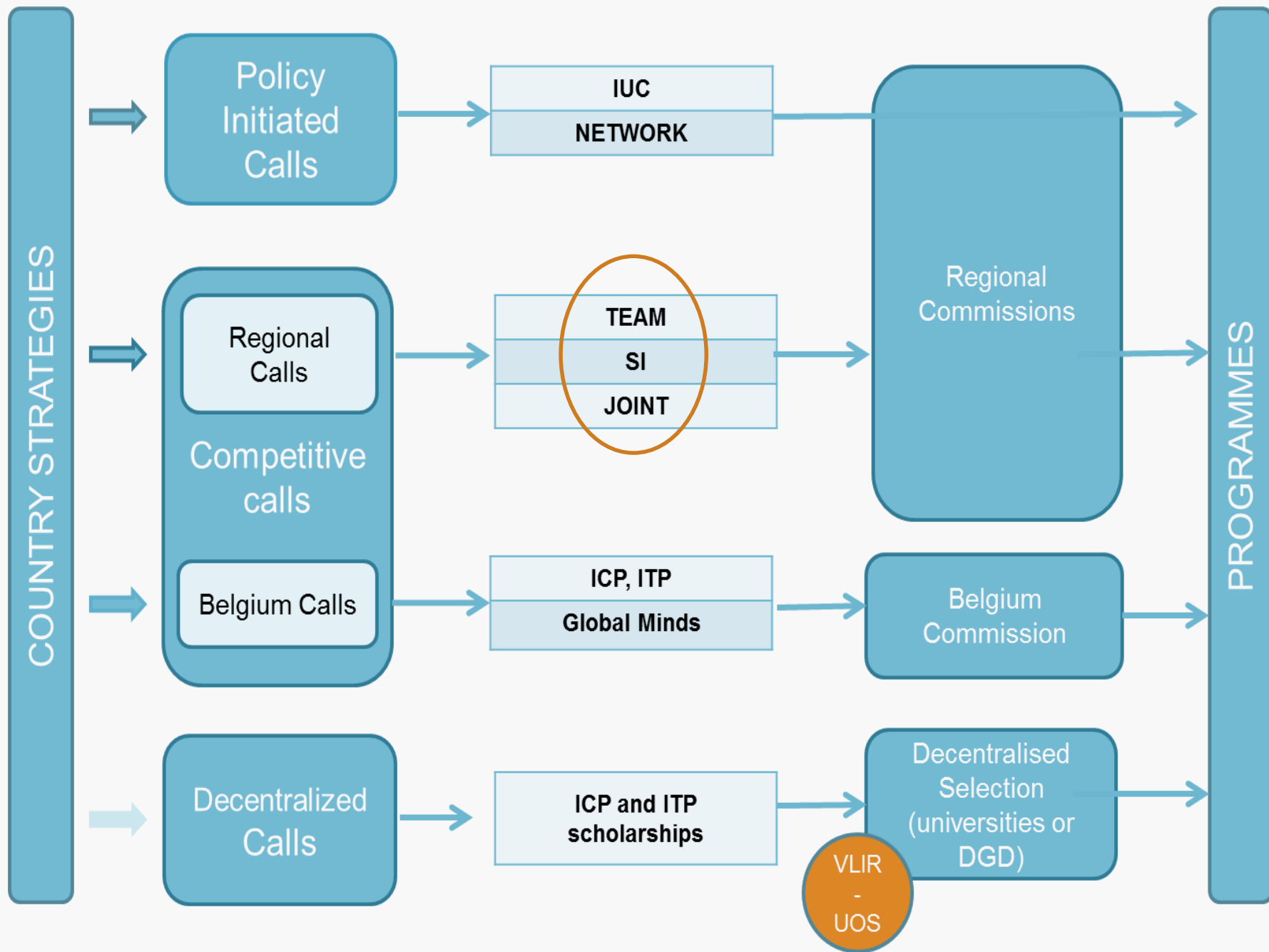
institutional
strengthening



**social
impact**

VLIR-UOS cooperation model

- From conceptual framework to projects / scholarships
 - Annual calls for proposals
 - Competitive selection by regional commissions
 - Selection criteria
 - 6 OECD/DAC criteria, with specific focus on:
 - Fit within country strategy
 - Complementarity, synergy
 - Transversal themes : gender, environment, D4D, ...



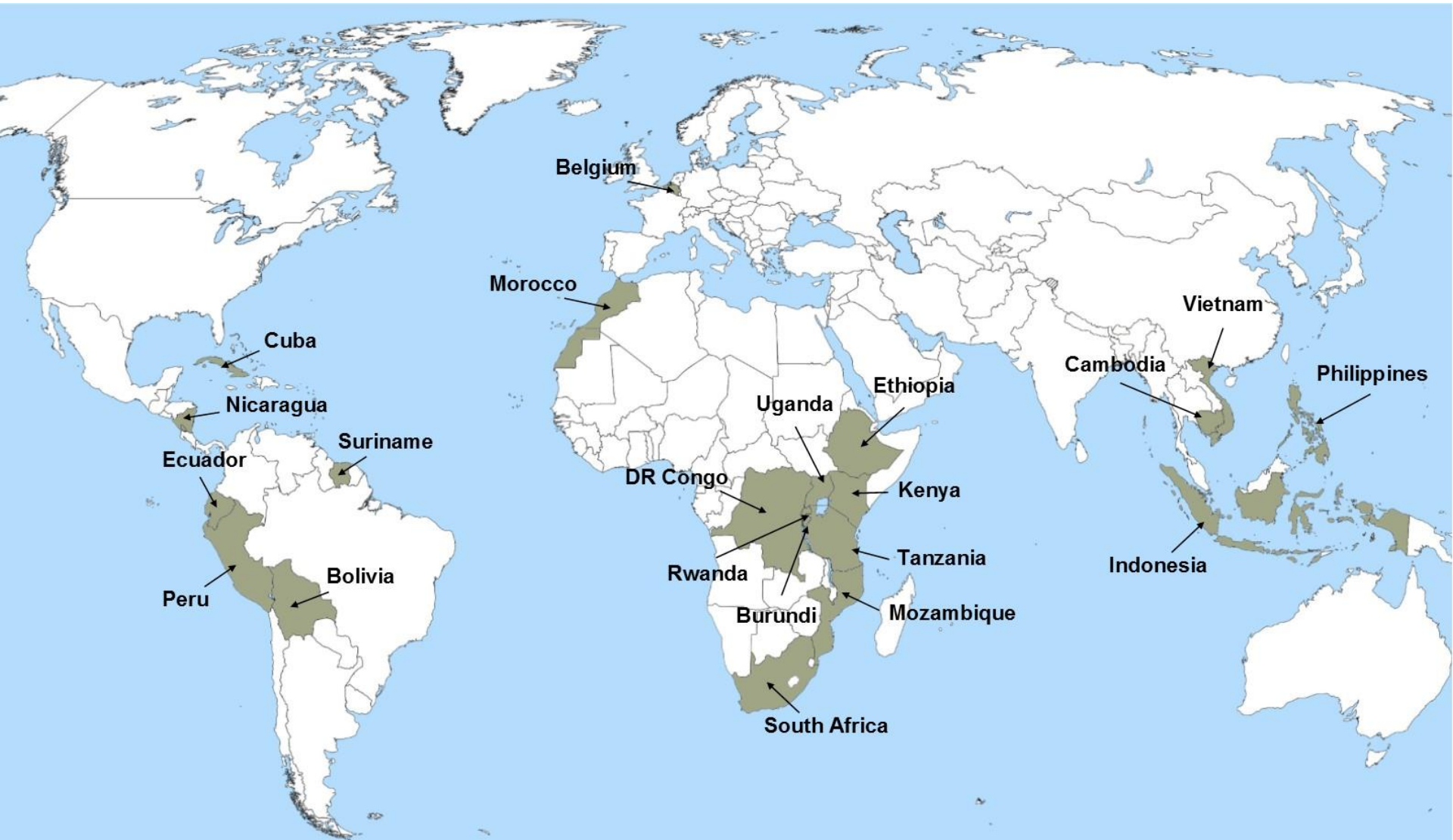
2. New formal framework



Reform indirect development cooperation

- Royal Decree 2014 and reform De Croo (Law and Royal Decree 2016)
 - **Result based management** (indicators)
→ focus on results (rather than activities and outputs) and impact
 - **Risk management**
 - **Transversal themes**
 - **Country programmes, 5-YP**
 - **Synergy and complementarity** with Belgische actors (of indirect development cooperation)

21 country programmes (2017-2021)



Based on country strategies

- Framework for cooperation
- Strategic Niche where South and North expertise/cooperation interest meet
- New: link with other Belgian actors (complementarity & synergy)



Levels of cooperation

country
programme

country / region

institution

department

individual



3. Call TEAM-SI-JOINT:

General framework

VLIR-UOS portfolio – South (New)

Departmental	SI	South initiatives, focused short-term projects of maximum 2 years
	TEAM	Departmental projects of maximum 4 years
	JOINT	Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergy starting from VLIR-UOS partner universities and possibly also other parties (Projects of max. 3 years) • Multiplication, joint learning, exchange, synergies and networking • Multiple partner universities at national/international scale
Institutional	IUC	Institutional University Cooperation (10 years)
National	NETWORK	National Network, starting from a former IUC partner university, theme based (10 years)

Characteristics TEAM-SI

- **Departmental level** projects – collaboration between researchers/lecturers from HEIs in VLIR-UOS partner countries and Flemish universities/university colleges
- Focus on **specific developmental problems**
- Strengthening the research and education capacity of (a) partner institution(s) in the South; knowledge generation and exchange
- TEAM: more deepened, often more scientific cooperation as compared to South Initiatives, also 4 as compared to 2 years;
- TEAM: submission (North) only via Flemish universities

Different types of South Initiatives

- Seed money
- Harvest money
- Stand-alone projects
- Specific for university colleges (NEW):
 - Practice-based research
 - Educational development

Objectives (Outcome & impact)

- Improved **research** practices
- Improved **education** practices
- Knowledge **generated and exchanged**
(guaranteeing uptake by stakeholders)

(outcome level)

→ Contribute to **developmental change**
(impact level)

Definition JOINT

- Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking
- Initiated at department level
- Starting from synergies and networking opportunities between VLIR-UOS projects at the national and/or international level
- Cross-fertilisation of ideas
- Focus is rather on exchange, multiplication, mutual learning than scientific excellence
- Crosscutting support in ICT/education/English

JOINT – Eligibility South

- ✓ Builds on past VLIR-UOS cooperation => **Lead partner institution in the South = current or former partner institution of a VLIR-UOS south project (IUC, TEAM, South Initiatives or RIP)**
- ✓ **At least 2 HEIs in the South participate (the 2nd partner can also be a non VLIR-UOS HE partner institute)**
- *Other HE institutes can be added: often 3-4*
- *Third parties can also be involved but are **not** ‘contracted’*

Budget:	South Initiatives: Max. € 70.000 per project TEAM: Max. € 280.000 per project JOINT: Max. € 135.000 per project
Duration:	South Initiatives: max. 2 years TEAM: max. 4 years JOINT: max. 3 years
Countries call 2019:	Africa: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda; Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia (only SI and JOINT), Philippines (only SI and JOINT) and Vietnam; Latin America: Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua (only SI and JOINT), Peru,

Eligibility of applicants

Flemish applicants

- TEAM: professors at a Flemish university
- South Initiatives: professors from a Flemish university and lecturers with tenure from a university college
- JOINT: in case of technical projects (ICT, library, ...) these can also be submitted by technical staff from Flemish universities

Eligibility of local institutions

Local partner institutions

- Recognised higher education institution
 - Public (non-profit) research institute
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- *Limited list of partner institutions for some countries*
 - *Is no longer an eligibility criterion*
 - *Motivation needed when other partner institution*

Eligibility of former IUC partner universities

- ✓ All interventions are open again, also TEAM and SI
- ✓ Before TEAM/SI only with other subjects/departments and now open again, however:
 - ✓ Clear explanation on added value of this new cooperation project, in particular if continuation with same departments
- ✓ Fits well into JOINT: building on previous cooperation

Eligibility of ongoing IUC partner universities

- **JOINT open**
- **Ongoing institutional-wide IUC (above € 450.000/year): only eligible as supporting partner in TEAM/Sl**
- **Ongoing IUCs with targeted cooperation of max. € 450.000/ year : non involved departments are eligible for Sl**
 - ✓ Specific attention for synergies and complementarities with other Belgian ANGC

Eligibility of NETWORKS

- **NETWORK coordinating universities**
 - ✓ Only TEAM/SI which are outside the NETWORK overarching themes and not submitted by the lead research departments in a Network
- **NETWORK support universities**
 - ✓ Support partners in the NETWORK can present TEAM/SI but should also prove complementarity rather than overlap

Thematic areas / Strategies

- **Fit with VLIR-UOS country strategies**
 - ✓ Thematic focus areas per country
 - ✓ Partner institutions, country-specific guidelines
- **Align with Joint Strategic Framework**
 - ✓ Guiding document to identify possibilities for synergies and complementarities with other Belgian non-state actors
 - ✓ See next presentation

SELECTION CRITERIA	TEAM		SI		JOINT	
	Factor	Score (Max)	Factor	Score (Max)	Factor	Score (Max)
Scientific Quality	5	25	5	25	4	20
Relevance	5	25	6	30	7	35
Effectiveness	2,5	12,5	2,5	12,5	2,5	12,5
Efficiency	2,5	12,5	2,5	12,5	2,5	12,5
Impact	2,5	12,5	2	10	2	10
Sustainability	2,5	12,5	2	10	2	10
TOTAL	20	100	20	100	20	100

Budget for this call

Intervention type	Budget in EUR	Indicative Number of projects
TOTAL	6.900.000 (subject to eventual budget cuts)	Depends on quality SI, TEAM, JOINT, but about 40 projects can be expected

Countries	Remaining indicative budget per country to be filled with calls for proposals 2019 and 2020 (EUR)
Ethiopia	521 882
Cuba	1 013 303
DR Congo	438 100
Vietnam	1 252 735
Morocco	731 125
Tanzania	1 153 103
Ecuador	999 922
Kenya	1 112 008
Bolivia	400 116
Peru	876 926
Uganda	690 933
South Africa	758 209
Nicaragua	170 005
Indonesia	253 479
Cambodia	380 000
The Philippines	135 519
Rwanda	394 318

Limits per country

- **Indicative budget per commission**
- Ranking taking into account the maximum per country (= programming budget for the remaining part of the FYP)
- For some countries this will lead to full use of the remaining budget, others will not be filled out

4. New in this call



Reform - how implemented into our system of project calls

- **Royal Decree => Renewed M&E approach**
- **Theory of Change concept**
- **Adapted formats with better formulation and follow-up of results, indicators**
- **Risk management & follow-up**
- **Specific attention for synergy & complementarity and transversal themes**
- **Country budgets: filled based on selections**
- **Revised intervention types**
 - No more NSS, ICT, .. => JOINT
 - SI with university colleges: 2 specific categories

New in this Call 2019

- **Update** of the Call document, formats and guidelines
- **1 background document per country:**
 - ✓ Information on the country strategy, link with Belgian non-governmental actors (NGAs) and their local counterparts
- **Important changes in the eligibility criteria:**
 - ✓ a promotor (South/North) can submit up to maximum two project proposals in this call;
 - ✓ a project proposal which was submitted in a previous call (and did not make the selection) can be resubmitted not more than two times.
- **The peer review system for TEAM projects has been revised**

Adapted Selection Commissions

- **4 Regional selection commissions**
 1. Africa commission Great Lakes
 2. Africa commission 2
 3. Latin America commission
 4. Asia commission
- **6 Selection criteria**
 1. Scientific quality
 2. Relevance
 3. Effectiveness
 4. Efficiency
 5. Impact
 6. Sustainability

5. Application modalities



Application modalities

- Deadline
 - Submission to ICOS: **17 May 2018**, by Flemish promoter (modalities internal deadline per association to be checked with ICOS)
 - Submission to VLIR-UOS: **7 June 2018**, by ICOS
- Mandatory formats
 - Project proposal
 - Logical framework/ Operational plan/ Risk Management Matrix
 - Budget proposal
 - CVs
 - Written confirmation of local co-promoters (if relevant, in particular important for JOINT and also for a number of twinning projects (TEAM/SI))
- Online submission - data.vliruos.be

Peer review – only for TEAM

- Only for TEAM

System has changed

- Applicant indicates 6 potential peer reviewers in a list (format made available)
- VLIR-UOS contacts the peer reviewer directly.
No follow-up by applicant.

TEAM-SI-JOINT 2019 – indicative

CALL TEAM-SI-JOINT 2019	
Launch call	5 March 2018
Submission to ICOS	17 May 2018, by Flemish promoter
Submission to VLIR-UOS	7 June 2018, by ICOS (in database)
Selection	1st week of September 2018 (indicative)
Start	1 January 2019

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