



Introduction Meeting

Window 2 research collaboration projects
Part II Research - SSC links

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The World 2030: Denmark's strategy for development cooperation and humanitarian action, January 2017

*Research cooperation between universities and research institutions in Denmark and the developing countries will be strengthened, and the research cooperation will be seen in context with other instruments such as the **Partnering with Denmark (Red. Strategic Sector Cooperation)** Initiative.*

*The goal is still to contribute to **new solutions with new knowledge and new approaches** and to increase the countries' **capacity for creating and applying new knowledge** themselves.*

*Similarly, we will also, going forward, prioritise the research cooperation and fellowship programmes in the **transition and growth countries** where Denmark is present and where the countries are facing societal challenges that **match the Danish strengths** e.g. within climate, water, energy, health, food as well as e.g. democracy and the rule of law.*



Objectives of the research support in “Window 2”

- **New knowledge** relevant to the needs and strategies of the growth and transition countries and contribute to strengthening **research capacity**
- **Demand driven** and focus on areas where Denmark has internationally recognised knowledge and experience
- Focus on areas of **strategic interest for Denmark** and for the partner country
- The **SDGs** constitute an overall thematic framework



Research input to SSC - a pilot phase

- **Themes** in the Call are country specific and determined **based on the SSC** in the countries
- To ensure **research-SSC linkage** it is expected that granted research projects **link directly with sector counsellors** (project advisory committee, invitation to relevant project events, etc.)
- Research projects of up to 3 year project duration corresponding with the length of one phase of an SSC agreement
- MFA plans to **review** Window 2 modality in 2019



Round the table

1. Brief presentation of research project's main objectives
2. Interaction with sector counsellors/SSC/Danish ministries during application phase 1 and 2, and after granting
3. Plan for interaction with sector counsellors/SSC /Danish ministries during project implementation

Discussion

What can be done to strengthen research-SSC and research-policy linking