

Portfolio board for Global development and International relations

Minutes	Meeting 3/22
Date	29 September 10.00-15.00
Place	Teams

Present: Liv Tørres (chair)
Rainer Elk Anders
Kerry Brown
Christopher Cramer
Niklaus Labhardt
Juliet Nabyonga
Camilla Tenna Nørup Sørensen
Isabell Schierenbeck
Annelies Zoomers

Observers: Hanne Meldgaard
Marianne van der Wel

Apologies: Nynke van den Broek

Item PSGLOBAL 17/22 Approval of agenda

No amendments were made.

Decision: *The Portfolio board approved the agenda for the meeting.*

Item PSGLOBAL 18/22 Minutes of meeting 2/22

Decision: *The minutes was approved.*

Item PSGLOBAL 19/22 Updates from the administration

The Portfolio Boards were appointed in April 2019. The Board members have a function time of four years. The PS Global Development and International Relations changed some of its board members in 2021, hence not all members are up for change or re-appointment.

In connection with the (Re-) appointment of members to the Portfolio Boards, the RCN wants to do an evaluation of the boards profile, competence, and mandate. And even more importantly, a survey will be executed during this autumn to ensure feedback from the boards members on how the Portfolio Board system works, which tasks they should and should not perform and how to organize the work better. The survey is a bit delayed but will hopefully be sent out in October-November.

To ensure that the opinion of the PS Global are passed on to those making the survey and evaluation and to the RCN Executive Board, the board will be given the possibility to discuss the findings and our impressions in the December meeting.

Decision: The updates from the administration were taken note of.

Item PSGLOBAL 20/22

The Portfolio Analysis

The administration presented the key figures and conclusions from the portfolio analysis. The Board commented on the figures and statistics, wanting more information on the core-portfolio for the board to have sufficient information on the development of the portfolio. Example of information that would have been useful are:

- It is difficult to compare the figures of the publications. Would be useful to have a time series on the different budget areas showing funding, publications, number of projects, recruitment.
- More information on the policy-oriented numbers, Media, policy briefs etc.
- How does higher quality of the applications feed through to the impact of the projects, including with impact beyond the life cycle of the project?
- What do the projects do with relevant user information along the way?
- Are we really building capacity? Do the PhD students continue with research?

Questions to be discussed further:

- We should be systematic about monitoring what we do. We could choose a few areas, for instance partnerships: what do we want from this?
- How do we measure impact?
- How do we measure capacity building?

Decision: The Portfolio Analysis 2021 is taken into consideration. Further, the Board will continue to discuss this item at the next meeting in December to be more specific on the expectations and needs for the next Analysis in September 2023. The administration will invite the advisers from the Evaluation and Statistics department who can provide input on what kind of statistics and information are obtainable from our systems and what needs to be commissioned through evaluations.

Item PSGLOBAL 21/22

The Investment Plan 2023-2025

The Board took the information about the economic situation of the portfolio into consideration. The scope of the calls for 2023-2025 were discussed and adjusted. The use of pre-projects in the Global Health call were commended and it was suggested to use the same mechanism in the other areas of the portfolio. The use of post-projects was also suggested, to maximise impact. This will be discussed at a later stage, but information about such a call by the WOTRO research programmes at the Dutch Research Council will be forwarded for information.

There was some confusion related to the name of the sub-portfolio Global Sustainable Development. This portfolio is a merger of three different mechanisms into one program that aims to foster international research cooperation with particular focus on India and China. The RCN should investigate the possibility to change the name of the activity.

Decision: The Investment Plan 2023-2025 was approved with the following changes:

1. *Call for proposals on Research on Russia should be moved from 2025 to 2024.*
2. *If possible, split the deficit on 18 million for Research on Europe over the next three years, and move up the call for proposals.*
3. *The topics for call for proposals on the High North and Arctic and Russia were approved with a few changes to the priorities of the call. The maximum amount was set to 7 million on both calls.*
4. *The Global Health call on researcher projects were reduced to NOK 50 million, on order to allocate further NOK 10 million to a larger call in 2024 since there are pre-projects in 2023.*
5. *There should be some requirements on PPI/user involvement in the Global Health call and clinical research and pandemic preparedness should be included as well.*
6. *The investments under Global Sustainable Development should be moved from 2024 to 2023.*

Item PSGLOBAL 22/22

The Panorama Strategy

The administration informed about the Panorama strategy and the INTPART programme.

Decision: The discussion around the questions on which panorama country(ies) are of interest to this portfolio or if there are any specific areas for collaboration that are more relevant for the portfolio were postponed to the next portfolio meeting. The information about INTPART were taken into consideration and will be investigated when considering the 2024 investments.

Item PSGLOBAL 23/22

Symposium on Equitable Partnerships 2022

The administration informed about the preparations of the Equitable Partnership symposium. The Board wanted the invitation to be

published to contain more guidance as to the content of the group discussion and how the two sections (panel versus group discussions) in second part of symposium differ from each other. In case of the group discussion being hugely popular, one should have a backup plan to divide the discussion into more groups. The members of the Board will in such case help moderate the discussions.

Decision: The information was taken into consideration. The link to the event should be shared with the Board members as soon as possible so that they can help mobilize.

Item PSGLOBAL 24/21

Any other business

There was no other business. Next meeting will be on the 5 December on teams.