

Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation

Terminology of the FEALAC Cooperation Project

(Proposal)

According to *FEALAC Framework Document* adopted at the 1th FMM, 2001, FEALAC Cooperation Project is an initiative aimed at raising awareness and fostering better understanding between East Asia and Latin America. While National and Regional Projects have been an important motor for the progress of FEALAC, FEALAC Projects have shown confusions in terms of comprehension and implementation due to the lack of agreed definitions for referring FEALAC Projects. To better facilitate and manage the FEALAC Projects, it is necessary to present a clearer set of definition on the FEALAC Cooperation Project.

In this regard, the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat proposes the *Terminology of the FEALAC Cooperation Projects*, which are categorized in National Project, Regional Project, and FEALAC-Wide Project as follows;

A. National Project

FEALAC National Projects are proposed, initiated, and implemented by a single member country on a voluntary basis and fully self-funded. National Projects should comply with objectives of this Forum. It is encouraged that the tiles of National Projects would contain "FEALAC" specifically in order to increase the visibility of this Forum and promote participation of member countries in the projects.

National Projects should be submitted through FEALAC website on the 'National Projects' tab under the Project section at any time before its initiation, and reported at the each Working Group Meeting.

B. Regional Project

According to the *Guideline for FEALAC Working Process* adopted at the 16th SOM, 2015, Regional Projects should have at least two project coordinators, one from East Asia and one from Latin America. It should also be flexible to have more than two project coordinators. The proposing country and coordinating countries are expected to be engaged in the development of proposals and in the implementation of projects. Coordinating countries could provide voluntary contributions which may include financial, personnel, logistical support, or in-kind contribution.

¹ There have been many kinds of "projects" used in the FEALAC context – regional project, bi-regional project, inter-regional project, trans-regional project, joint project, iconic project, FEALAC-wide project, etc.

As a mean to enhance effectiveness and recognition of Regional Projects and provide better coordination, operational process of Regional Projects is needed. In this respect, all FEALAC Regional Projects shall conform with the following process:

- Proposing countries should work on project proposals with detailed information. The Proposals may include the purpose of the program, the composition of networking members, the function of the coordinators, and resource mobilization.²
- Proposing countries should fill out the registration form and upload the proposal under the 'Proposed Regional Projects' tab in Project section on the official FEALAC website before the Working Group meetings of the year to share project information with member countries.
- After registration, proposing countries should notify the registration to the relevant Working Group Co-Chairs.
- Registered proposals will be reviewed and discussed for endorsement at each Working Group Meeting.
- After endorsement, the approved Regional Projects would be registered under the 'Approved Regional Projects' tab on the official FEALAC website by the Cyber Secretariat.

C. FEALAC-Wide Project

According to the *FEALAC Fund-Concept Paper* adopted at the ad-hoc SOM, 2016, the key elements of FEALAC-Wide projects are (1) the selection through the FEALAC process, (2) financed by the FEALAC Fund, (3) equitable distribution of benefit to all FEALAC member countries, and (4) promotion of the visibility and impact of FEALAC.

The FEALAC-Wide Projects operated under the FEALAC Fund are governed in accordance with the *Terms and Conditions of FEALAC Multi-Donor Trust Fund* adopted at the 8th FMM, 2017

² The 1st Meeting on Culture, Youth, Gender, and Sports Working Group, Thailand (2014)