

## Portfolio plan Global Development and International Relations

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#### Actions

To ensure the achievement of the established user goals, several actions must be launched. When deciding on specific actions, available budgets and priorities etc. must be taken into consideration. This portfolio is highly dependent on close collaboration with other portfolios and with contributions from the EU framework programmes.

**User goal 1: Civil society and citizens have confidence in and make use of research, participate in the development of knowledge, and help to create innovative and sustainable solutions.**

**Actions:** Invest in projects and measures that promote participation and interest in knowledge development. Ensure wide dissemination of research findings.

Portfolio board for global development and international relations:

- Invest in projects with relevant user participation.
- Ensure that researchers disseminate knowledge to society at large, internationally and in Norway, in the form of popular science presentations, participate in the public debate, and organise conferences and seminars that are open to all.
- Announce network resources that help to strengthen user participation in research.

Other portfolio boards:

- Include user participation in their projects and initiatives.

**User goal 2: Researchers within the portfolio's areas maintain high quality, theoretical and methodological diversity and creativity in research, and actively participate in international research, development and innovation.**

**Actions:** Invest in and advise on measures to strengthen competence and capacity within the portfolio's subject areas and promote high-quality research. Promote and underpin international research collaboration, including genuinely equitable partnerships with researchers in LMICs.

Portfolio board for global development and international relations:

- Invest in high-quality research within the thematic priorities.
- Contribute to international cooperation and capacity building within the portfolio's area of responsibility.
- Contribute to developing and maintaining relevant research infrastructure within the portfolio's areas.
- Invest in projects involving international collaboration.
- Invest in efforts that contribute to participation in, or the establishment of, international networks.
- Encourage and support participation in the EU's framework programme Horizon Europe in areas of relevance to this portfolio, especially the EU's Africa Initiative, and in other multi- and bilateral research funding schemes encompassing fair and equitable partnerships with LMICs.

Other portfolio boards:

- Develop infrastructure for research within the portfolio's areas.
- Support and encourage the research communities to participate in the EU framework programme, Horizon Europe, and in other multi- and bi-lateral research funding schemes.

**User goal 3: The Government, policymakers, practitioners, and the corporate sector use research to shape development policy and practice in LMICs.**

**Actions:** Invest in research that provides updated knowledge and a thorough understanding of developments and trends relating to Norway's development policy in general, and to Norwegian ambitions for Agenda 2030 in particular. Ensure an ongoing dialogue and sharing of findings between the research community and key stakeholders, and ensure that research findings are implemented and validated, and that new practices based on research are assessed on a regular basis.

Portfolio board for global development and international relations:

- Invest in efforts that contribute to participation in, or the establishment of, international networks.
- Invest in collaborative innovation projects with public-, private-, and civil-sector organisations.
- Establish arenas for the dissemination of research findings and dialogue with key stakeholders, e.g. webinars, seminars, policy briefs etc.
- Monitor and assess outcomes of the research portfolio.
- Encourage joint calls across portfolios to address complex challenges.

Other portfolio boards:

- Increase investments in issues related to Norwegian interests and security, including international and geopolitical perspectives on research related to all 17 SDGs.
- Increase investments in research related to global health challenges and SDG3
- Participate in international calls for proposals in relevant areas.

**User goal 4: The Government uses research to frame Norwegian foreign and security policy.**

**Action:** Invest in research that provides updated knowledge and a thorough understanding of developments and trends relating to Norway's foreign and security policy and ensure an ongoing dialogue and sharing of findings between the research community and key stakeholders.

Portfolio board for global development and international relations:

- Invest in high-quality research with relevance to Norwegian foreign and security policy.

- Ensure that research findings are disseminated to key users.
- Host seminars and workshops with participation by researchers, both international and Norwegian, and relevant ministries.

Other portfolio boards:

- Increase investments in their respective thematic priority areas, including security, and international and geopolitical perspectives.

The relative contributions to the Portfolio for Global Development and International Relations in 2021 with one part from the Portfolio's own activities, one part from other portfolios and two parts from the EU's framework programmes.

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