

Portfolio board for Global development and International relations

Minutes	Meeting 3/20
Date	23. September, kl. 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Place	Zoom

Present: Kim Traavik (chair)
Fanny Duckert
Annelies Zoomers
Camilla Tenne Nørup Sørensen
Christopher Cramer
Elise Must
Isabell Schierenbeck
Nynke van den Broek
Peter Smith
Rainer-Elk Anders

Apologies: none

Observers: Hanne Meldgaard, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rolf Arne Billington, Ministry of Defence
Øyvind Jaer, Ministry of Justice and Public Security

Present from the administration:
Bjørn Tore Kjellemo
Camilla Grime
Inger-Ann Ulstein
Jan Monteverde Haakonsen
Karine Kålsås
Kristin Danielsen
Kristin Høyby
Zlata Turkanovic
Nina Therese Maubach

Item PSGLOBAL 22/20 Approval of agenda

The new observers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hanne Meldgaard, and from the Ministry of Defense, Rolf Arne Billington, was welcomed into the Portfolio board for Global Development and International Relations.

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

Item PSGLOBAL 23/20 Minutes of meeting 2/20

Decision: *The minutes from the last meeting was approved by correspondence prior to the meeting.*

Item PSGLOBAL 24/20

Updates from the administration

1. Status – application process
The calls for 2020 were presented for the Portfolio board.
2. Revision of Long-term plan for Research and Higher Education – the process
The process for the Research Council's process to contribute to the revision of the Government's Long-term plan for Research and Higher Education.
3. Mid-term evaluation of research schools – Global Health
The findings of the mid-term evaluation of the research schools, which were in general positive, were presented to the Portfolio board.

Decision: *The updates from the administration is considered.*

Item PSGLOBAL 25/20

Investment plan 2021-2023

Document: Investment plan 2021-2023

The administration gave a brief introduction to the different components of the investment plan for the Portfolio for Global development and International relations. The plan has a three-year scope and will be subject to annual revisions. There is still uncertainty with regards to the future funding of global health research, and funding is now running low for some of the other research areas.

The funding mechanisms participate in cross-portfolio cooperation within the Research Council and in international calls across a wide range of topics.

The thematic scope of the combined alternative of an UTENRIKS-NORGLOBAL call seems narrow and should be better developed and/or argued for.

The consequences of using the research type 'collaborative research projects' in the place of 'researcher projects' should be better discussed. However, researchers should be invited to enter into partnerships with private, public and non-governmental actors outside of the academic sphere.

It was proposed by one of the observers that more attention should be paid to the issue of migration.

The actions taken to mitigate underspending should be better explained in the document. As should also the difficulties arising from low budgets.

For future discussions on investment plans, more information should be made available for the Portfolio board prior to the meeting.

Decision: *The Portfolio board gives its support to combining the available funding in UTENRIKS and NORGLOBAL in a joint call. The call text should include opportunities to study countries outside of Asia and ensure proposals that are aligned with the ODA-guidelines.*

The Portfolio board supports to utilize the application type 'researcher projects' for this call as the available fund is rather limited.

The final conclusion of the Portfolio board decision on this item will be taken by correspondence following the meeting.

Item PSGLOBAL 26/20

Call for proposals 2021 - text

Document: Call for proposals 2021

The GLOBVAC's call for proposal for 2021 is awaiting the final document from the working group on Global Health Research, and a call text will be presented to the Portfolio board in December.

The call text for the UTENRISK-NORGLOBAL joint call will be revised in accordance with the Portfolio board's decision on Item 25/20.

The joint call should include a sentence such as 'Asia in a broader setting' or 'Asia in a globalized world'.

The description of the suggested topics for the joint call should be more developed and made clearer, especially 'vulnerability' and 'humanitarian issues'. Links should be added in the call text to the relevant guiding documents.

Applicants should be challenged to consider impact very carefully.

Decision: *The Portfolio board approves the call text contingent on the text to be amended in accordance with the comments given during the discussion.*

Item PSGLOBAL 26/20

Any other business

Kristin Danielsen informed the Portfolio board of the changing of the Research Council's executive director. Hopefully a new executive director will be appointed by December.

The Research Council has received extra funding this year related to research on COVID-19 response and recovery.

Item PSGLOBAL 27/20

Approval of Decision protocol

Decision: *The Decision protocol will be approved by correspondence following the meeting.*