CoEs as a South-South Partnership Modality: An Assessment Framework

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Framework for assessing CoEs

**Policy framework conditions**
- Funding intermediaries
- Resource allocation mechanisms
- Institutional history
- Policy imperatives

**CoE’s strategic orientation**
- Aims and intended impacts
- National significance
- Role in the STI system
- Governance/organization

**Impacts and capacity building**
- Research capacities
- Socio-economic
- Infrastructure
- Training

**Institutional supporting/operational conditions**
- Funding and evaluation mechanisms
- Governance/organization
General notes on policy framework conditions

- Policy imperatives
  - National/regional government and intermediary organizational commitments.
  - Strategic compatibility with long-term ongoing policy commitments

- Institutional history/context
  - History of (a) partner collaboration, (b) experience in setting up/maintaining centers, (c) availability of human resources

- Funding intermediaries
  - Access to complementary funding
  - Sustainability of previous base funding agreements
  - Strategic compatibility of funders

- Resource allocation mechanisms
  - General agreements on resource distribution/topic selection within the initiative
  - Accepted arbitration mechanisms for resolving resource conflicts