

**AGENCY'S APPROACH TO
REGIONAL AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAMMES**

In the new structure of the Department of Technical Cooperation, in place since September 2005, there is a Division for each of the four regions, headed by a Director, who is dedicated to discuss and interact with Member States at the policy level regarding any aspect of the TC programme for the region.

In view of the importance attached by the Secretariat to cooperation with Member States within the framework of Regional and Cooperative Agreements, these Regional Division Directors will also be directly responsible for policy-related matters concerning the respective Agreements, which will bring the dialogue with Member States about the Agreement programme to a higher level.

For proper Secretariat attention to the respective Agreement, the Regional Division Director will be assisted by one of his/her Programme Management Officers (PMOs), who will serve as the Focal Point for matters arising out of the annual work plan of the Agreement, including arranging meetings, handling communications, exchanging information and providing other administrative support.

In assigning Agreement projects to individual PMOs, maximum coherence between the national and regional components of the TC programme will be sought. The respective PMO shall

- provide support to Member States in project formulation and development as well as project management and monitoring, in accordance with both Agency rules and procedures and the arrangements specified in the respective Agreements; and
- be responsible for communication on project issues with the respective counterparts.

For any further information related to the content of this note please contact the respective Regional Division Director.

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