

## **AFRICA CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)**

### **Proposed mechanism to support ACE National Review Committees**

Following the last PSC meeting in Abuja on May 19<sup>th</sup>, it was agreed that the Regional Facilitation Unit (Association of African Universities) would provide some funds to cover operational costs of national review committees in all countries in the project except for Nigeria and The Gambia as both of these countries have existing mechanisms under the project to support their national committees. Specifically the Nigeria Universities Commission in Nigeria and Project Coordinating Unit in The Gambia. For the remaining countries ; Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Senegal and Togo, AAU will pay for the costs associated with national review committee meetings.

These costs include:

- Travel costs including travel, accommodation and per diems
- Logistical support for meeting and meeting fees. Meeting fees shall be paid per person with no more than \$50 per person per meeting. Following each meeting minutes will be presented together with signed attendance sheet for payment
- All payments will be paid through AAU to the review committee, the mechanism will include direct payments for flights and accommodation costs related to national review meetings and transfers for per diem and meeting fees
- At least 2 weeks' notice should be provided to AAU when planning the meetings

The project will not pay honorarium to the committee members.