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AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (ACE) PROJECT

JOINT ACE I & ACE II WORKSHOP

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Workshop Evaluation

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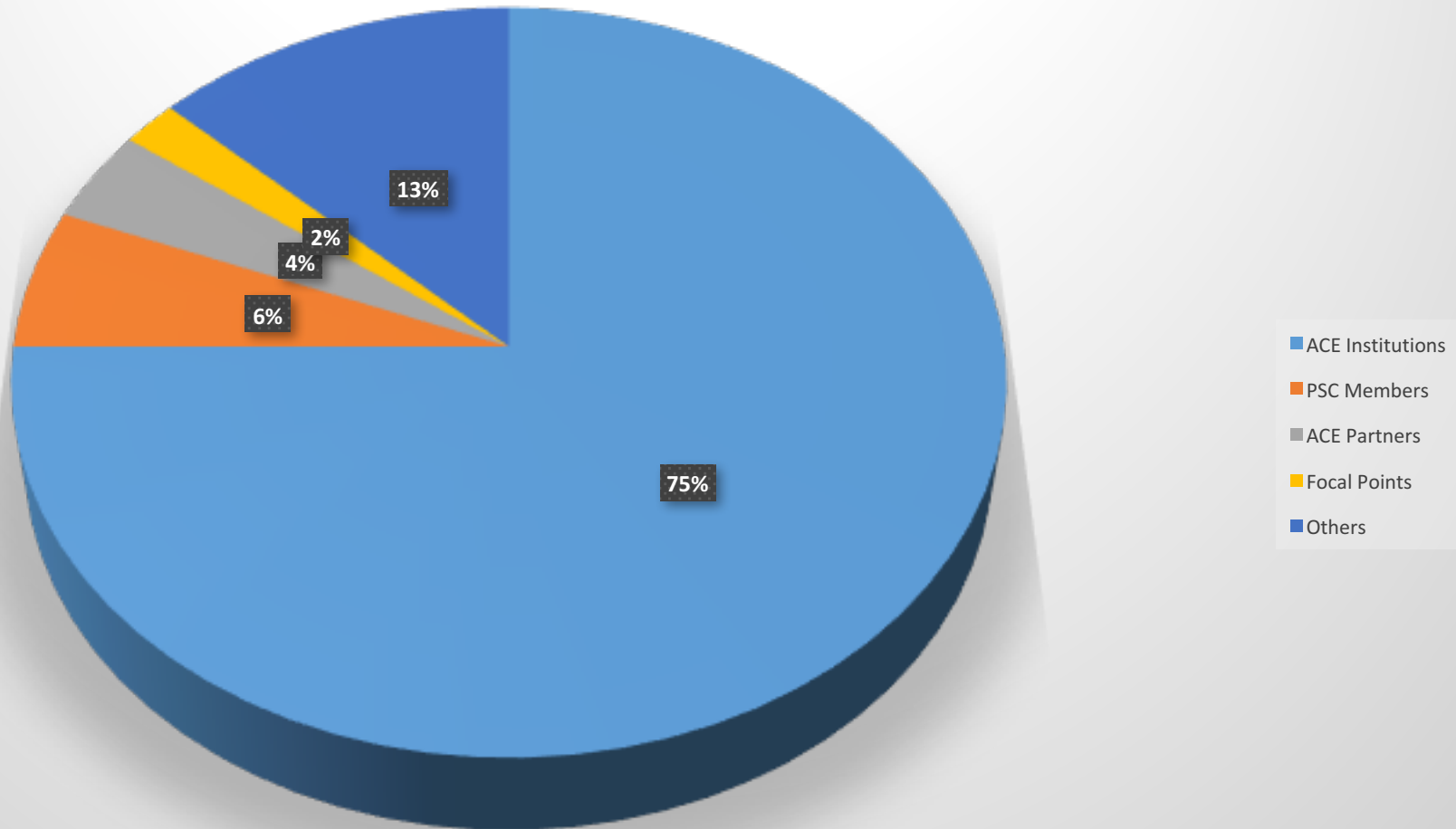
FEEDBACK SUMMARY

- Out of over 310 participants, only 180 of them responded to complete the feedback form (140 English and 40 French).
- Majority of participants came from the ACEs as expected (60%); followed by PSC Members (23%).



PARTICIPANTS

Figure 1: Joint Workshop Participants





FEEDBACK ON LOGISTICS

Logistical Issue	Average Rate
Efficiency of travel arrangements	4.1
Airport pickup and local shuttle service	4.1
Hotel Accommodation	3.7
Meeting venue	3.9
Overall Organization of the Workshop	4.0



WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

Feedback Question	Average Rate
Relevance/ importance of the workshop to your institution	4.7
Efficiency of registration process	4.2
Session on Financial Management	4.1
Session on Performance Support	3.7
Session on Monitoring and Evaluation	4.0
Time allotted to different sessions	3.9
Time allotted for workshop	4.0
Networking opportunities	4.3
Overall balance between sessions	3.9



PERFORMANCE OF AAU

Role and Performance	Number	Average Rate
Collaboration with institutions and national regulatory agencies	37	7
Timeliness and adequacy of technical support and guidance in	40	7



PERFORMANCE OF WORLD BANK

Role and Performance	Average Rate
Overall facilitation of project implementation	4.1
Collaboration with national and state governments	4.0
Participation and role in workshops and meetings	4.1
Provision of technical assistance as and when required	4.0
Educational and academic advice for implementation	4.0
Provision of timely and adequate information	4.0
Responsiveness to inquiries	4.1
Support with Procurement in terms of procedures, rules and budgeting	3.9
Support with Financial management in terms of	3.9



PERFORMANCE OF AAU

Role and Performance	Average Rate
Collaboration with institutions and national regulatory agencies	4.0
Timeliness and adequacy of technical support and guidance in project implementation	3.9
Responsiveness to queries	3.9
Facilitation and role in workshops and meetings	3.9
Support with monitoring and evaluation	4.0



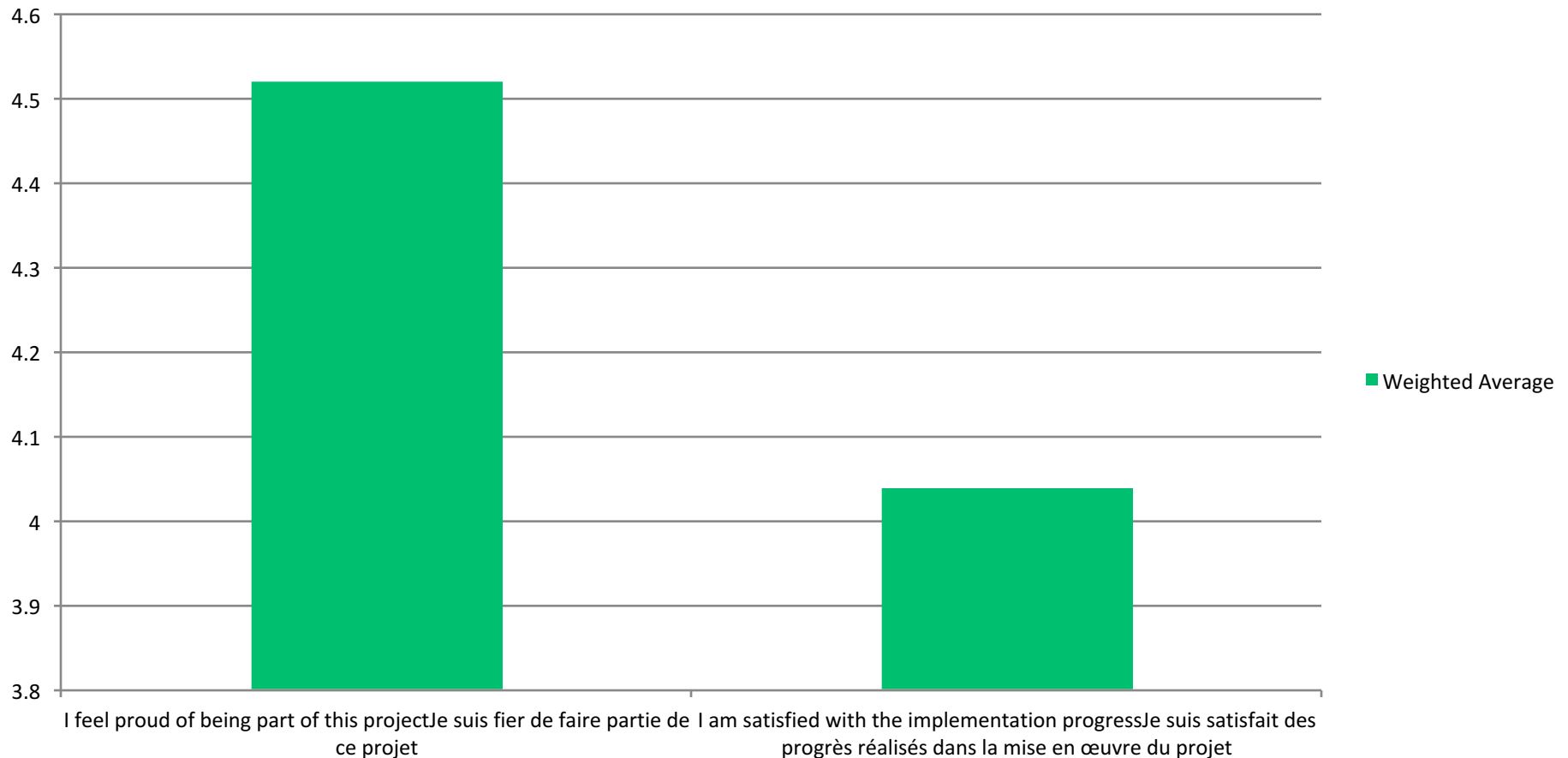
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Role and Performance	Average Rate
Overall facilitation of project implementation	3.8
Provision of timely and adequate information	3.7
Responsiveness to inquiries	3.7



ACE PROJECT SATISFACTION

Figure 2: Project satisfaction/Satisfaction par rapport au projet





POTENTIAL ACE RISKS

Priority Risk	Average Rate
Slow and cumbersome approval process in the University	3.2
Slow and cumbersome approval process in the national review committee /government	3.2
Slow and cumbersome approval process in the World Bank	3.0
Unclear information regarding project implementation	2.9
Insufficient faculty to scale up activities	2.9
Faculty motivation to undertake the activities	3.3
Lack of regional partnerships	3.0
Corruption and abuse of funding	2.4



COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE FUTURE EVENTS

- “Very valuable to have a Joint ACE I and ACE Workshop”.
- “Workshop was very educative”.
- “It was an excellent workshop”.
- “Make sitting arrangements more conducive”.
- “As a trained m/e officer feel there is need for retooling on monitoring and evaluation project staff many of whom are new to m/e basic concepts”.
- “More time needed for networking. Avoid too tight meeting schedules, nobody enjoys it”.



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- “Les lieux pour les pauses cafés n'étaient pas bien choisis pour cet atelier car il était trop à l'étroit. Bousculades participants et insuffisance du café/thé/boisson/gâteau”.
- “Il faut évaluer l'apport des consultants. Il y a trop de généralités et peu d'éléments concrets pouvant aider”.
- “There is need to encourage the ACE institutions to do more advocacy and ensure buy in by their various institute management”.



CONCLUSION

- Less than 60% of participants completed the feedback form.
- WB, AAU, National Governments have done well but there is still room for improvement
- The Joint ACE I and ACE II Workshop was successful and the participants were happy with the meeting
- Capacity Strengthening for newly recruited ACE staff especially M&E officers



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