



**Final Report on PGTF Project INT/12/K05 - Consortium on Science, Technology
and Innovation for the South (COSTIS)**

12 July 2018

1. The Consortium for Science, Technology and Innovation for the South (COSTIS) is a mandated initiative launched by the First South Summit of the Group of 77 in Havana, Cuba from 10 to 14 April 2000. The general objective of COSTIS is to strengthen scientific capacity building in the South through scientific exchanges and networking. It will also encourage the sharing of innovative experiences in the use of science and technology to address critical development concerns of developing countries.

2. Since the launching of COSTIS in November 2009 on the occasion of the World Science Forum 2009, following are some of the follow-up actions undertaken as part of the implementation process of COSTIS:
 - Resource mobilization and partnership initiatives were launched and several institutions were approached to provide necessary assistance and financial support, such as UNESCO, UNOSSC, South Centre, OPEC Fund, Islamic Development Bank, and PGTF.
 - An intergovernmental process of consultations was jointly initiated by the Chair of the G-77 in New York with the G-77 Paris Chapter to identify a country to host the First General Conference of COSTIS.
 - Creation of a website for COSTIS hosted by the G-77 in New York.
 - A compilation of directory of scientific institutions by G-77 Executive Secretariat in New York.

3. The PGTF allocated USD 27,000 through project INT/12/K05 to support the following preparatory activities for the first General Conference of COSTIS:
 - (a) Creating a directory of relevant scientific institutions from the South, specifically national research councils, science and technology foundations, national science academies, private sector institutions on problem-solving research, universities and research centers of developing countries. A printed edition of this directory will be published and distributed to the member countries of the Group of 77, while an electronic edition will be posted on the COSTIS website hosted by the Group of 77 in New York;

 - (b) Convening a group of experts in preparation of the First General Conference of COSTIS. The group will be comprised by eminent persons, government officials and experts in the field of science and technology, with the task of preparing recommendations on the draft structure, objectives, policies, strategies, programmes, funding, scope and priority areas of COSTIS and other related matters.

4. The convening of the group of experts in preparation for the First General Conference of COSTIS was envisaged as an output of the project. Due to lack of offers of venue, the meeting could not take place and consequently project activities were directed towards completing the survey of scientific institutions from the South and publication of a directory both in printed and digital editions. The directory was completed in May 2018. The digital version has been posted on the G-77 website: http://www.g77.org/costis/documents/COSTIS_Final_Print.pdf

5. The directory profiles 134 national institutions, located within the Member States of the Group of 77, responsible for science and technology. Each entry in the directory provides background information of the selected national scientific institution, its main objectives and contact information aimed at facilitating collaboration between scientific institutions in the South.

6. In compiling the directory, a thorough review was undertaken in the selection process to identify the top-level authorities or institutions in each developing country, with particular focus on government agencies, taking into consideration the wide range of scientific fields and number of national scientific institutions gathered, while ensuring that the information was relevant and as current as possible. Country selections will be reviewed regularly in the light of updated information that will be reflected in future editions of the directory.

7. The PGTF contribution of US\$27,000 was not utilized except for applicable UNOPS administrative and operational services (AOS) fees totaling US\$454.86 (US\$62.48 in 2013 and US\$392.38 in 2015) as reported in the Combined Delivery Reports of UNDP project 15783 (INT/99/901 – Strengthening the Group of 77), Activity 2-COSTIS, Fund 59020, thus leaving an unspent balance of US\$26,545.14 (less any applicable UNDP/UNOSSC general management service fees – GMS).

Combined Delivery Report by Activity



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74525 - Sundry	0.00	0.00	56.80	56.80
74555 - MSA_Management Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
74559 - PDR AOS Fees UNOPS	0.00	0.00	5.68	5.68
Total for Fund 59020	0.00	0.00	62.48	62.48

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Fund : 59020 (Perez Guerrero TF for SSC)				
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74559 - PDR AOS Fees UNOPS	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
75105 - Facilities & Admin - Implement	0.00	25.67	0.00	25.67
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