

**WORKSHOP**  
**WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABLE COASTAL COMMUNITIES:**  
**A MULTI-FUNDER APPROACH TO MAXIMISE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT**

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**Highlights of Discussion on Potential future programmes and activities**

**WORLD CAFÉ SESSION**

The world café exercise comprised of 3 stages which allowed all participants to consider the following questions in relation to the short term (6 – 12 months), medium term (1 – 3 years) and longer term (3 – 5 years) horizon:

- What could UKRI/JST/DOST's role be in supporting further collaborations?
- What mechanisms or types of support would be most valuable?

The following inputs were gathered from the session:

**What could UKRI/JST/DOST's role be in supporting further collaborations?**

- Joint funding call (structured/thematic)
- Capacity building and infrastructure
- Follow-on funding for impact/synthesis/furthering research/facilitating technology transfer
- Additional funding for acceleration of impact
- Expanded consortium on international scale
- Research continuity through translation of results
- Networking (web based)
- Science to policy projects - More natural science, social science, arts and humanities collaborations
- Flexibility in recruiting new partners in enhancing the impact of projects
- Upscaling of technologies for deployment, commercialization and adoption of developed technologies, pilot-testing/field testing
- Mechanism for capturing the "bottom up" view of research challenges
- Staff and student exchange (at all levels across several countries)
- Supporting systems approach projects (e.g. mangroves and their connectivity with other ecosystems)
- Long-term platform for communication and research findings between researchers and countries/communities and researchers
- Development of hub and spoke arrangements (around themes/sectors/expertise) or focus groups
- Support for technology transfer/scaling up activities

- Technology transfer - cutting-edge/emerging technologies in core specialized universities
- Provide support for long term evaluation/impact assessment
- Support for Regional/ transboundary research
- Synthesis activities
- Sharing of IPs expertise retained
- Assess the effectivity of the cooperation framework and update it to be more responsive to the needs of the consortium
- Assess priority research areas to be more responsive to the current problems/SDGs
- Getting to an established trans-funder management/government system
- UKRI-JST-DOST collaboration to serve as bridge between researchers and respective government for policy making
- Organize workshops (Industry partners, all sectors)
- Mentorship/different nationalities
- Early stage research
- Database of researchers/expertise/research programs
- Training support (money, coordination, research)
- Alignment of priorities of funders/gap analysis
- Bridging mechanisms to advance pilot sites
- Including small grants (publication, paper presentation)
- Include smaller/underprivileged agencies/institutions
- Establishing frameworks for transformative innovation policies from funders (industry partnership and commercialization, licensing)
- Establish regular 3-year call for proposals
- Prepare priority list – not academic tourism
- Suggested topics (priority areas, programs for SEA countries)
  - Integrated flood and sedimentation management in river basin
  - Technologies suitable for SE countries (renewable energy, bioresources, wastewater)
  - Baseline studies, profiling
  - Basic and applied research
  - Coastal disasters/climate change

**What mechanisms or types of support would be most valuable?**

- Linking researchers from different countries
- Pilot small-scale projects to develop networks and collaborations
- Research exchanges and visiting other projects to gain technical training
- Institutional project and financial management, and capacity building
- Joint collaboration among the DOST-JST-UKRI
- Staff mobility and exchange program (1 month to 1 year)
- Enhancing researchers' mobility
- Follow up program /networking
- Regular workshops/meetings

- Regional conferences (multi-lateral workshops)
- Conduct workshops, networking
- Sharing of results in a conference every 3 years
- Sharing of best practices in monitoring and evaluation
- Knowledge exchange platform
- IP management
- Data management/repository
- Program focused around informatics (bringing together existing datasets)
- Funding stream to support knowledge management within projects
- Website/platform to join online community of researchers to share and identify potential partners/collaborators (database of researchers)
- Website for easy access
- Institutional development (people, facilities, roadmaps)
- Broader multi-stakeholder engagement (including industry, LGUs, community)
- Research and Development
- Capacity/capability building (education and training; facilities and infrastructure)
- Inclusive R&D (with small universities as criteria for the call)
- Harmonized process of evaluation, monitoring framework
- Institute a mechanism, incentives, reward system for outstanding research project
- Mobility Programs (skills training, benchmarking)
- Policy formulation
- Dialogue among stakeholders
- Project development (prioritization, budgeting, needs assessment)
- Cascading funds to new stakeholders
- Web platform/template sharing tools/reports/feature stories/experience/best practices/data
- Establishing funding mechanisms for long term funding
- Postgraduate scholarship and Early Career Researchers and whole career spectrum
- Support for PhD Program
- Scholarships
- Project's Impact Assessment training
- Conduct monitoring and impact assessment of projects
- Outcome evaluation
- Reviewing/ mapping of the next initiatives (accelerated initiative for development towards sustainability (AIDS 2025)
- Regional policies for sustainability