Operating Principles Governing the Work of the Panel

Request for Written Submissions from Member States and Relevant Stakeholders

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The following elements are included in Resolution 5/8. Please indicate by clicking on the box(es) where you believe these elements should be included (i.e., operating principles, rules of procedure, guidelines, or other relevant documents, or if they are not relevant). Some key terms have been grouped together for the purpose of this tabular analysis, there is inevitably some overlap across principles.

	Operating Principle	Rules of Procedure	Guidelines	Other	Not relevant
CREDIBILITY					
Robustness/Rigour	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
Integrity/Objectivity / Independence/Impartiality/ Lack of Bias (avoiding conflicts of interest)	\boxtimes				
Interdisciplinary / Multidisciplinary / Balance of disciplines		\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
RELEVANCE/SALIENCE					
Policy-relevant (and not policy prescriptive)	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
LEGITIMACY					
Inclusivity/Balance	\boxtimes				
indigenous inclusivity		\boxtimes			
geographic balance		\boxtimes			
regional balance		\boxtimes			
gender balance		\boxtimes			
balance of disciplines (see also Credibility/Interdisciplinary)			\boxtimes		
CROSS-CUTTING THEMES					
Transparency	\boxtimes				
Flexibility		\boxtimes			
Coordination (without duplication) / Complementarity		\boxtimes			
Cost-Effectiveness			\boxtimes		

Please provide any relevant comments on your choices above:

As part of the credibility principle, will be necessary to have a third-party accredited certification body as a rule of procedure. Why choose a third party certification body - PECB Insights

The following table includes other elements that may be considered. Please indicate by clicking on the box(es) where you believe these elements should be included (i.e., operating principles, rules of procedure, guidelines, or other relevant documents, or if they are not relevant). It is also possible to add additional potential operating principles to be considered.

OTHER	Operating Principle	Rules of Procedure	Guidelines	Other	Not relevant
Promotion of innovation			\boxtimes		
Comprehensive, holistic, or integrative approach			\boxtimes		
Consensus based approach			\boxtimes		
Providing accessible outputs			\boxtimes		
Others [third-party certification body)		\boxtimes			

Please provide any relevant comments on your choices above:

Promotion of innovation must be a guideline for all the procedures under the legitimacy principle, to support groundbreaking innovation programs at all levels, supported by the academia and sponsored by private, public sectors as well by the GEF.

Please provide your written submission in the space below:

The innovation processes as well as innovative solutions are at the center of global progress. Any new anything came from an innovation process. Since the innovation have its own development process and need support both as knowledge as well as funds, the innovation must be seen as a crucial aspect for any science-based panel and promote inside private and public sector, universities and even at school level, giving the needed legitimacy to any science-based policy relevant initiative. Supporting the innovation will ensure a science-based process and legitimacy as principle. The Innovation Process: A Step-by-Step Guide (northeastern.edu)

Third Party accredited certification Body used by the news as well as other industries will give additional credibility to the science-based content we deliver as an independent body, even under the UN brand. Even over several respected institutions like the EU and OTAN only 47% of people trust in the UN and 29% don't. In general the UN have more credibility in under or transition economies than in developed economies.

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