

Engagement coordination group (ECG)

Terms of reference

According to the draft framework of engagement with non-State actors, the **Engagement coordination group** is a Secretariat group appointed by the Director-General and including representation from regional offices. This group reviews engagement, risk mitigation measures, disengagement, non-engagement and termination of engagement in cases where significant risks could be associated with an engagement.

Functions

- 1. Coordinate the implementation of the Framework of engagement with non-State actors including monitoring and reporting
- 2. Review proposals of engagement which are considered to have a potentially significant risk associated.
- 3. Review proposals of engagement which illustrate a specific aspects of engagement and requiring a consistent interpretation of the existing policies
- 4. Review proposals of engagement where the proposing unit and PSD don't agree on the risk management approach and where the RD/ADG decided to refer the proposal to the ECG

Composition:

The ECG is chaired by the ExD DGO and includes the following members:

- ExD DGO
- Director-level representative of each region and each cluster (RD, ADG or director)
- Legal Counsel
- Director DCO
- Director CRE
- Director for non-State actors and partnerships in PSD (Secretary of the Committee)

The representatives of regions and clusters participate in the SMCE on a rotational basis, meaning that each time one region and one cluster from amongst those that do not have proposals discussed participate.

In addition the regions and clusters proposing engagements participate in the discussion but not the decision making of a session of the ECG.

The ECG meets on demand, but at least 4 times per year. It meets either physically with video-link of the regional participants or virtually and can also take decisions electronically.