

# Strategic Evaluation Plan 2021/2022

## Austrian Development Cooperation

No.	Working Title of the Evaluation	Justification and Criteria for Selection <sup>1</sup>	Start Year
1	<b>Evaluation of ADC's Cooperation with the Austrian Private Sector, in particular Business Partnerships (WIPAs)</b>	<p>Justification: The last evaluation of the cooperation of Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) with the Austrian private sector was carried out in 2015. The instrument of Business Partnerships (WIPA) and their approaches and learning methods have been significantly developed in recent years. The evaluation, therefore, will examine, in particular, the relevance and effectiveness of ADC's cooperation with the Austrian private sector, especially WIPAs: Is the potential being explored to the fullest? Does reality live up to the political ambition?</p> <p>Selection criteria: relevance, effectiveness, coverage, risk, innovation and learning potential.</p>	<b>2021</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The selection criteria for strategic evaluations include: (i) relevance (i.e. political relevance, strategic relevance, temporal relevance and/or relevance in terms of scope); (ii) effectiveness (i.e. availability of empirically tested knowledge on the effectiveness of ADC); (iii) coverage; (iv) risk (i.e. reasonable assumption that risks of an overarching nature may occur); (v) innovation and learning potential. In addition, other aspects, such as capacities, type of evaluation, and cooperation potential, are taken into account.

2	<b>Evaluation of ADC's Engagement in Palestine</b>	<p>Justification: ADC's engagement in Palestine is based on political considerations and decisions but implemented at the level of development cooperation. Even though there is no country strategy as a frame of reference for an evaluation, an independent evaluation is nevertheless necessary, not least because Austria's engagement in Palestine has not yet been evaluated. The evaluation will assess, amongst others, the effectiveness of ADC's engagement in Palestine as well as its contribution to the achievement of the two goals: the two-state solution; and the protection and preservation of human lives and public services.</p> <p>Selection criteria: relevance, effectiveness, coverage, risk, innovation and learning potential, type of evaluation (i.e. reasonable balance between themes and countries).</p>	<b>2021</b>
3	<b>Evaluability Assessment of ADC's Contribution to Reducing Climate Change and its Consequences</b>	<p>Justification: Combating climate change is a central element in ADC's Three-Year-Programme (3YP) and the strategic Guidelines <i>Environment and Development</i>. The question of effectiveness is therefore important. Besides ADC, other actors are engaged in this field, most notably the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK), the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) and the Austrian Development Bank (OeEB). An empirical inquiry should therefore be conducted together with these actors and their resources for climate financing. To lay the foundations for a sound evaluation of Austria's contribution to reducing climate change and its consequences, a joint evaluability assessment will be conducted first. The purpose of the assessment is to undertake a detailed portfolio analysis, define indicators and identify assumptions with regards to effectiveness.</p> <p>Selection criteria: innovation and learning potential, cooperation potential.</p>	<b>2022</b>
4	<b>Evaluation of ADC's Engagement in Renewable Energy</b>	<p>Justification: The thematic Guidelines on Sustainable Energy were revised and revalidated in 2020. The evaluation will examine, in particular, the relevance and effectiveness of cooperation in the context of this ADC theme. It will assess, among others, the eight ADC-supported Centers for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency as well as SOLTRAIN and other ADC programs.</p> <p>Selection criteria: relevance, effectiveness, coverage.</p>	<b>2022</b>