

Terms of reference of the Working Group on the Performance-based Allocation System (Excerpts from, relevant governing body documents)

The Working Group on the Performance-Based Allocation System was convened by the Executive Board in December 2006.¹

The terms of reference were agreed with the aim of:

“Developing a broader understanding of evolving issues in PBAS implementation including:

- modifications of elements of the formula, including performance assessments, and the weights of population and income, while maintaining the overall weight of performance;
- the experience and lessons learned from other agencies implementing PBAS initiatives;
- the data to be used for rural population;
- the implementation of the PBAS for concessional and non-concessional borrowers; and
- other potential indicators of poverty such as nutrition and per capita rural income levels.”

In 2009, the Governing Council, noting that adjustments to the PBAS are integral to the evolution of the system, requested the Executive Board to mandate the PBAS Working Group to continue its functions, and as well, review the practices of other IFIs and identify improvements to the system.² The Working Group was thus mandated to review the “relative weight of different elements of the PBAS formula, the current level of minimum and maximum allocations and the possible need for exceptional allocations for particularly vulnerable countries, in addition to the current support for post-conflict countries.” The Working Group would also examine reallocation approaches of other IFIs.

The mandate of the Working Group has continued to be deemed relevant by the Executive Board as reflected in the discussions at its sessions in 2016³ and 2017⁴.

¹EB 86 Minutes; EB 2006/89/R.48/Rev.1

²GC32/L.5

³Minutes of EB117/Rev.1 – April 2016;

⁴Minutes of EB/120 – April 2017; and document EB 2017/121/R.3