ETH ZURICH SEMINAR ON RESEARCH WITH SWITZERLAND, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA INDONESIA, THAILANDS, PHILIPPINES AND VIETNAM

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WORKSHOP GROUP 3: RESEARCH COLLABORATION

The group is composed of 15 participants representing Switzerland, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam.

A. Research Collaboration Models:

We started with sharing from the different countries on their experiences with bilateral research collaborations. Several models were observed based on the sharing among the workshop participants. These models are as follows:

a. Bilateral research collaboration where the both parties agrees on the evaluation and review criteria for research collaboration. Both parties jointly conduct the evaluation and review of the bilateral research proposal.

b. Bilateral research collaboration where the funding party provides the project evaluation and review criteria for the research collaboration. The evaluation and review committee’s composition is decided by the funding party.

c. Bilateral research collaboration where the funding party forge a partnership with the other party’s national Department or Ministry of Science and Technology in establishing the evaluation and review criteria. The implementation of the bilateral research proposal is jointly carried out by both parties. The evaluation and review committee composition is established by the national Department or Ministry of Science and Technology subject to their set of criteria.

In the end the group recommended to be opened to any possible bilateral research collaboration models mentioned above depending on the country that will be involved. The possibility of multilateral research collaboration was also mentioned however the group agreed to confine initially to bilateral research collaboration.

B. Research Collaboration Criteria:

The group recommended the following criteria:

a. Research excellence (Scientific soundness of the proposal)

b. Global social impact of the proposal

c. Priority on projects that address the pressing issues of the partner country

d. With Human Capacity Building component

e. Multi –, trans-, and inter-disciplinary research proposals