

# 1. CoST PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK: Overview of logical flow of CoST

v 1.1

## Explanatory Notes

1. This table provides an overview of the logical flow of CoST. It shows how activities lead to sub-outputs, to outputs, to outcomes, and eventually purpose and
2. Each NMSG is particularly responsible for delivery of its Sub-Outputs in a manner that contribute effectively to the CoST Outputs, and eventually the Purpose
3. The colour code shown here is used across all M&E documents. It seeks where possible to distinguish between:

- the CoST process, ie the activities undertaken that may or may not lead to changes in behaviour in the sector
- the project level effects of CoST. These will tend to be limited to direct results of CoST, such as improved transparency on CoST projects
- the institutional level impact of CoST. These will tend to be longer term, go beyond simply transparency, and have an effect beyond CoST projects

In practice it is not always possible, or necessary, to distinguish precisely between these categories

<p><b>Activities: National Level: the actions of each of the National CoST Secretariats</b> (see activities as listed at bottom of logical framework)</p>	<p><b>Activities: Central Level: the actions of the International CoST Secretariat</b> (see activities as listed at bottom of DFID logical framework)</p>	<p><b>Project Actions</b></p>
<p><b>Sub-outputs: to be delivered by each National Secretariat</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CoST institutional arrangements are put in place.</li> <li>2. Criteria for project selection are agreed and participating projects selected.</li> <li>3. Material project information is disclosed from participating projects.</li> <li>4. Information is analysed and reported on by assurance teams.</li> <li>5. Key stakeholders obtain and make use of material project information.</li> <li>6. Transparent systems and procedures are being used to deliver construction projects.</li> <li>7. Questions and challenges raised by stakeholders lead to investigations and enquiries.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Sub-outputs: to be delivered by the International Secretariat</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support to participating countries is provided and/or commissioned to implement workplans.</li> <li>2. Capacity building of appropriate government and civil society entities in participating countries.</li> <li>3. Organisation and facilitation of national and international conferences and workshops.</li> <li>4. Communications and information are managed to increase dissemination.</li> <li>5. Work is commissioned and quality assured in governance, procurement and construction.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Project Outputs</b></p>
<p><b>Outputs: to be delivered jointly by the International CoST Secretariat and the National Secretariats</b></p>		
<p>1. Establishment of a new multi-stakeholder approach to the public sector procurement of major construction projects.</p>	<p>2. Increased transparency in pilot countries' construction projects.</p>	<p>3. Increased accountability in pilot countries' construction projects.</p>
<p>4. Increased technical, financial and political support to expansion of CoST after the pilot phase from donors, country governments, civil society and industry.</p>	<p>5. A replicable CoST model developed for use in other countries.</p>	
<p><b>Purpose: to be achieved through CoST's pilot phase (2 years)</b></p>		
<p>To pilot test a new multi-stakeholder approach to the public sector procurement of major construction projects which increases transparency and facilitates accountability.</p>		
<p><b>Goal: to be achieved by national construction industries in the medium term (3 to 10 years), supported by the CoST Initiative</b></p>		<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>
<p>Greater transparency and accountability in public sector construction projects, in which governments and consumers "get what they pay for".</p>		
<p><b>Causal Links: how this will lead to better lives and livelihoods</b> (Refer also to Full Benefits Statement in the CoST Factsheet)</p>		
<p>Public opinion is influenced.</p>		
<p>Better government procurement is encouraged.</p>	<p>More competition is encouraged in construction industries.</p>	<p><b>Impacts</b></p>
<p><b>Super Goal: the long term (10 years plus) impact that national governments and aid donors want to bring about</b></p>		
<p>Improved delivery of infrastructure that is more relevant to needs, and represents better value for money, thus contributing to inclusive economic growth</p>		