

Targeted Initiatives 2007



- Nov. 2006, \$1.5m approved by GB
- Priority for 2007
 - , Nat. Acad. Science Ukraine
 - Georgian Nat. Science Foundation
 - Azeri Acad. Science
 - Moldovan Acad. Science
 - Ukrainian Ministry of Environmental Protection



NASU (Nov. 06 – May 07) Cycle #3

- Budget up to \$1.2m, projects capped at \$100k
- 75 SF received by NASU in response to call for proposals
- 27 technical units asked to submit FF
- FFs posted on STCU website 5th March 2007
- Funding Parties complete reviews, 14th May '07
- Funding Parties convene 30th May '07
- Host Government Concurrence, positive developments
- -ve aspect / One Project / Two Contracts



Georgian Nat. Science Foundation

(Nov. 06 – May '07) Cycle #1

- Budget up to \$300k, projects capped at \$50k
- 35 initial submissions to GNSF of which 18 sent to STCU
- FFs posted on STCU website 1st March 2007
- Reviews completed 14th May '07
- Funding Parties convene, 30th May '07
- GNSF to deposit its 50% project funding with STCU
- **Impact – one project / one contract**



Azeri Academy of Sciences (AAS)

(May '07 – Nov '07) Cycle #1

- Dec. '06, STCU and AAS initiate discussions
- Jan. '07 Meeting with AAS (Baku) to develop provisions to Statement of Intent to Cooperate / Technical areas identified
- Feb' 06 AAS submit documents to Cabinet of Ministers
- April '07 Cabinet of Ministers grant approval and commit \$150k for first cycle. Funds will be transferred to STCU
- May '07 Call for Proposals issued – 6 month cycle
- One project / one contract



Moldovan Academy of Science (MAS)

- Dec. '06 STCU & MAS initiate dialogue
- Feb. '07 STCU meet with MAS to develop provisions of Statement to Intent to Cooperate (SIC) / Technical areas identified
- Mar. '07 MAS submit written request to STCU requesting changes to SIC.
- STCU consults with Funding Parties and responds to MAS (April '07) that the requested changes are unacceptable
- Awaiting response from MAS



Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine

- April 2006, Draft Statement of Intent to Cooperate transmitted to Ministry
- Dec. '06, Ministry notify STCU of its intent to proceed with verbal pledge of \$250k for 2007 and request formal response from STCU
- February '07 written correspondence transmitted to Ministry, outlining the need for ratification of the “Statement of Intent to Cooperate” by May 2007 if the initiative is to be launched in calendar year 2007
- Awaiting response from Ministry



Targeted Initiatives (TI) – the next generation

- Current scientific areas as defined by NASU & GNSF too broad to be effective (e.g. biotechnology, IT)
- Link TI to S&T priorities within all Funding Parties
- Positive impact on sustainability (i.e research linked to market needs)
 - Link TI to European, Expert Contact Groups
 - Link TI to Canadian S&T priorities
 - Link TI to US efforts on Institute sustainability



Targeted Initiatives – the next Generation

- Explore possibilities for bilateral Agreements between TI Partners and Western Funding organizations (e.g European Space Agency, DTRA) in the context of TI
- Identify, nurture and exploit commercial potential resulting from funded projects (e.g. follow-on project / prototype development, etc)
- Use feedback from Funding Parties to develop grant writing workshops