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Part 1: Executive Summary

During this quarter, the U.S. review process of Cycle 17's collaborative proposals was completed. NAS and the Egyptian Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) exchanged their available review forms and scores. In addition, planning efforts continued for the meeting of the U.S.-Egypt Joint Board and the approval of Cycle 17 proposals for funding.

Part 2: Description of Key Activities

Program Activities

- Multiple Skype discussions were held with STDF to discuss the status of the Cycle 17 review process and possible changes in the Cycle 18 RFA.
- In October, the remaining U.S. reviews forms were received, from reviewers who did not participate in panel meetings. By the end of that month, all of the U.S. review forms were sent to STDF.
- NAS staff compared Egyptian and U.S. review scores and comments, as they became available.
- NAS continued discussions with USAID, the Department of State's Office of Science and Technology Cooperation (OES/STC), and STDF regarding possible dates for the meeting of the U.S.-Egypt Joint Board and the approval of Cycle 17 proposals for funding.
- NAS staff began planning for a Joint Fund alumni initiative, considering alumni's possible roles in outreach, assessment, and proposal review.

Administration

- On November 24th, NAS submitted to USAID and uploaded onto the DEC website the Year 1 annual report.
- In December, NAS updated the Joint Fund's website with the names of the Joint Board's U.S. members.

Plans for the Next Quarter

- The planning process for the joint selection meeting will continue.
- NAS and STDF will continue to discuss steps forward for Cycle 17 and possible updates for the Cycle 18 RFA.
- In coordination with USAID, NAS will continue planning efforts for a Joint Fund alumni initiative.