



UNDP Policies and Practices on Grant Making

Presentation to Prospective Partners under Democracy
Strengthening in Zambia (DSZ) Project

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Introduction



- UNDP collaborates and engages civil society through provision of financial, technical & “diplomatic” assistance and partnerships- as a 2-way relationship.
- Civil society actors defined in a very broad way to include NGOs, FBOs, Academia, Trade Unions, Media associations etc.
- Grants present one of the various forms of financial assistance

Types of Grants



- **Low value grants-** cash awards (not exceeding \$150,000 in one award or \$300,000 in a Programme cycle) to Civil society and NGO partners to generate and solicit development solutions for which no repayment is typically required
- **High value grants:** cash awards exceeding limits of low value grants; will require more stringent assessments and controls
- **Innovative challenge grants:** cash prizes (max \$40,000) awarded to solicit innovative ideas and solutions to address development challenges which cannot be achieved through traditional solicitation processes
- **Individual grants:** cash awards to persons under individual contracts (not exceeding \$5,000) under exceptional circumstances

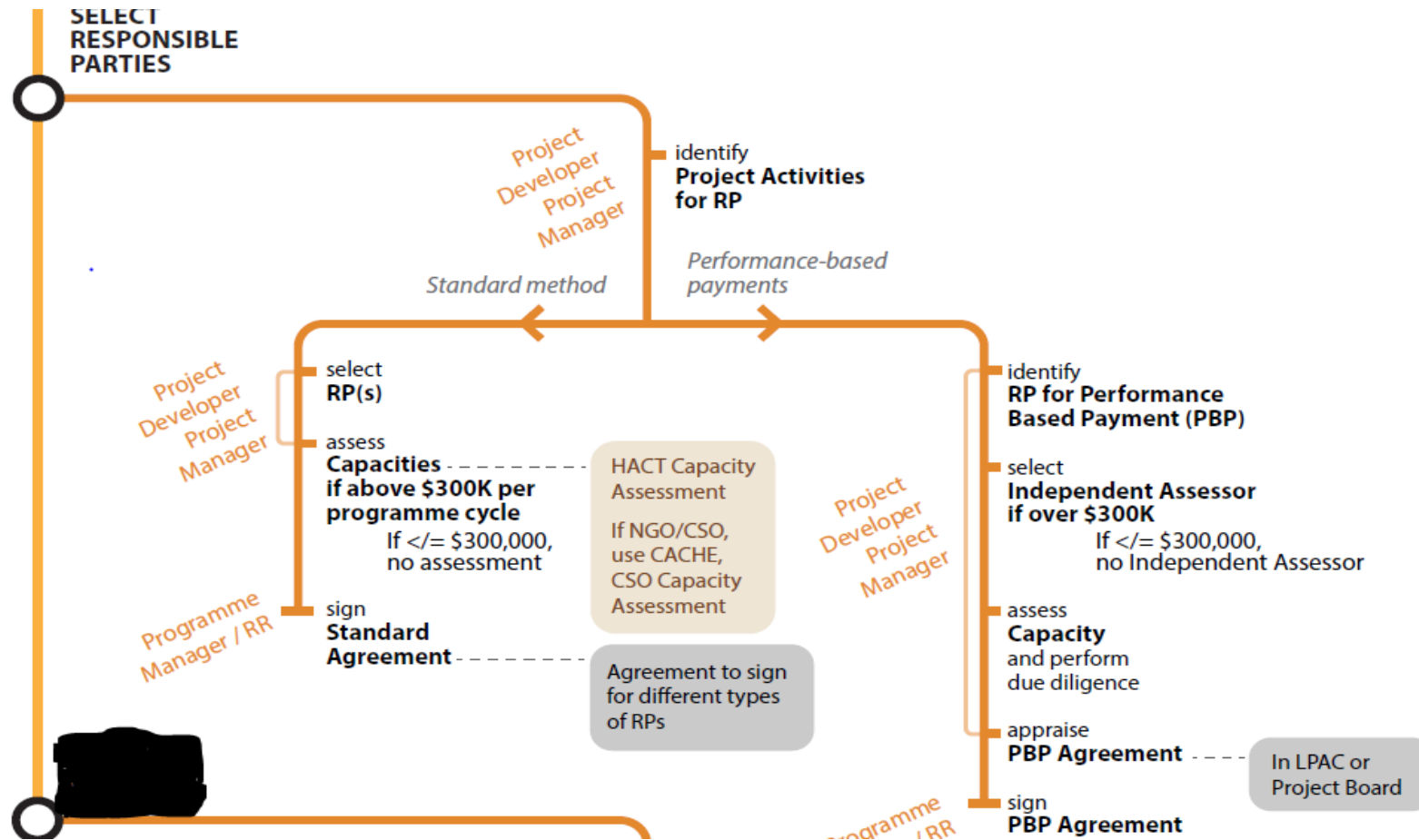
Instruments for grants to CSOs

	<h2>Project Cooperation Agreements (PCA)</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issued to NGO as Implementing partner• NGO assumes full responsibility for UNDP resources and delivery
	<h2>Responsible Party Agreements (RPA)</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issued to NGOs as responsible parties• RPs assume responsibility for specific activities or components of a project
	<h2>Low Value Grants Agreement (LVGA)</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issued to NGOs with limited capacity• Grantees assume responsibility for providing a development solution

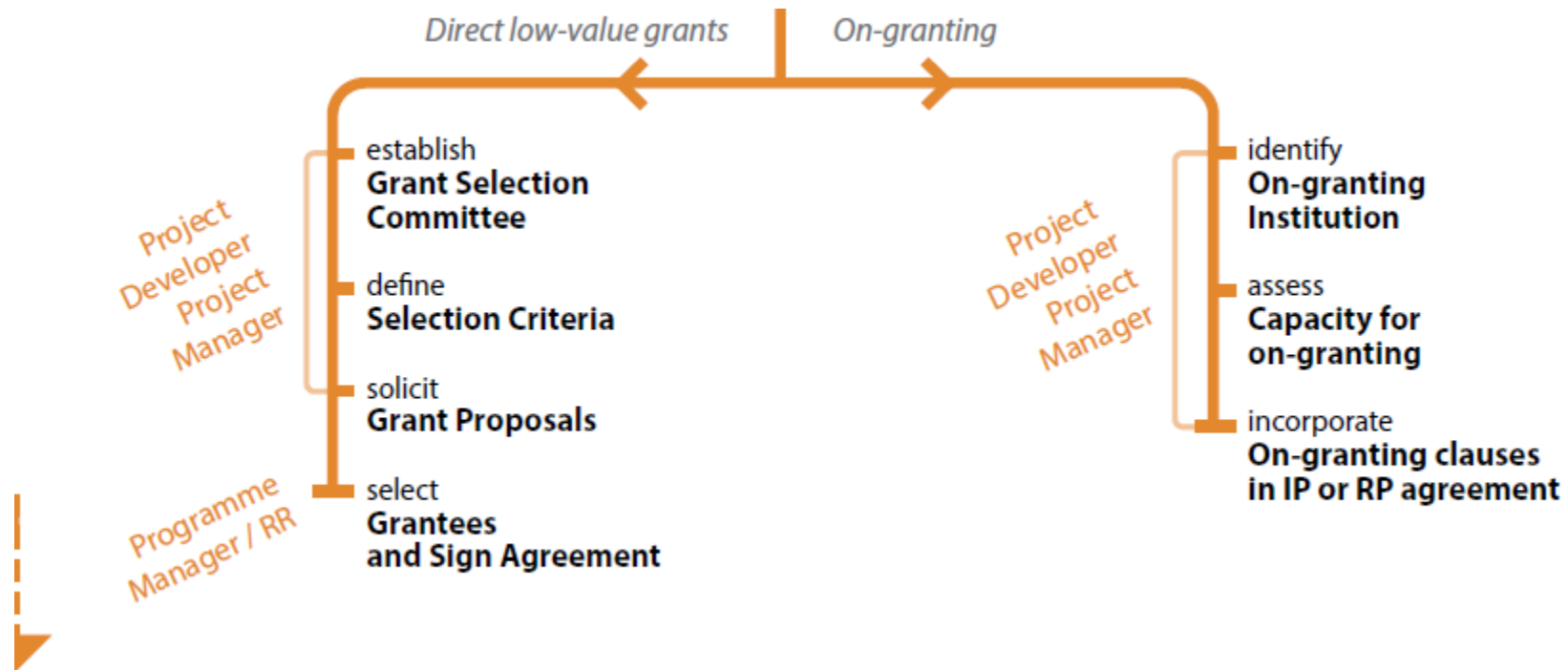
Selection Process- Implementing Partners



Selection Process: Responsible Parties



Selection Process: LVG Grantees



Key issues to check for selection



- Confirm eligibility of the applicant:
 - CSO requirements- legal status/age/
 - Comparative advantage
 - Compatibility of CSO with UN/DP's mandate/principles
- Ensure relevance of Proposal/Application with focus of Call for Proposal
- Capacity Assessments are risk-based; not necessarily exclusionary
- Selection process as a capacity- building process
- Uphold UN principles in selection process

