



Frequently Asked Questions for Finalists

(1) I was selected as a finalist. What do I have to do next?

To proceed to the next round of the PDM2006 competition, you must confirm that you wish to continue in the competition through the final event to be held Islamabad in March 15, 2006. Please confirm your continued participation by **no later than February 27th, 2006**.

(2) When and where is the Pakistan Development Marketplace Event?

The Pakistan Development Marketplace will be held on March 15th, 2006 at the Islamabad Convention Center

(3) How do I get to Islamabad?

The World Bank will provide finalists with travel grants that cover (a) travel and (b) hotel expenses for two team representatives, nominated by the project team, to attend the event in Islamabad. Specific individual arrangements will be made with finalists in the coming weeks after confirmation of their continued participation in the PDM Competition.

(4) Where will I stay in Islamabad?

The travel grant includes hotel accommodation for the two team representatives for the duration of the event. Relevant details will be communicated at a later stage. It is expected that all Finalists will arrive on the morning of March 14, 2006 and depart on March 16, 2006.

(5) Can the team bring more than two persons?

Yes. However, the World Bank will cover hotel and travel costs for **two persons only**. You are free to bring other organization members at their or your own organization's expense.

(6) What will happen during the one day event/competition?

The one-day event in Islamabad on March 15, 2006 is a tremendous opportunity to network with peers from the disability and development community, as well as potential funders, and participate in specific learning and knowledge exchange events (more details will be provided closer to the event). During the event, team representatives will be expected to display visual aids about their proposal idea at a booth (details on size and dimensions of booth will be sent to the teams closer to the time of the actual event) and will have the opportunity to present their idea to a Grand Jury team composed of World Bank Staff as well as other actors in the international development community. After meeting with all the participants, the jury will deliberate and select the winners by the end of March 15, 2006.

(7) How many organizations will receive grant support?

Approximately 10-12 organizations out of 33 will receive grant support from an estimated grant award pool of US\$235,000.

(8) I will not be able to attend the event in Islamabad on March 15th, 2006. Does this disqualify me from participating in the competition?

Proposal teams who are unable to send a representative to attend the event in Washington will still be eligible to participate in the competition. In the past, several proposal teams have successfully become DM winners without attending the event in person. Written proposals are extensively reviewed and evaluated by the Jury during the competition. The DM jury process is designed with specific criteria that are applied to all finalist proposals. Physical representation of the teams is intended to give teams an opportunity to "sell" their idea personally to the jury and facilitate participation in the networking opportunities available at the event; it does not influence the outcome of the competition.

(9) Will the Pakistan Development Marketplace be Disabled Friendly?

Yes. The World Bank and its partners will ensure that the Pakistan Development Marketplace event is accessible to persons with disabilities.

(10) What if I have more questions?

Please call us on the Pakistan Development Marketplace Hotline on telephone number **051-9090123** from 9am till 5pm, Monday through till Friday. Alternatively, email the Pakistan Development Marketplace team on tarageebazar@worldbank.org.