## Legal Entity Setup and Infrastructure

### Regulatory Considerations
- [ ] In-country legal status
- [ ] Registrations/Permits/Licenses
- [ ] Treaties and/or bilateral agreements
- [ ] Legal and/or accounting firm

### Operational Considerations
- [ ] Accommodations and/or Lease Space
- [ ] Banking, Currencies, Fees, Monetary Controls
- [ ] Agreements / Contracts

### Foreign Partners
- [ ] Local Partners
- [ ] Due Diligence (i.e. Background check)
- [ ] Affiliation Letter

### Health and Safety
- [ ] Medical and Health Insurance
- [ ] Emergency Plans
- [ ] Security Needs

## Immigration and Employment

### For you
- [ ] Visa Type
- [ ] Visa Sponsorship
- [ ] Stipend taxation

### For hiring in-country
- [ ] Right to employ
- [ ] Administer payments locally
- [ ] Social Benefit Tax (pension, health, unemployment, etc.)
- [ ] Worker rights and liability

### Plenty of other considerations
- [ ] Cultural Differences
- [ ] Export licenses for shipping abroad
- [ ] Clinical research regulations (i.e. human and/or animal subject regulations)
- [ ] Protection of Intellectual property
- [ ] Privacy Law
- [ ] General liability insurance

## Tips
- Your application is significantly strengthened by thoroughly addressing important international considerations.
- Conduct a risk assessment and determine ways to mitigate your risk areas.
- Make sure international considerations are in the budget.
- International treaties and bilateral agreements could be helpful.
- Monetary controls may prevent funds transfers.
- U.S. and in-country legal and accounting support may be needed.
- Partnership with an external organization requires an “Affiliation Letter” that clearly states the prize monies are not being used to support pre-existing projects.
- Get the visa right.
- Seek in-country support for hiring in country.
- Safety first, plan for the unexpected before departure.
- If you have prior experiences, local language skills, or other connections to the country, make them clear in your application.