



Management Response

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Recommendation 1:

UNECE should review the format of the online publications of the country reports (on UN ECE webpage). Greater standardization of cover pages and uniformity of layout can improve the visibility of project outputs and attract additional readers.

Management Response:

UNECE agreed with recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE has updated the format of the online publications in accordance with the recommendation

Recommendation 2:

The synthesis report articulated a common global political message that energy efficiency policies can only be successful if the entire policy environment is favorable. Countries should, therefore, aim to act simultaneously on all fronts, including institutional, legal, regulatory, economic, financial and socio-political levels, with a view to create a favorable business environment for national and international investors to perform their activities in the area of energy efficiency on the territory of the individual project country. The RCs should publish the Synthesis Report, as planned, in electronic and printed formats, and disseminate it widely among project participants and other potentially interested stakeholders.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The synthesis report has been placed at UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40546&L=0>) and submitted for publication in three languages: French, English, and Russian (UNECE Energy Series 43). The staff member (project manager) will be responsible for dissemination of the report among project participants as well as among participants of the future events related to energy efficiency issues. The Director of SED will suggest to the relevant Directors in ESCWA, ESCAP and ECLAC to publish the synthesis report in Arabic, Chinese and Spanish for future dissemination in their regions.



Recommendation 3:

Regional Commissions should continuously monitor and document progress and success of selected projects as 'best practice' examples in the area of energy efficiency financing

Management Response:

ECE agrees with the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Project manager will contact project participants to monitor and document progress and success of selected projects executed under the project. The progress report should be placed at UNECE website by the end of 2017.

Recommendation 4:

The Regional Commissions may consider to formulate follow-up project proposals for further extra-budgetary funding from bi- or multi-lateral sources.

Management Response:

ECE agrees with the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The UNECE SED's Regional Advisor will formulate and submit project proposals for further extra-budgetary funding from bi- or multi-lateral sources by March 2016.

Recommendation 5:

UNECE should increase its use of electronic media for dissemination of training materials and project outputs. The effectiveness of the training and the number of (indirect) beneficiaries could be increased if the option of electronic publication would have been used more systematically. Future DA project proposals should include an explicit budgetary provision for electronic publications to ensure the maximum use of the investment in training materials.

Management Response:

ECE partially agrees with the recommendation, noting that all training materials and general information on developed project proposals have been disseminated among participants on USB keys and posted at UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/energy/welcome/areas-of-work/energy-efficiency/meetings-and-events/energy-efficiency/gee21/2013/international-training-course-on-business-planning-for-energy-efficiency-projects/docs.html>), http://www.unece.org/energy/welcome/areas-of-work/energy-efficiency/meetings-and-events/energy-efficiency/gee21/2013/international-training-course-on-business-planning-for-energy-efficiency-projects/docs.html#), http://www.unece.org/energy/welcome/areas-of-work/energy-efficiency/meetings-and-events/energy-efficiency/gee21/2014/inter-regional-workshop-on-energy-efficiency-investments-projects-pipeline/docs.html#).

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

While formulating future DA project proposals UNECE may include an explicit budgetary provision for establishing an online platform for knowledge sharing information and compilation of best practices and lessons learned from all regions. That platform will also provide a knowledge base on promoting investments in energy efficiency projects, available international financing mechanisms and best practices, and maintaining a database of case studies, as well as proposed and approved institutional and policy reforms, and other related information (financing schemes, capacity building, institutional strengthening etc.)



Recommendation 6:

Essential training materials should be translated into all relevant (regional) UN languages to increase the readership and the effectiveness of the capacity building efforts.

Management Response:

ECE agrees with the recommendation. UNECE has translated essential training materials into Russian.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The Director of SED will suggest to the relevant Directors in ECA, ESCWA, ESCAP and ECLAC to translate essential training materials in Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish for future dissemination in their regions.

Recommendation 7:

Future DA projects should place greater emphasis on gender balance in their implementation, e.g. by setting more ambitious indicative targets for women participation as beneficiaries, resource persons or consultants.

Management Response:

ECE agrees with the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Since the project deals with the energy sector in which women are traditionally less represented, during its preparation and execution a due care will be exercised in contributing to the restoration of the gender balance. In this respect, in the choice of the local participants in the future projects, the UNECE will ensure that all participating governments are requested to promote the right gender balance in all project activities and that related regulatory and policy knowledge is equally available to both qualified men and women in each country. This way from the beginning the UNECE project strategy and its results framework will address the present gender inequalities and try to promote the wider participation of women in all power generation investment and policy processes.

Recommendation 8:

Administrators of the Development Account may consider supporting similar “global project initiatives” in future that can enable UN Departments, including the Regional Commissions, to “act as one”, on enhancing sustainability in the energy sector, or on addressing other relevant global sustainable development concerns.

Management Response:

ECE agrees with the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development was held in Hammamet, Tunisia in 2014 and was global in nature, with all five United Nations Regional Commissions jointly organizing and delivering a successful event. Participants of the Fifth Forum supported the Hammamet Declaration – a Joint Statement of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions.

The UNECE will develop the Statement of Common Action to be adopted in October 2015 at the Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development as a way to make the Hammamet Declaration operational. Implementation of this Action Plan will be reviewed and assessed at future International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development, with the next, Seventh Forum tentatively planned in Turkey in 2016.