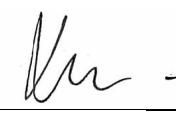




MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Evaluation Title:	Evaluation of UNDA Project 1617X “Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia”		
Period of Review:	June 2016 - December 2019		
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Recommendation 1:

Continue building the capacity of the member States through technical workshops on the topics requested in the course of the evaluation, including workshops on improving statistical data for sustainable energy.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2020-2021, SED will continue building the capacity of member States through technical workshops on the topics requested in the course of the evaluation, including workshops on improving statistical data for sustainable energy. Workshops may be organized with funds from RPTC budget or other extrabudgetary projects managed by SED.

Responsible: Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy; Scott Foster, SED Director; programme officers in SED.

Recommendation 2:

Assist the targeted countries with taking practical steps towards adopting and implementing the NSEAPs at national level and encourage nearby countries to replicate the results. A series of consultations and awareness-raising workshops need to be facilitated for the top-level decision makers in their respective countries. It is also advisable to support the beneficiary countries to develop the NSEAP implementation roadmap and the monitoring frameworks.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Workshops on implementation of NSEAPs will be organized in 2020-2021 with funds from RPTC budget subject to availability of funding.

Responsible: Oleg Dziubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy

Recommendation 3:

Encourage neighbouring countries to share information, with the member States and broader audience, of progress made and results achieved with regard to the adoption and implementation the NSEAPs.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Neighbouring countries will be encouraged to share information with other member States and broader audience about progress made and results achieved with regard to the adoption and implementation the NSEAPs. In particular, this information sharing will be facilitated at the 11th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Tbilisi on 15-17 September 2020.

Responsible: Oleg Dziubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy; Scott Foster, SED Director

Recommendation 4:

Address the sustainable energy implementation practices from both top-down and bottom-up approaches and continue cooperation not only with other UN agencies and top-level decision-makers in the sustainable energy agenda, but also engage the stakeholders representing local governance entities to share their real-case experience and practical guidance in implementing NSEAPs.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Cooperation with UN ESCAP, national governments and local stakeholders will continue. See also actions proposed under recommendations 2 and 3.

Responsible: Oleg Dziubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy; Scott Foster, SED Director

Recommendation 5:

Continue raising the awareness of the member States about the gender mainstreaming and human rights dimensions in the energy sector through workshops and presentations and introduce gender-responsive indicators and targets to measure and report the progress made regarding the gender mainstreaming agenda.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In line with UNECE commitments taken in the [management response of the 2019 evaluation of Gender mainstreaming in UNECE](#), gender-responsive indicators and targets will be included in forthcoming projects to measure and report progress made. SED staff will attend the forthcoming workshop related to gender statistics to be held in 2020, to build knowledge on systematic collection, use, analysis and

reporting of gender-disaggregated data, gender equality and empowerment of women results. Raising awareness through workshops and presentations will be pursued in future projects.

Responsible: Scott Foster, SED Director; programme officers in SED.

Recommendation 6:

Ensure that new projects have detailed monitoring and evaluation plan developed and incorporated into the projects' documents along with properly design logical framework and S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound) indicators and timelines of individual activities to be implemented.

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2020, SED will seek the support of the Programme Management Unit and will develop new projects with S.M.A.R.T. indicators and targets, to better measure and monitor the intermediate results and long-term impact, subject to full staffing of the Division.

Responsible: Scott Foster, SED Director; programme officers in SED.