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The Eighth Meeting of the WG on Medium Term Strategy Coordination

Feb. 4 —5th, 2021

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Review of the recent development since the 7th Meeting of the WG on MTSC(1)

■ Recommendation 1

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM endorse PAC to conduct the MTR of the MTS, presenting the report to the 49th GCM (or 43rd NRM if further time is needed).

Completed!

■ Recommendation 2

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM request the Secretariat to provide training on outcome monitoring to relevant stakeholders (e.g. LCCs, NPCs, NRs etc.) through appropriate fora (e.g. project Design Meetings, Coordination Meetings).

In Progress???

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■ Recommendation 3

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM commission a *strategic* review and update of the GOR, either by MTS 2024-2029 Drafting WG or a dedicated WG.

The 49th GCM asked PAC to work with the WG on Drafting the RCA MTS 2024-2029 to present any recommended changes

■ Recommendation 4

The MTSC WG recommends that the RCA Chair send a letter to the Permanent Missions of all GPs following up on the 2018 Declaration, highlighting the lead up to the 50th anniversary of the RCA would be an opportune time for EB contributions.

Approved in the 42nd NRM, need to draft the letter

Review of the recent development since the 7th Meeting of the WG on MTSC (3)

■ Recommendation 5

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM consider whether a systematic review of the RRU concept is required.

Approved in the 42nd NRM, need to draft a new concept

■ Recommendation 6

It is recommended that the 42nd NRM approve the suggested changes to the GOR reflected in Annex 6. (identifying EB part in developing a project, outcome monitoring, updated PPF etc.)

Completed

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■ Recommendation 7

The MTSC WG recommends that the RCA Chair request NRs to remind prospective LCCs of the importance of early and ongoing engagement with potential counterparts during the project design life cycle.

Approved in the 42nd NRM, no follow-ups necessary

■ Recommendation 8

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM note the MTSC WG considerations for the 2024-2029 MTS and provide these to the anticipated drafting WG.

Completed

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■ Recommendation 9

The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM consider whether they want PAC to be advising on “mechanisms to identify funding opportunities through donors outside the IAEA”, and amend their **ToR** if required.

Approved in the 42nd NRM, PAC working on this matter.

■ Recommendation 10

It is recommended that the 42nd NRM endorse the MTSC WG Annual Work Plan 2020.

Approved in the 42nd NRM, need to review, and prepare the Work Plan 2021.

Homework from the 49th RCA GCM

■ The Report of the 49th GCM reads:

The Meeting noted that the MTSC WG should continue its work to **assess the findings** of the Mid-Term Review and **recommend what steps can be taken to improve performance** of the Agreement ahead of the Final Review to be undertaken in 2023. **The impacts of COVID-19** should be considered in this assessment.

To be discussed during this WG meeting

Work Plan for 2020

No	Activity	Action at 7 th Meeting	Responsibility	Priority	Timeframe	Status
1	By GCM 2019, the approach(es) selected by NRs have been implemented to close any identified gaps between baselines and targets 1-3 under PI 1.2.	Noted that gaps largely outside control of MTSC WG to influence. Amend action to: <i>Review the appropriateness of the target criteria for PI 1.2 ahead of the MTS Final Review.</i>	WG MTSC	Important	Following Mid-Term Review	
2	Undertake a review of the usability of the PPFs	Completed.	WG MTSC	Desirable	7 th MTSC WG Meeting	
3	Undertake a review of the guidance on RRUs in the RCA GOR	Completed.	WG MTSC	Desirable	7 th MTSC WG Meeting	
4	Propose updates to relevant documents to include the requirement for project designs to allocate 25% of project activities as extra-budgetary	Completed.	WG MTSC Chair	Important	48 th GCM	
5	Establish the parameters for the Final Review of the MTS 2018-2023, taking into consideration of RCA PAC Mid-Term Review results		WG MTSC with RCA PAC	Critical	Following Mid-Term Review	
6	Prepare recommendations for inclusion in the GOR on the MTSC WG findings and methodologies on outcome monitoring that can be used by project designers in the 2022-2023 project cycle, as well as LCCs when finalising their project reviews.	Completed.	WG MTSC	Important	7 th MTSC WG Meeting	
7	Work in cooperation TCPC on development and implementation of the Project on Case Studies of Social and Economic Value of RCA Projects.		WG MTSC with TCPC	Important	Ongoing	
8	Prepare a summary document outlining recommendations and advice for input into the MTS 2024-2029.	Completed.	WG MTSC	Important	7 th MTSC WG Meeting	

Anything Else to discuss within our TOR?

- **How to minimize the negative effect of COVID-19 on RCA Activities/Human Resource Development**
- **How to maximize the benefit of the RCA, how to accord particular attention to the special needs of the new RCA GPs, the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and the Small Island Developing States (SIDSs)?**

Thank you for your attention!