

RD&D Task Force – Minutes of teleconference, 13 July 2016

Teleconference Participants:

Ms. Sonja Djukic, Co-lead, RD&D Task Force	Mr. Michael Rantil, AB member and TEC Vice-Chair
Ms. Marina Shvangiradze, Co-lead, RD&D Task Force	Mr. David Reidmiller, observer Party
Ms. Shikha Bhasin, AB member	Mr. Roque Pedace, AB member
Mr. Chen Ji, AB member	Ms. Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina, TEC Chair
Mr. Kazuhiko Hombu, AB member	Mr. Matthew Kennedy, AB Chair
Mr. Karsten Krause, AB member	Mr. Victor Low, CTCN
Mr. Klaus Radunsky, AB member	Mr. Asher Lessels, TEC secretariat

Regrets:

Ms. Lyne Monastesse Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Seyed Mohammad Sadeghzadeh

Ms. Marina Shvangiradze introduced the agenda for the teleconference and Ms. Sonja Djukic (filling in for Ms. Lyne Monastesse) moderated the discussions. The discussions have been summarized below.

Agenda Item 1 – Summary of recent discussions, the work and objectives of the task force

- Ms. Djukic provided a brief re-cap of the scope and mandate of the task force, its past work and some ideas for CTCN activities on RD&D that were gathered informally during the Bonn SB meetings.
- The objective of the task force is to explore options on the role of the CTCN related to RD&D and to report back to the Advisory Board. The CTCN's mandate should be used as a guide for the CTCN's involvement in RD&D, taking into account both adaptation and mitigation.
- Past work included an assessment of RD&D needs based on a review of CTCN requests and a sampling of TNAs/TAPs.
- The following ideas on RD&D activities gathered informally from Party members during the June SB meetings and that were considered to be within the CTCN's mandate were presented:
 - Matching network members to developing countries' requests on RD&D
 - Provide guidance on incorporating RD&D in requests to the CTCN or guidance to help NDEs develop requests related to RD&D
 - Explore having a Technical Expert Meeting (TEM) on RD&D and have the CTCN play a key role

Agenda Item 2 – CTCN's role on RD&D

- Ms. Shvangiradze participated in the CTCN Regional Forum for NDEs from Central Asia and Eastern Europe in June 2016 (Almaty, Kazakhstan). Although she gave a small presentation on RD&D, there was not much feedback about RD&D.
- Mr. Chen Ji participated in the CTCN Regional Forum for NDEs from Asia in July 2016 (Bangkok, Thailand) and chaired a session on RD&D. Preliminary results provided good insights into RD&D needs and some key points were shared with the task force.
 - Developing countries are at different stages of RD&D
 - RD&D focus should be on adapting and localizing proven technologies but SME sector may need support for localized deployment on a large scale
 - Need to engage the private sector to bring technologies to the market
 - Need for adaptation technologies
 - Collaborative RD&D between developed countries and institutions in developing countries sought to build local capacity including joint research projects across countries
 - Developing countries were also in need of research infrastructure (i.e., RD&D laboratories)

- It was acknowledged that some of the RD&D needs expressed at the NDE Forum are beyond the scope of the CTCN. Furthermore, it was recognized that other initiatives may be better positioned to address specific RD&D issues and the CTCN should not duplicate efforts. However, some of the ideas will be helpful to guide the work of the CTCN such as on promoting collaboration, providing a matchmaking function, and helping to deploy technologies.
- Mr. Matthew Kennedy suggested that the CTCN could focus on how it addresses RD&D through five “lenses”: (1) technology; (2) information; (3) policy and regulation; (4) behaviour; and (5) business models.
- Mr. Karsten Krause confirmed that there is a real risk of duplication simply based on the actions being implemented by the European Commission and emphasized that duplication of efforts should be avoided.
- Mr. Kazuhiko Hombu suggested that clarity on the shared roles of Annex I and non-Annex I entities would be helpful.

Agenda Item 3 – Collaboration with the TEC taskforce on RD&D

Mr. Michael Rantil, as TEC Vice-Chair, provided an update on the work of the TEC task force on RD&D to the CTCN RD&D task force. The TEC’s task force was in the process of drafting a concept note on RD&D that would outline the methodology and its approach to RD&D. However, the concept note was still in the early stages but a final version would be shared with the CTCN task force. It was also noted that the CTCN AB Chairs have been invited to participate in the work of the TEC’s RD&D task force.

Agenda Item 4 – Next steps

- The next meeting of the RD&D task force will be in-person just prior to the 8th AB meeting in the morning of 23 August.
- Minutes of the teleconference will be circulated since some participants could not hear all discussions due to some poor call-in connections.
- In preparation for the task force’s report to the AB, some draft thoughts will be discussed at the in-person meeting.