

Summary of Actions as a Result of Advisory Board Meeting 9

1. The Advisory Board took note of the GCF's presentation wherein the GCF at B.17 will be considering options on how the GCF can support collaborative research and development in developing countries.
 - The GCF has moved this discussion point from B.17 to B.18. In preparation for B.18, the CTCN has prepared some key messages for the CTCN AB Chair to deliver to the GCF (see AB10 document AB/2017/10/6.3).
2. The Funding and Financial Visibility Task Forces presented their recommendations to the Advisory Board. Most of the recommendations were already implemented or being implemented by the CTCN and reported during AB9. Outstanding actions on recommendations from the Advisory Board were for (i) the formation of two overarching task forces, one addressing finance and the other addressing operations; (ii) the CTCN to prepare a short information note on its procedures for financial decision making that focuses on the selection of Consortium Partners versus Network members for implementing Response Plans to requests for technical assistance; and (iii) the task force to provide further guidance to the CTCN as it develops procedures for accepting in-kind contributions.
 - The CTCN has prepared Terms of References for the two new overarching task forces and has supported the work of these two task forces on (i) Finance; and (ii) Operations and Strategy including hosting of several conference calls.
 - The CTCN has prepared for the Task Force a short summary on its technical assistance process for selecting Network members and Consortium Partners when implementing Response Plans to requests for technical assistance.
 - The CTCN has drafted for the Task Force a working paper for accepting in-kind and pro bono contributions. Upon the direction of the Task Force, the working paper will be shared with Advisory Board members for further discussion.
3. The Advisory Board requested the consideration of the TEC to make the TEC task force on innovation and RD&D open to more members of the Advisory Board.
 - On behalf of the AB Chair, the CTCN submitted a letter to the TEC requesting that the TEC task force on IRDD consider being open to more members of the Advisory Board. The TEC will discuss this request at their next meeting.
4. The Advisory Board took note of the CTCN's preliminary 2016 financial statement which was supplemented with a financial performance report by operational activity. A final 2016 financial statement is to be prepared in advance of the next Advisory Board meeting for endorsement at the 10th Advisory Board meeting.
 - The CTCN has prepared its final 2016 financial statement and has shared it with Advisory Board members (see AB10 document AB/2017/10/8.2). The financial statement was also supplemented with a financial performance report by operational activity.
5. The Advisory Board decided that a joint COP/CMA report should be prepared for this year.
 - The CTCN has prepared a draft joint COP/CMA report for consideration by the Advisory Board (see AB10 document AB/2017/10/9.1).