

Summary of Actions as a Result of Advisory Board Meeting 8

1. The Advisory Board expressed a desire for greater involvement of Network members in responding to requests for technical assistance as well as additional guidance on how NDEs could be involved in responding to requests. With respect to case studies on technical assistance prepared as a means to demonstrate CTCN impacts, greater clarity and accuracy were sought.
 - With the significant growth of the CTCN's Network over the past year, the expertise within the Network has grown and more requests are being directed to the Network to capitalize on this enhanced capacity to deliver quality responses to requests. However, given the duration of a typical request-response process, it will take some time before final products from Network members become more visible.
 - The CTCN explored the modality of directly involving NDEs in responding to requests for technical assistance as an in-kind contribution to the CTCN. The CTCN will present to the Advisory Board its approach and limited experience with NDEs responding to requests.
 - Based on feedback from Advisory Board members, case studies were revised to ensure clarity regarding the potential impact as a result of CTCN technical assistance. Revised case studies were shared with some Advisory Board members including the Funding Task Force and used successfully to communicate the effectiveness and impacts of the CTCN's technical assistance work during COP22.
2. The Advisory Board decided to either defer the agenda item on endorsement of the M&E framework to its next meeting or to conduct an intersessional vote if the M&E framework for CTCN-wide impact was ready for endorsement.
 - The CTCN received further comments on the M&E framework from some Advisory Board members and decided that the M&E framework could be improved before being put before the Advisory Board for a vote of endorsement. The CTCN will provide an update on the status of the overall M&E framework at the 9th Advisory Board meeting.
3. The Advisory Board agreed to seek endorsement of the 2015 financial statement, when available, via an intersessional voting process.
 - The CTCN provided its 2015 financial statement to Advisory Board members after the 8th Advisory Board meeting and conducted an intersessional vote to seek endorsement of the financial statement. The 2015 financial statement was endorsed by the Advisory Board.
4. The Advisory Board approved the 2017 Annual Operating Plan of the CTCN except for the 2017 budget contained within the plan. The 2017 budget was provisionally approved pending a review of the CTCN's financial situation at the end of 2016 which would provide greater clarity regarding the ability of the CTCN to meet the funding requirements associated with the budget.
 - The CTCN reviewed its financial situation at the end of 2016 and will present the latest information available on its financial situation at the 9th Advisory Board meeting. The 2017 budget will be placed on the meeting agenda for endorsement by the Advisory Board.
5. The Advisory Board decided that the CTCN should join the TEC's RD&D task force and terminate its own RD&D Task Force.
 - The CTCN, represented by the Chairs of the CTCN Advisory Board and supported by the CTCN team, has participated in the TEC's RD&D task force.