




MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Evaluation Title:	Evaluation Strengthening capacity of the member States to achieve the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals - Pathways to Sustainable Energy		
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Recommendation 1:

The UNECE may wish to continue disseminating the project outputs as wide as possible using, among others, electronic means.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE will explore all possible means to disseminate project results in the UNECE region and beyond.

In 2020, results will be disseminated on the Project website, by attending Expert Groups meetings and delivering presentations. Meetings scheduled for the first half of 2020 include: the 15th session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane on 23 March 2020, the 7th session of the Group of Experts on Gas on 25 March 2020 and during the Resource Management Week from 20-24 April 2020. More dissemination activities are planned at the 11th International Forum for Sustainable Energy in Georgia in September 2020 and during the 29th session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy in Geneva in November 2020.

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Recommendation 2:

Further development to enhance the project achievements could benefit the member States: for instance, enhanced capacity-building and expertise development to build on the effectively implemented activities 2016-2019.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts this recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The Project Team will continue seek opportunities to make an impact in subregions in form of capacity building. However, this is subject to extrabudgetary funding and in-kind contributions. Fundraising will be actively sought during 2020. Resourcing strategy will be discussed with the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy in its calls and meetings in 2020. The Regional Advisor will also be involved.

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Recommendation 3:

If the intervention is taken forward, it might be further focused on the subregional and national levels, as the member States are at an early stage of addressing the complex and vitally important issues of pathways to sustainable energy.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts this recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE will take the recommendation into consideration when preparing project proposal for the Project's Phase II, expected in the second quarter of 2020, but dependent on extrabudgetary resources

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Recommendation 4:

To include gender and human rights aspects in the design of future projects, the UNECE may consider: a) further encouraging stakeholder/beneficiary organizations to increase the participation of female experts and decision-makers from their side in project events, e.g., by including a special notice into the invitations to these events; b) further encouraging female experts to join the Project Advisory Board and especially the Expert Groups Focal Points and Chairs; c) introducing in the project design a number of measurable gender and human rights related indicators and targets to report on the progress made.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts this recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE will continue pursuing gender balance when organising events and forming Task Forces, Working Groups and Project Advisory Boards, in line with the corporate commitments taken in the signed Management response to the Gender mainstreaming evaluation of UNECE:

[http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/OPEN_UNECE/03_Evaluation_and_Audit/Evaluation_Reports-with_SPs/Programme-wide_docs/Management_Response_to_Gender_Evaluation_2019 -
_Final_clean.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/OPEN_UNECE/03_Evaluation_and_Audit/Evaluation_Reports-with_SPs/Programme-wide_docs/Management_Response_to_Gender_Evaluation_2019_-_Final_clean.pdf)

In the Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE will proactively engage female experts to achieve gender balance.

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Recommendation 5:

When preparing project concepts and ToRs, the UNECE managers should formulate indicators of achievement that can be easily measured to track the project progress and reflected in project documents.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts this recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE will take this recommendation into consideration when preparing project proposal for the potential Project's Phase II, expected in in the second quarter of 2020. All future Project concept notes to include measurable indicators of achievement.

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