



Status of Implementation of the Management Response to the Evaluation of the Project *Promoting Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development* (November 2015)

**Progress report as of 31 December 2018**

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1	UNECE should review of the format of the online publications of the country reports (on UNECE webpage). Greater standardization of cover pages and uniformity of layout can improve the visibility of project outputs and attract additional readers.	Project manager to Update the format of the online publications	Aug 2015	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	Aug 2015  UNECE SED has updated the format of the online publications in accordance with the recommendation
2	The synthesis report articulated a common global political message that energy efficiency policies can only be successful if the entire policy environment is favorable. Countries should, therefore, aim to act simultaneously on all fronts, including institutional, legal, regulatory, economic, financial and socio- political levels, with a view to create a favorable business environment for national and international investors to perform their	The project manager to disseminate the report among project participants as well as among participants of the future events related to energy efficiency issues.	Dec 2015	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	Dec 2015  The synthesis report has been placed at UNECE website ( <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40546&amp;L=0">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40546&amp;L=0</a> ) and submitted for publication in three languages: French, English, and Russian (UNECE Energy Series 43).  The English version has been published and disseminated among project participants as well as among other experts and stakeholders from all UN Regional Commissions during the Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Yerevan Armenia in September 2015

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	activities in the area of energy efficiency on the territory of the individual project country. The RCs should publish the Synthesis Report, as planned, in electronic and printed formats, and disseminate it widely among project participants and other potentially interested stakeholders.				
3	Regional Commissions should continuously monitor and document progress and success of selected projects as 'best practice' examples in the area of energy efficiency financing.	Project manager will contact project participants to monitor and document progress and success of selected projects executed under the project.	Dec 2017	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	A study: <i>Best Policy Practices for Promoting Energy Efficiency</i> - Second edition has been developed and posted on UNECE website in November 2017: <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47415">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47415</a> . Available in English, French, and Russian in electronic and hard copy formats.
4	The Regional Commissions may consider to formulate follow-up project proposals for further extra-budgetary funding from bi- or multi-lateral sources.	The UNECE SED's Regional Advisor to formulate and submit project proposals for further extra-budgetary funding from bi- or multi-lateral sources by March 2016.	Mar 2016	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	Two follow-up project proposals were formulated, submitted and approved: Promoting Renewable Energy Investments for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development (2014-2017, ESCWA-lead agency and UNECE, completed) and Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (2016-2019, UNECE-lead agency and ESCAP, under implementation).

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5	UNECE should increase its use of electronic media for dissemination of training materials and project outputs. The effectiveness of the training and the number of (indirect) beneficiaries could be increased if the option of electronic publication would have been used more systematically. Future DA project proposals should include an explicit budgetary provision for electronic publications to ensure the maximum use of the investment in training materials.	UNECE SED staff members to disseminate all training materials and general information on developed project proposals among participants.	Dec 2015	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	Materials have been disseminated on USB keys and posted at UNECE website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/energywelcome/areas-of-work/energy-efficiency/meetings-and-events/energy-efficiency/gee21/2013/international-training-course-on-business-planning-for-energy-efficiency-projects/docs.html">http://www.unece.org/energywelcome/areas-of-work/energy-efficiency/meetings-and-events/energy-efficiency/gee21/2013/international-training-course-on-business-planning-for-energy-efficiency-projects/docs.html</a>
6	Essential training materials should be translated into all relevant (regional) UN languages to increase the readership and the effectiveness of the capacity building efforts.	The Director of SED to suggest to the relevant Directors in ECA, ESCWA, ESCAP and ECLAC to translate essential training materials in Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish for future dissemination in their regions.	Dec 2015	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	UNECE has translated essential training materials into Russian.

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7	Future DA projects should place greater emphasis on gender balance in their implementation, e.g. by setting more ambitious indicative targets for women participation as beneficiaries, resource persons or consultants.	UNECE SED staff members to promote the wider participation of women in all power generation investment and policy processes.	Dec 2017	UNECE Sustainable Energy Division	Since the project deals with the energy sector in which women are traditionally less represented, during its preparation and execution a due care will be exercised in contributing to the restoration of the gender balance. In this respect, in the choice of the local participants in the future projects, the UNECE will ensure that all participating governments are requested to promote the right gender balance in all project activities and that related regulatory and policy knowledge is equally available to both qualified men and women in each country.
8	Administrators of the Development Account may consider supporting similar “global project initiatives” in future that can enable UN Departments, including the Regional Commissions, to “act as one”, on enhancing sustainability in the energy sector, or on addressing other relevant global sustainable development concerns.	Administrators of the Development Account to support joint UN RCs projects on the theme of SE4ALL		Administrators of the Development Account	<p>The Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development was held in Hammamet, Tunisia in 2014 and was global in nature, with all five United Nations Regional Commissions jointly organizing and delivering a successful event. Participants of the Fifth Forum supported the Hammamet Declaration – a Joint Statement of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions.</p> <p>The UNECE has developed the Statement of Common Action adopted in September 2015 at the Six Forum International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development as a way to make the Hammamet Declaration operational.</p> <p>Implementation of this Action Plan will be reviewed and assessed at future International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development, with the next, Seventh Forum.</p>