

The 7th Regional Steering Committee (RSC) Meeting

27-29 April 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

DAY 1: Thursday, 27th April, 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
8.00 – 8.20	Registration	IUCEA
Opening Session: Welcome Remarks and Introductions <i>Moderator: Eugene Mutimura</i>		
8:20 – 8:30	Moderator requests Center Leaders to introduce their teams, while participants, i.e. World Bank team, IUCEA and Expert Panelists are recognized in groups.	
8:30 – 8:45	Opening and Welcome Remarks by RSC member from Ethiopia	Dr. Zerihun Kebede
8:45 – 9:00	Opening and Welcome remarks from the World Bank	WB Country Director/Manager
9:00 – 9:15	Opening remarks by IUCEA Executive Secretary	Prof Alexandre Lyambabaje
9:15 – 9:30	Overview of the workshop – Agenda, Objectives, and Expected Outcomes	Xiaoyan Liang
Key Project Updates		
9:30 – 10:00	Update of ACE II by World Bank	Xiaoyan Liang
10:30 -10:30	GROUP PHOTO AND HEALTH BREAK	
Progress update by 4 ACEs/Countries¹ <i>Moderator: Eugene Mutimura</i>		
10:30 – 11:50	Presentations by 4 preselected ACEs (20 mins each) on key developments, issues and challenges	ACE: Ethiopia ACE: Rwanda ACE: Tanzania
11:50 – 12:30	Discussion/Question-Answers (40 mins)	ACE: Kenya
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
Progress update by 3 ACEs/Countries <i>Moderator: Ruth Charo</i>		
13:30 -14:50	Presentations by 3 preselected ACEs (20 mins each) on key developments, issues and challenges	ACE: Malawi ACE: Mozambique ACE: Zambia ²
14:50 – 15:30	Discussion/Question-Answers (40 mins)	ACE: Uganda
15:30 – 16:00	HEALTH BREAK	
Management of Finance, DLIs, and Partnerships (optional for RSC) <i>Moderator: Girma Woldetsadik</i>		
16:00 -17:00	FM and DLI (30 mins) Discussion (30 mins)	Meron Tadesse (Senior FM Specialist, Ethiopia)
17:00 -18:00	• Management of Partnerships: Case from Ethiopia (30 mins) Discussion (30 mins)	ACE Railway Ethiopia (ARERI)
18:30 – 20:00	NETWORKING DINNER	

¹ At the country level the NSC chair may make the decision on either selecting one ACE and presenting on that, or do a combined presentation of all ACEs. It is up to the NSC chair and ACE leaders to decide who makes the presentation

² Zambia and Uganda are not effective yet. They may make a presentation on the existing challenges in reaching effectiveness, and preparations they have been making for project implementation in the meantime.

DAY 2: Friday, 28th April, 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
Technical sessions: <i>Moderator: Xiaonan Cao</i>		
8:00 – 10:30	Benchmarking (30 mins) Discussion (20 mins)	Shanghai ZhaoTong University + Xiaoyan
	Graduate Tracer study (30 mins) Discussion (20 mins)	Tanya Savrimootoo
	Guidance and good practices on curriculum development for Ph.D. and master programs (30 mins) Discussion (20 mins)	Prof. Winston Soboyejo
10:30 -11:00	HEALTH BREAK	
Parallel Sessions: 7th RSC Meeting for RSC members only, and Breakout sessions for Center Leaders		
11:00-13:00	Breakout Sessions for ACEs Grouping by sectors - Agriculture, Education and Applied Statistics, Health and STEM (for Technical Experts, ACE leaders, WB country TTLs)	Expert 1: Carl Larsen Expert 2: Ok Pannenberg Expert 3: Expert 4:
11:00-13:00	RSC Meeting (for RSC members, core WB ACE II team & IUCEA)	Chair: Dr. Zerihun Kebede
11:00 – 11:30	Opening Remarks by RSC Chair Additional remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCEA • World Bank 	Chair: Dr. Zerihun Kebede Prof. Alexandre Lyambabaje Dr. Xiaoyan Liang
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda³ setting • Review of the Minutes from 6th RSC meeting and its follow up • Highlight key issues (identified from implementation by IUCEA and ACEs)⁴ to be discussed and sought technical advice on 	Dr Zerihun Kebedi
12:00 – 13:00	Reflections on ACE II progress so far, and decisions on immediate communication and observations to be shared with ACEs after lunch	All members
13:00 -14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
Joint reporting-back and wrap-up session (all participants) <i>Moderator: Xiaoyan Liang</i>		
14:00- 16:00	Reporting back on key findings and issues identified from thematic group discussions	Technical Experts
16:00 – 16:30	HEALTH BREAK, and distribution of evaluation forms	
Panel Discussion on key developments and solutions to challenges facing ACEs, and topical sessions <i>Moderator: Xiaoyan Liang</i>		
16:30-18:30	Way forward on key developments Discussions, comments and observations on topical sessions: <i>Benchmarking, Graduate Tracer study, Partnerships & curriculum development</i> Brief closing remarks	Center leaders RSC members Experts
End of Day 2		

³ Agenda items to be shared with all participants of RSC meeting at least two weeks beforehand

⁴ A list of key issues will be prepared based on findings from Implementation Supervision Missions to Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Kenya, as well as issues identified from the Progress Update Survey responses from ACEs. It will be shared with RSC members beforehand, and they will be requested to come prepared with their suggestions.

DAY 3: Saturday, 29th April 2017

Only for RSC Members, IUCEA, World Bank.

(All documents including RSC Meeting Agenda, Minutes from last meeting, IUCEA's work plans, ACE II report, POM, Budget, etc. to be shared with ALL participants of RSC meeting at least 2 weeks before the meeting.)

Chair: Dr. Zerihun Kebede

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
8:30-10:30	ACE II Report and Planned Activities	Dr Zerihun Kebedi
<i>During this session, the RSC members are expected to discuss IUCEA's Report and six-month's work plan (activities, budget and timeline). All documents (Report and Work Plan) will be shared with all participants at least two weeks before the meeting. Thus at the meeting, there may be no need to go into detailed presentation. Members may dive straight into discussion on the report. The RSC members review report, approve and provide guidance on the report and the next 6 months' project work plan</i>		
8:30 – 9:00	Brief report on IUCEA's work plan and progress, and list of issues to seek RSC guidance on	Eugene Mutimura
9:00 – 10:00	RSC members' comments and observations	Dr Zerihun Kebedi
10:00 – 10:30	Key decisions	Dr Zerihun Kebedi
10:30 -11:00	GROUP PHOTO AND HEALTH BREAK	
11:00 – 12:30	Advice on technical aspects of project implementation	Dr Zerihun Kebedi
<i>RSC members will offer advice to IUCEA and World Bank on key issues and priorities moving forward, such as Partnerships, Faculty incentives, Curriculum development, Center Management, Private engagement, Benchmarking, Graduate tracer study, etc.</i>		
Closure		
12:30 – 13:00	RSC members' final remarks and comments	Dr. Zerihun Kebede
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH and END OF RSC MEETING	