



Dear Colleagues and partners in Towards INMS

Launch of Towards INMS

We are extremely pleased to share with you the good news that *Towards INMS* has now been endorsed by the CEO of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (see attached pdf). This means that we are now proceeding to finalize the contract paperwork between UN Environment and INI (represented by NERC/CEH).

GEF, UNEP and CEH press offices will be making public announcements in due course. We will inform you once this is public. For the moment we here share the information with you internally as project partners.

Although the contract still has to be signed, the GEF CEO Endorsement is a key milestone that now allows us to “upgrade” the planned INMS meeting in Melbourne to include the Launch of “Towards INMS”; 3-4 Dec 2016; see <http://www.ini2016.com/workshop-towards-the-international-nitrogen-management-system>.

So far, we have about 150 people signed up for the *Towards INMS* meeting in Melbourne, which immediately precedes the INI 2016 conference. It includes many new people who will join us for the first time. However, we note that quite a few project partners have still to register. We very much hope that this news will encourage you to join the meeting.



‘Towards INMS’ is a developing initiative in cooperation with many partners. The logos here represent just a few of the groups involved. Developing a full logo collection, including those of project partners, is work in progress as we move towards developing letters for commitment.

The meeting itself will be an important one, where we start the project inception phase, confirming roles of different partners, and building the operational teams for different tasks. As the contract has not been signed, we encourage you as far as possible to join the INMS meeting and INI 2016 conference with your own resources. However, we do have a limited amount of funds under the UK NERC funded INMS Pump Priming project. If you have no alternative and would like to apply for funds to support your attendance to this first meeting, please apply at the following link. <http://www.inms.international/inms-meeting-in-melbourne-december-2016/inms-melbourne-fund-application>.

The outline agenda is attached. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the INMS meeting in Melbourne and to further developing this exciting project together.

With best regards



Prof. Mark Sutton and Dr. Clare Howard.



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Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

October 5, 2016

Ms. Brennan Van Dyke, GEF Executive Coordinator
United Nations Environment Programme
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Ms. Van Dyke:

I am pleased to inform you that I have endorsed the full-sized project proposal detailed below:

Decision Sought:	CEO Endorsement of Full-sized Project			
GEFSEC ID:	5400			
Agency:	UNEP			
Focal Area:	International Waters			
Project Type:	Full-Sized Project			
Country:	Global			
Name of Project:	Targeted Research for Improving Understanding of the Global Nitrogen Cycle towards the Establishment of an International Nutrient Management System INMS			
GEF Project Grant:	\$6,000,000			
Agency Fee:	\$570,000			
Funding Source:	GEF Trust Fund			
Break-down of Indicative Agency Fee:				
Agency	Trust Fund	Fees committed at Council Approval	Fees to be committed at CEO Endorsement	Total (US\$)
UNEP	GET	\$228,000	\$342,000	\$570,000

I am endorsing this project on the understanding that the GEF Agency will have its internal approval of the project no later than four months after the CEO endorsement. This endorsement is subject to the comments made by the GEF Secretariat in the attached document. It is also based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with GEF focal areas strategies and in line with GEF policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii

Attachment: GEFSEC Project Review Document
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee