



INMS-2 & Launch of ‘Towards INMS’

Melbourne, 3rd-4th December 2016, Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Summary and Programme Outline (DRAFT)

Following on from the First Plenary Meeting of INMS, held in April 2015 (INMS-1, Lisbon), which focused on introducing the different partners and stakeholders, the focus of the Second Plenary Meeting (INMS-2, Melbourne) is on building the teams needed to start the work of INMS. It includes the launch of the ‘Towards INMS’ project funded with support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Environment Programme (formerly UNEP, now ‘UN Environment’) and all the other project partners.

Day 1 focuses on developing the INMS process and work plan (Components 1-3). Day 2 focuses on communication, dissemination and stakeholder engagement (Component 4), including establishing the *Towards INMS* Stakeholder and Policy Advisory Group (SPAG), followed by the Project Partners Assembly (PPA) which governs the *Towards INMS* project.

Saturday 3 rd December:	10.00-18.00	Update, work plan and team forming (Components 1, 2, 3)
Sunday 4 th December:	9.00-10.00	Communication and dissemination (Component 4)
	10.00-11.00	‘Towards INMS’ Stakeholder & Policy Advisory Group (SPAG)
	11.30-13.00	‘Towards INMS’ Project Partners Assembly (PPA)

DRAFT Agenda

Saturday 3rd December

Session 1: Welcome and update [10.00-10.30]

- [10.00] Opening including opening address (Australian government representative)
- [10.10] Update on the INMS process and the ‘Towards INMS’ project (Mark Sutton)

Session 2: Multi-lateral agreements and the nitrogen policy arena [10.30-11.30]

- Following a brief introduction to their framework, speakers representing MEAs and other intergovernmental bodies will be invited to outline their priorities for how INMS could support their policy process, and how their policy process could engage with INMS.
- General discussion: INMS and the emerging Nitrogen Policy Arena inc. Discussion with UN Environment and MEAs.

Session 3: Baseline activities [11.30-12.30]

Short presentations of example baseline activities [11.30-12.00]

- *INMS Pump Priming* project (Clare Howard)
- GEF/UNEP *Global Nutrient Cycle (GNC)* project (Chris Cox)
- Nitrogen Efficiency of Whole-cropping Systems (*NEWS India-UK*) virtual joint centre (N. Raghuram)
- Nitrogen Foot-printing (Jim Galloway)

General discussion on other baseline activities [12.00-12.30]

12.30-13.30 Lunch

Session 4: Tools for understanding and managing the global nitrogen cycle (Towards INMS Component 1) [13.30 – 14.40]

- [13.30] Work plan *Tools for understanding and managing the global nitrogen cycle (C1)* (Jill Baron and Hans van Grinsven)
- [13.40] Scheduling and discussion of resources in relation to *Towards INMS C1* (Howard).
- [13.50] Discussion in **Breakout Groups** by Component 1 Activity
 - Group 1: Development of nitrogen system indicators (A1.1)
 - Group 2: Development of methodologies for threat assessment and N fluxes and distribution (A1.2, A.13)
 - Group 3: Development of approaches for threat benefit valuation (A1.4)
 - Group 4: Flux-impact path models for assessment, scenarios & strategy evaluation (A1.5).
 - Group 5: Examination of the barriers to achieving better nitrogen management (A1.6).
- [14.30] Round up discussion

Session 5: Quantification of N flows threats and benefits (Towards INMS Component 2) [14.40 – 16.40]

- [14.40] Work plan *Quantification of N flows threats and benefits (C2)* (Wim de Vries and Jean Ometto)
- [14.50] Scheduling and discussion of resources in relation to *Towards INMS C2* (Howard).

15.00-15.30 Tea/Coffee

- [15.30] Discussion in **Breakout Groups** by Component 2 Activity
 - Group 1: Quantification of nitrogen flows, threats and benefits at global and regional scales (A2.1)
 - Group 2: Preparation of global assessment of nitrogen fluxes, pathways and impacts (A2.2)
 - Group 3: Integrating methods, measures and good practices to address N_r issues (A2.3)
 - Group 4: Future N storylines and scenarios with management/mitigation options & CBA (A2.4)

- Group 5: Collation & Synthesis of experience and measures adopted by GEF and others (A2.5)
- [16.20] Round up discussion

Session 6: Regional Demonstration of full nitrogen approach [16.40-18.00]

- [16.40] Work plan *Regional demonstration of Full Nitrogen Approach* (Sutton and Masso)
- [16.50] Scheduling and discussion of resources in relation to *Towards INMS C3* (Howard).
- [17.00] Discussion in **Breakout Groups** by Component 3 Activity
 - Group A: East Asia
 - Group B: South Asia
 - Group C: Latin America
 - Group D: East Africa
 - Group E: East Europe
 - Group F: West Europe
 - Group G: North America
- [17.40] Round up discussion
- [18.00] Close

Sunday 4th December

Session 7: Awareness Raising and Knowledge Sharing [09.00-10.00]

- [09.00] Opening of Day 2 [feedback from afternoon and evening discussions]
- [09.20] Work plan *Awareness Raising and Knowledge Sharing* (Howard and Bleeker)
- [09.30] Scheduling and discussion of resources in relation to *Towards INMS C4* (Howard)
- [09.40] General discussion on *Towards INMS* Component 4.

Session 8: Establishing the *Towards INMS* Stakeholder and Policy Advisory Group (SPAG) Engaging with Governments, Business and Civil Society [10.00-11.00]

- [10.00] Principles of establishing the SPAG and its relationship to other INMS groups (Sutton)
- [10.10] Discussion: Relationship of the SPAG to other bodies including the emerging Nitrogen Policy Arena
- [10.20] Discussion: Developing stakeholders view on the format and membership of SPAG
- [10.30] General discussion: Stakeholder views on priorities and issues for *Towards INMS*

11.00-11.30 Coffee

including sign up for activities linked to the Nitrogen Policy Arena

Session 9: *Towards INMS* 1st Project Partners Assembly [11.00-13.00]

- [11.00] Outline of project structures and approach (Howard)
 - Management & Governance structure
 - Introduction to the team in the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), roles and responsibilities

- Reporting procedures, activity, finance, co-finance
 - General discussion on *Towards INMS* structures and approach
 - [11.30] Internal communications management, including Component and Activity Leadership
 - Discussion on balance, gaps and emerging challenges
 - [11.50] Discussion on component and activities budget and co-financing
 - Including identification of any emerging issues / challenges / opportunities.
 - [12.30] Summary of calendar for 2017 and next steps
 - [13.00] Close of INMS-2 meeting
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