

Agenda Item 13: Report of the APPU / UPU Reform Working Group (“Reform WG”)

**Sub-item 13.1: Monitoring Implementation of 36 Agreed Initiatives
 Presentation by New Zealand**

1. Subject	References/paragraphs
Informing APPU members, via the Reform WG, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the directive from the Tehran APPU Congress for the Working Group on APPU / UPU Reform to monitor the implementation of the 36 Initiatives developed during the 2014-2017 cycle - the topline financial position for Reform activity which is forecast to be on target at 31 December 2021 - the current activity position where 2021 has seen continued difficulties in making progress on implementing the remaining Initiatives - the current status of the 36 agreed Initiatives - the steps being taken to complete the remaining 22 Initiatives 	§ 1.1 §§ 3.2 – 3.3, Table 1 §§ 4.1 – 4.2 § 4.4, Table 2, Annex 1 § 4.3
2. Decisions expected The EC is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - note the background / updated information in EC 2020 Doc 15.1 - note that, for 2021, Reform activity is forecast to be on target - note the continued difficulties in making progress on implementing the remaining Initiatives - note the current status of the 36 agreed Initiatives - note steps being taken to complete the remaining 22 Initiatives 	§§ 1.1 §§ 3.2 – 3.3 §§ 4.1 – 4.2 § 4.4, Table 2 § 4.3

1. Background

- 1.1 The Tehran APPU Congress directed the APPU / UPU Reform Working Group (WG) to monitor the implementation of the 36 Initiatives developed during the 2014-2017 cycle.
- 1.2 The WG assigned this work to Workstream 1 (WS 1) of its Work Programme for 2018-2021.

2. Monitoring tool

- 2.1 The Bureau and Consultant maintain a detailed reporting schedule for costs and activities. A summary of the data is in:
 - paragraph 3.3 for Financial Reporting; and
 - Annex 1: for Activity Reporting

3. Financial position

- 3.1 The Reform activity is US\$700 over budget as at 16 June 2021.
- 3.2 The Reform activity is forecast to be on target at 31 December 2021.
- 3.3 The topline financial information is set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Topline Financial Information - 2021

Period / Element	Actual / Estimated Expenditure	Budget Available	Actual v Budget
Budget allocation for 2021		35,000	
1 Jan to 31 May 2021	14,700	14,000	700
1 Jun to 31 Dec 2021 (estimated)	20,300	20,300	On target
Total (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2021)	35,000	35,000	On target

4. Activity position: the situation since the July 2020 (online) EC meeting

- 4.1 The 2020 (online) EC meeting was informed that a number of items in WS1 had been deferred successively because of other priorities (e.g., three priority projects commissioned at the 2018 Da Nang EC meeting, and two significant projects arising from the 2019 Tokyo EC meeting.
- 4.2 The intention had been to catch up on activity prior to the 2021 EC meeting. However, unexpected extended time on two priority items following the 2020 online EC meeting, and diversion to financial analysis due to the Covid situation during 2020, has prevented progress being made. The updated Activity Reporting at Annex 1 identifies the status of the remaining 22 Initiatives as predominantly being **"Behind Schedule"**.
- 4.3 The ability to complete the 20 Initiatives that are behind schedule is simply a case of having the right resource available. The Reform Consultant has now made changes to his wider business commitments as a way of creating more time to deal with the backlog of work. The remaining activities will be discussed again with the Bureau to see what joint efforts can be made to complete the work.
- 4.4 Table 2 summarises the overall status of the 36 Initiatives approved for implementation by the Tehran Congress.

Table 2: Summary of 36 Agreed Initiatives (Action Status)

Action Status	Number of Initiatives
Completed	11
Behind Schedule	20
Consequential to a "Behind Schedule" Initiative	2
Not a priority for the Consultant	3