

The 13th InforMEA Steering Committee Meeting Recommendations

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Implementation Status	Comments
Formats and Schemas			
SCM 13/1	Recommends that members and observers of the InforMEA initiative, including GEF, make use of the Projects schema to include project information in the InforMEA portal, pending clear definition of projects.		
SCM 13/2	Recommends that members and observers of the InforMEA initiative make use of the Legislation schema to provide legislation information in the InforMEA portal.		
SCM 13/3	Recommends that members and observers of the InforMEA initiative make use of the updated version of the Meetings schema.		
API Management			
SCM 13/4	Recommends, recalling SCM 11/23, that the InforMEA team, with support from the technical working group, implements version 4 of the OData protocol for the InforMEA aggregated feed while maintaining backward compatibility with the previous version.		
SCM 13/5	Encourages members of the InforMEA Initiative to also implement version 4 of the OData protocol for their feeds.		
SCM 13/6	Recommends members to consider the use of Drupal RESTful Web Services in combination with the custom “informea_api” module to expose data to InforMEA.		
SCM 13/7	Recommends the development of a simple API catalogue on the InforMEA Portal to increase accessibility of InforMEA datasets, with a view		

	to implementing a more comprehensive version in the future considering the work of UNEP's Digital Transformation on APIs and existing standards such as DCAT and CKAN.		
SCM 13/8	Recommends, recalling SCM 11/20-21-22, that the InforMEA team, with support from the technical working group, develops a Frequently-Asked-Questions (FAQs) section on the InforMEA Portal to facilitate harvesting of InforMEA's Restful APIs by developers.		
Akoma Ntoso			
SCM 13/9	Recommends, recalling SCM 11/2, that the InforMEA team, with the support of the Technical Working Group and the participation of interested MEAs, continues to investigate and pilot more potential business cases for Akoma Ntoso.		
Maps			
SCM 13/10	Invites the Technical Working Group to share experiences and discuss the issue of maps and their usage on web applications, with a view to identifying a suitable maps' web service for use on the InforMEA Portal, as well as for interested MEAs.		
Cloud Hosting			
SCM 13/11	Invites the Technical Working Group to further explore cloud hosting options, including costs and planning for a possible migration process.		
Web Archiving			
SCM 13/12	Recommends the InforMEA Team and interested MEAs to establish a Working Group on web archiving to be established to do further research on a joint web archiving		

	service, building on the work of UNFCCC, including indicative cost per entity.		
PoolParty			
SCM 13/13	Recommends that the InforMEA team, with the support of the Technical Working Group, continues to update and further develops documentation and lessons learned on use of PoolParty.		
SCM 13/14	Recommends MEAs to make use of the PoolParty system for thesaurus management and content tagging.		
Semantic Governance Committee			
SCM 13/15	Invites MEAs that have finalized their taxonomies, ontologies and glossaries for review by the Semantic Governance Committee for publishing in the production server in line with the governance document.		
SCM 13/16	Recommends, recalling SCM 6/1/1, that the InforMEA team, members and observers of the InforMEA initiative uses the Law Ontology (LEO) as the subject terminology standard in metadata and tagging of information.		
SCM 13/17	Invites members and observers of the InforMEA initiative that do not have a taxonomy to make use of the PoolParty system and consider use of Law and Environment Ontology (LEO).		
E-Learning			
SCM 13/18	Welcomes the initial elaboration of services costs in the Draft Course Creation Guide document and invites the InforMEA Team to further elaborate this into a full “catalogue of		

	services” that InforMEA endeavours to provide, including the costs of development and joint hosting.		
SCM 13/19	Welcomes the interest in expanded learning portfolios of MEA courses, and endorses the approach of MEA-dedicated pages on the E-learning portal to accommodate this growing catalogue and enable MEA customization.		
SCM 13/20	Proposes the scaling of User monitoring dashboards of courses on the InforMEA platform. It welcomes the ongoing pilot of making InforMEA interoperable with UNITAR.		
SCM 13/21	Encourages discussion with other potential partners, such as the WTO and FAO e-learning academy, on shared e-learning content.		
SCM 13/22	Encourages exploring the technical possibility of tracing the use of courses by NFPs.		
Outreach			
SCM 13/23	Encourages the InforMEA Team to compile a package of outreach materials for governing bodies of the MEAs.		
SCM 13/24	Welcomes the engagement of a Law division communication colleague (Stephen) for outreach within UNEP; Invites the Law Division to mainstream outreach on InforMEA as an example of synergistic implementation of MEAs into activities at COPs where appropriate.		
SCM 13/25	Mindful of the recommendations of the InforMEA MTR Invites the InforMEA team to share a yearly/half yearly outreach communication material first with the intersessional working group and then for sharing either directly with NFPs and other stakeholders or through the MEA Secretariats.		
SCM 13/26	Recommends holding one annual dedicated outreach Sub-Working Group to which communication experts of MEAs are also		

	invited/briefed and henceforth communicated with directly.		
Partnerships			
SCM 13/27	Welcomes the GEF Secretariat as an observer and recommends the continued liaison/engagement, in the context of interoperability, recognizing the value of a broadly agreed schema for projects including the GEF projects.		
SCM 13/28	Invites the establishment of a Sub-Working Group on the GEF to broaden the scope of projects and seek potential information flows and more substantive narrative to be included on the impacts of the projects.		
SCM 13/29	Welcomes a renewed engagement with the WTO in the context of the work of identifying automatically trade related measures for the regularly published WTO matrix. (A need to communicate this to other colleagues in the MEAs?) and welcomes the WTOs interest on exploring joint e-learning.		
SCM 13/30	Supports the interoperable sharing of data with WESR and other websites in the context of the Digital Transformation Platform in line with the guidelines (tracker).		
SCM 13/31	Requests the Intersessional WG to explore the compilation of information on scientific subsidiary bodies of Conventions and their role and work in the context of the strengthened focus on the Science Policy Interface.		
SCM 13/32	Requests the intersessional WG to explore compiling information on the different compliance regimes and processes in the MEAs.		
Dashboards and Reporting			
SCM 13/33	Invites the scaling up of the dashboard visualisation of e-learning courses on the		

	InforMEA platform to provide a real-time overview of MEA courses performance.		
SCM 13/34	Welcomes the scaling/broad use of the dashboard approach in the context of GEF visualization.		
SCM 13/35	Recognizes the important role of dashboards in the context of data quality and transparency.		
SCM 13/36	Proposes to create dashboards and visualizations on national reporting rates and compliance.		
SCM 13/37	Welcomes the already done data mining exercise and wishes to explore further national reporting tagging with SDGs in a beta project with selected questions and countries.		
SCM 13/38	Encourages sharing experiences on national reporting between MEAs to help improve this compliance exercise for each Convention.		
Compliance			