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Summary of the Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge - September 21, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

Meeting Objective

The main objective of the September 21 meeting was to devise an approach to the TAC's work for the coming year, informed by an Agency presentation providing context for the three priorities that the President identified for committee work in his July 2020 letter to TAC members.

Agenda Item: Opening Remarks

- The TAC co-chairs provided a welcome and opening remarks for the meeting.
- The Agency's ex-officio member provided a territorial acknowledgement for the land on which the Agency representatives were located.
- The TAC co-chairs demonstrated a new collaboration tool for collecting input from members.

Agenda Item: Update from the Agency

- The Agency's ex-officio member provided an update on the status of actions items that were identified at past TAC meetings:
 - The topic of research contracts will be addressed via sub-committee.
 - The topic of Indigenous knowledge and science will be addressed via sub-committee.
 - Contact information has been shared between TAC and the Indigenous Advisory Committee, and the Agency remains willing to facilitate communication.
- The Agency's ex-officio member highlighted the call for applications for the Minister's Advisory Council on Impact Assessment.

Agenda Item: The President's Priorities

- Agency officials provided TAC members with a more in-depth understanding of the Agency President's three priorities for future committee work:
 1. health, social, and economic effects;
 2. positive effects; and
 3. cumulative effects.
- Committee members asked questions of the Agency officials and brought forward preliminary commentary and ideas.

Agenda Item: Planning the Next Year of TAC Activities

- TAC members discussed possible approaches to be taken to produce advice on the Agency President's priorities.
- TAC members agreed to establish four sub-committees to advance work:

1. health, social, and economic effects;
2. positive effects;
3. cumulative effects; and
4. Indigenous knowledge and science to continue the collaboration begun during the joint meetings of the TAC and Indigenous Advisory Committee held in July 2020.

Agenda Item: Agenda for October 21-22 Committee Meetings

- TAC members discussed the topics to be covered at the October 21-22 meetings and the approach to establishing the sub-committees.

Agenda Item: Wrap-Up, Takeaways, and Closing Remarks

- The TAC co-chairs summarized the meeting's discussions and identified follow-up actions to be taken to identify members for each sub-committee.
- The Agency's ex-officio member highlighted the Agency's willingness to provide support to each sub-committee.

Take Aways

- The TAC co-chairs were to send an e-mail asking for members to identify the sub-committees in which they are interested in participating, prior to the next TAC meeting.
- The TAC sub-committees will be launched simultaneously at the October 21-22 TAC meetings.

- The TAC secretariat will work with TAC members to determine committee meeting dates for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Attendees

TAC Co-Chairs

- Kevin Hanna
- Darcy Pickard

TAC Committee Members

- Alistair MacDonald
- Bill Ross
- Gillian Donald
- Glennis Lewis
- Helga Shield
- Hugo Mailhot Couture
- Marie Lagimodiere
- Mark Shrimpton
- Meinhard Doelle
- Michel Bérubé

Regrets

- Colin Webster

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- Jennifer Saxe
- Steve Chapman
- Stewart Lindale

- Miriam Padolsky
- Robyn Whittaker
- Joshua Boisvert
- Alana Green

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