

DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Chair's Summary of the Committee Discussion on 16 September 2009

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1. DEC appreciated the recently established management action record system (MARS) and the 2008 annual report. DEC recognized that MARS would help in real-time monitoring of recommendations and help in establishing ADB as a learning institution at the forefront of MDBs.
2. DEC hoped that IED recommendations, and Management's response to the recommendations, will improve over time for maximum benefit.
3. Management recognized MARS as a tool that would record agreements between IED and Management and track the performance of management action in response to IED recommendations. Spring-cleaning of stocks of past recommendations needed to be done. Management is also focusing on prioritizing IED recommendations.
4. DEC recommended minimizing IED recommendations to DMCs. One DEC member requested Management's long-term commitment to MARS, beyond the pilot stage. DEC expected that IED's validation of the effectiveness of MARS would be available after its first year of operation.

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