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Subject: ERandEM IWG Chairs followup to 31 May meeting

Dear ER/ EM Intersessional Working Group members:

Thank you again for the extremely productive session at our recent workshop.

The purpose of this email is to:

1. Provide an update on my personal status; and
2. Confirm the next steps that I discussed during the meeting.

First, I recently left my position with the New Zealand government. Further advice will be forthcoming on what this means for my IWG role through the remainder of 2024.

However, in the interests of maintaining momentum and to follow up on commitments made at the last workshop, below I have summarised the 'next steps' I discussed at our workshop.

I will produce a Chair's paper for the SC (to be discussed within the Data Theme). My aim is for the paper to be available well ahead of the 27 July deadline for papers for the SC meeting.

The paper will:

1. Include a 'clean' version of the proposed interim EM Standards. Based on written feedback from IWG members and meeting discussions I will seek to minimize [square bracketed text] but note that the fully annotated version will remain available to CCMs through their [online](#) access to the ERandEM Intersessional Working Group webpage.
2. Further outline a way forward for matters such as assurance, harmonization, and interim EM minimum data standards.

IWG participants have until Friday 21st June to provide any further feedback, and I will also reach out to FFA and PNAO staff to determine the best way to allow them to coordinate any feedback across their memberships.

With respect to the potential development interim EM minimum data standards, I thank the US for sharing details of the exercise that they undertook ([available here](#)) and for work on ensuring consistency across RFMOs. I also thank the PEW Charitable Trust for sharing their recently completed [Glossary of EM-related terms](#). These documents will also be available on the [31 May ERandEM IWG meeting page](#).

Thank you again for the constructive way in which you all have contributed to this work. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of this work and/or to share material which you believe will help our IWG in its work.

Kind regards

Shelton Harley