



Towards INMS Workshop (prior to INI2016)

Time: Saturday 3rd December (10:00 to 17:00) and Sunday 4th December (09:00 to 13:00)

Place: Melbourne Cricket Club, Melbourne Victoria Australia. Same Venue as INI 2016 conference.

Fees: There is no cost to attend the workshop (includes lunch on Saturday, tea and coffee refreshments).

Preparatory workshop towards the International Nitrogen Management System

It has long been asked: “what would a science process to support international nitrogen policy development look like?” Such a process is now being developed as part of engagement between INI and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and many other partners and stakeholders.

A proposal for a full-sized GEF grant has been developed “*Towards INMS*” and is now undergoing its final review and endorsement stages. In principle, this means that the project may be ready to start towards the end of 2016. This will be a four year endeavour that among other things:

- Delivers a global assessment of nitrogen threats and benefits and opportunities for improving nitrogen management, including case studies for each of the main world regions.
- A forward look of what will happen if the nitrogen problem is ignored.
- Guidance on joining up mitigation and adaptation options and strategies, linked to circular economy and green economy thinking.
- A platform for better cooperation across nitrogen science and policy domains, helping to overcome the barriers.

The Towards INMS website can be found at www.inms.international

Workshop objective:

The workshop will bring existing INMS partners and others interested in joining the process together to update on current development of the project. If the project has already started by this point, then it will serve to support the work on the project inception phase. This will include mapping out responsibilities and contributions in more detail in order to refine the *Towards INMS* work plan

Sessions:

- 1) Review of INMS progress and current status and goals
- 2) Refining contributions to the INMS process and timing of activities
- 3) (Provisionally, based on INMS start) discussion on the work plan and inception report, by the ‘Towards INMS’ General Assembly
- 4) Next steps in Towards INMS engagement with the Nitrogen Policy Arena

Registration:

Please register your interest in attending the INMS workshop by completing the online registration form on the INI2016 website www.ini2016.com/registration.