

Interim FR Evaluation (FR2)

Title of the Project	Megacities and the Global Environment
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General advice and comments of PEC	
<p>The PEC members could not find big differences from the previous year's accomplishments except collaboration with local researchers and dropping off new index on megacities. Although important targets are put on the agenda, overall scope of this project is still too big and lacks clear outcomes to be achieved in the given time, organizational and financial limitations of the project. It is advised that last year's PEC comments should still be taken into consideration.</p> <p>The megacity scenario of 2050 does not look so feasible with its presented framework. The concept of megacity and problems of upcoming megacities are multi-layered and complex that the project should be re-structured with a rather integrated conceptual framework. Furthermore, there are many issues that are under consideration but it is difficult to see how and when the results of those analyses could be integrated into an overarching framework.</p> <p>The linkage between cognitive and design approaches is also not so clear that it is better to re-organize the targeted aims in each category. PEC does not feel that there is a progressive teamwork and effort to consolidate each team's work and stance in order to accomplish an integrated and inter-disciplinary research. For this reason, each group's mission and balance between project members' expertise and targeted project objectives should be re-confirmed. PEC expects a much stronger leadership in terms of project organization.</p>	