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Minutes of the 13th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting
July 03, 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

The 13th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting was held on July 03, 2008 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The following attended the meeting as Heads of Delegations.

- Mr. Seiitkul Kaiyrbek Seiitkululy, Member of the Account Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget, representing the President of the ECOSAI.
- Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor-General of Pakistan and Secretary General of ECOSAI.
- Mr. Mehmet Damar, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts.
- Mr. Iskander Gaipkulov, Chairman of Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- Mr. Maharramov Adil Mammadali, Auditor Chamber of Accounts of Republic of Azerbaijan.

The complete list of participants is at Annexure-I.

1. Opening of the Meeting.

Mr. Iskander Gaipkulov, Chairman of Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyz Republic welcomed the participants and dignitaries attending the 13th ECOSAI Board of Governors Meeting. Mr. Seiitkul Kaiyrbek Seiitkululy, the Member of the Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget Kazakhstan, representing the President of the ECOSAI, welcomed the delegates. He expressed his pleasure on the arrangements made by the SAI Kyrgyzstan for the 13th Governing Board meeting. He expressed optimism that proceedings of this meeting will guide the organization in achieving its objectives.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

The proposed agenda (Annex-II) for the 13th ECOSAI BOG meeting was unanimously adopted.

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3. Activity Report by the Secretary General.

The Auditor-General of Pakistan and the Secretary General of the ECOSAI Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha presented the activity report (Annex-III) of the ECOSAI Secretariat on the activities since the 12th Governing Board meeting held in Antalya, Turkey. He hoped that the deliberations during this Governing Board Meeting will help raise the professional standards of public audit in our countries.

The Secretary General informed the BOG that the ECOSAI Secretariat had initiated various actions to implement the decisions of the 12th Governing Board members and maintained a consistent communication with the member states and despite shortcomings, he felt satisfied that the ECOSAI has made progress in a number of areas. The Secretary General emphasized the need for active participation of the member SAIs in the training activities of the ECOSAI because the effectiveness of the organization depended on sustained professional interaction between the member states.

4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts of ECOSAI for the year ended 31 December 2007 by the Secretariat.

The Director General, SAI Pakistan presented the accounts of the ECOSAI for the year ending December 31, 2007. The 13th BOG meeting approved the ECOSAI accounts for the period ending December 31, 2007.

5. Presentation of the 8th ECOSAI Training Committee Report.

The Director General, SAI Pakistan presented the report of the 8th Training Committee Meeting (Annexure V) held on July 02, 2008 in Kyrgyzstan. The Training Committee Meeting (TCM) recommended that all the member states should make their nominations for the training course on "Essential Skills in Financial Auditing" which is scheduled to be held in Iran in October 2008, as soon as possible. Among other things, the 8th TCM also recommended that efforts should be made to implement the recommendations given in the 7th TCM report which was presented to the 4th ECOSAI Assembly held in Turkey

in 2007. The 13th BOG meeting adopted the recommendations of the 8th Training Committee meeting.

6. Report on the publication of the ECOSAI Circular by the SAI Pakistan.

The Secretariat informed the BOG that according to the 9th Governing Board's decision, the SAI Pakistan has published the 8th issue of the ECOSAI Circular which has been distributed among the member SAIs. Soft copies of the circular have also been provided for wider circulation among the staff of the ECOSAI members. The Secretariat requested all the member SAIs to regularly contribute to the Circular which will help the Secretariat to improve its quality. The Secretary General requested the member states to contribute research papers for the Circular, because its improved quality will help in enhancing the professional image of the ECOSAI.

7. Report on the Islamic Development Bank funded ECOSAI training.

The Secretariat presented the report on the ECOSAI Training course on "Essential Skills in Financial Auditing" that was planned for the year 2007 in Iran. However, due to insufficient nominations, the course was carried over to 2008. The Secretariat informed the BOG that the SAI Iran has graciously re-scheduled the Training course for October 18 – 23, 2008. After the announcement of the new dates, the Secretariat has requested each member country to nominate two participants for the said training. The assistance, amounting to US \$ 15,000 provided by the IDB in 2007, was refunded to the IDB on their request. The IDB has informed the ECOSAI Secretariat that the funds will be provided again one month before the commencement of the training course. The BOG was informed that after determining the number of participants nominated for the said course, the Secretariat will take up the matter with the IDB to ensure availability of their funding for the training course scheduled to be held in Iran in October 2008.

The head of the delegation from the SAI Azerbaijan inquired about the reasons for the low response from the member states in the ECOSAI training programs. The Secretariat informed the BOG that since the ECOSAI training programs are designed and delivered

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in English, the staff of the members states who are not proficient in English cannot effectively benefit from the programs. Additionally, in some cases due to lack of funding for the international travel, the member SAIs do not nominate their staff for the training courses. The President of the Turkish Court of account suggested that at the time of designing and delivery of the ECOSAI training programs, the services of the bi-lingual ASOSAI-IDI qualified trainers may be used so that the language issue is effectively addressed. The Chair pointed out that the delivery of the ECOSAI training programs can also be improved by using the services of interpreters and employing the technology of simultaneous translation. The Chair suggested that in this regard proposals may be sent to the Secretariat for consideration by the next TCM. The Secretary General stated that in all fairness to the SAI of Iran, we should be able to inform them about the number of trainees from different member states for the forth coming training program to be held in Iran. For this purpose the member states are requested to urgently intimate the names of their nominees for the training course. The Secretariat would then be able to approach the SAI of Iran for arranging, if possible, the translation of the training material and delivery of the program according to the needs of the participants. Regarding the funding for the international travel, the BOG was informed that the IDB has already been approached by the Secretariat and the IDB has agreed to finance the international traveling costs of five participants from five Central Asian states.

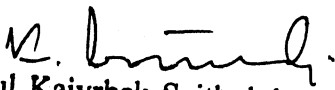
8. Consideration of the date and venue of the next BOG meeting.

The SAI Kazakhstan graciously offered to hold the 14th ECOSAI BOG meeting in Almaty during October 2009. The BOG members thanked the SAI Kazakhstan and approved the venue of the next BOG. The final dates for the 14th BOG meeting will be announced by the Secretariat, in consultation with the SAI of Kazakhstan, and after taking into account the timing of other international events in which the ECOSAI member states participate.

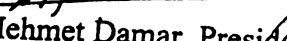
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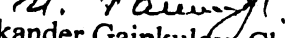
9. Closing Address by the Chairman of Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyz Republic.

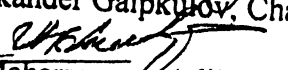
In his closing address, Mr. Iskander Gaipkulov, Chairman of Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyz Republic thanked all delegates for their active participation in the 13th ECOSAI BOG meeting and expressed satisfaction with the proceedings of the BOG. He expressed the hope that the deliberations held during the BOG meeting will contribute to achieving the objectives of the ECOSAI.


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