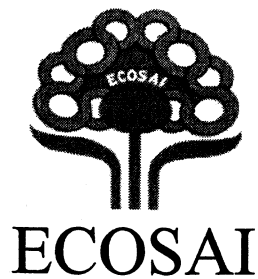


6th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting Report

The 6th ECOSAI Training Committee meeting was held in Ankara, Turkey on April 26, 2006. The meeting was attended by the delegates from Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Republic of Azerbaijan. The representative of the SAI TRNC participated as observer. The following agenda was discussed:

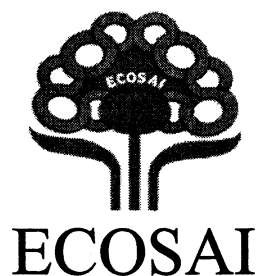
- i. Funding for ECOSAI Training Initiative.
 - ii. Planning for Training Need Assessment.
 - iii. Identification of new themes for inclusion in ECOSAI training plan.
 - iv. Revised Calendar of Courses.
2. The TCM formally welcomed the SAI Azerbaijan as the fourth member of the Training Committee of the ECOSAI. The Secretariat informed the 6th TCM Members that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) funded training course on "Audit of Privatization" has been successfully held in Lahore during March 2006. The Secretariat made a presentation about the training course, a copy of the presentation is attached as annexure 'A'. The TCM noted that only four SAIs participated in the course and proposed that for future programmes the ECO Secretariat be approached for covering the international travel costs of the trainees, which encourage more SAIs to participate in the training activities.
3. The Secretariat informed the TCM that the IDB was in the process of developing its training assistance programme for the period 1428-30 Hijrah. The TCM considered the ECOSAI Calendar of Courses developed in 2000 and noted



that out of the six identified courses four had been organized and decided that the remaining two may be substituted by new topics. In line with the recommendations of the 5th TCM, the SAI Iran proposed and the 6th TCM recommended that the next ECOSAI course may be organized in Iran on the “Essential Skills in Financial Auditing” during 2007. The TCM recommended that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) may be approached by the Secretariat for providing finances during 2007. The IDB may also be requested to support programmes in 2008 and 2009 for which the topics will be finalized and communicated to IDB on the finalization of revised training programme.

4. In line with the recommendations of the 5th TCM Report, the TNA questionnaire prepared by the SAI Iran was circulated among the ECOSAI member states by the Secretariat. The response of the member states was sent to the SAI Iran and the SAI Iran provided the summary of responses to the TNA questionnaire during the 6th TCM, the summary provided by SAI Iran is attached as annexure ‘B’. The SAI Iran informed the TCM that the response of the member SAIs did not support any specific topic for training intervention.

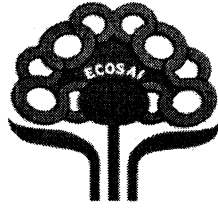
5. The 5th TCM report had also recommended that the TNA study carried out by the ASOSAI should be kept in view while determining the training requirements of the ECO member states. Accordingly the Secretariat approached the Training Administrator of the ASOSAI for obtaining information on the TNA study that they carried out for the new member states. Based on the information received from the Training Administrator of ASOSAI, the Secretariat presented the broad conclusions and recommendations of the ASOSAI TNA Study before



the 6th TCM. The Secretariat informed the 6th TCM that the ASOSAI TNA Study has not yet been adopted by the Governing Board of the ASOSAI and it was expected that it would be approved in September 2006. Given the relevance of the ASOSAI TNA Study which covered 4 ECOSAI members states i.e. Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrghizstan, the 6th TCM recommended that in order to avoid duplication of efforts in this regard, the ECOSAI should build on the findings of the TNA Study and identify training courses indicated by the ASOSAI TNA Study.

6. The SAI Turkey highlighted the need for a professional intervention about establishing a sustainable training infrastructure which will form the basis for capacity development for which they proposed to distribute a working paper among the ECOSAI members. The SAI Iran proposed and SAI Azerbaijan supported that interpretation facilities may be made an integral part of the ECOSAI training programmes. The TCM recommended that countries requiring translations during the course delivery should contribute the services of the interpreters. The SAI Iran offered the services of interpretation in Russian language in collaboration with the ECO Secretariat for the course to be held during 2007.

7. Accordingly the Training Committee recommended that the ECOSAI calendar of courses be finalized after the formal release of the ASOSAI TNA Study which will be circulated by the Secretariat among the TCM members. The TCM recommended that the TNA Specialists nominated by the SAIs of Iran, Turkey, and Pakistan and circulated by the Secretariat will formulate their findings

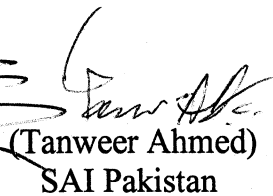


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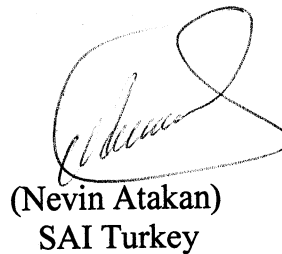
on the ASOSAI TNA study, and communicate with each other to develop a training intervention programme. The calendar of courses thus developed will be presented for the approval of the 4th Assembly of the ECOSAI.



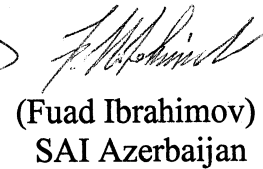
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