

Report of the 11th Training Committee Meeting
04 October 2011, Ankara, Turkey

1. The 11th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting (TCM) was held in Ankara, Turkey on 4th October, 2011. The meeting was attended by delegates from SAIs of Iran, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan and Turkey as members. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus attended the meeting as observers.

2. The Chair of the Training Committee welcomed the members and thanked the SAI Turkey for making arrangements for the 11th TCM. The Committee deliberated on the following agenda items:
 - a) Follow-up on the 10th Training Committee Meeting decisions;
 - b) Discussion on promoting Regional Auditing Fellowship;
 - c) Approval of the format provided by the SAI Turkey for preparing the budget estimates for training events and using it for projecting training budget in future;
 - d) Discussion on proposals for funding the ECOSAI Training Programs;
 - e) Development of specialized training groups within the ECOSAI member states;
 - f) Discussion on the proposal of SAI Iran to hold a training program on performance auditing/prevention from fraud & irregularity/audit of gas & oil.

3. The Committee reviewed the latest status of implementation of the decisions taken in the 10th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting and expressed satisfaction over the pace of activities carried out in compliance of the decisions.

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up on the 10th Training Committee Meeting decisions

4. It was recommended by the 10th TCM that the ECOSAI Secretariat should pursue with the member states to indicate their interest on Regional Auditing Fellowship. The recommendation of the 10th TCM was discussed by the TCM under Agenda item-2.
5. The 9th TCM recommended that the budget estimates for future ECOSAI training events be prepared in detail. The SAI Turkey had volunteered to provide a template for preparation of budget estimates for training events. The recommendation of the 9th & 10th TCM was discussed by the TCM under Agenda item-3.
6. As per the 10th TCM recommendation and 15th GB meeting decision, it was decided that the SAI Kyrgyz Republic and the SAI Kazakhstan would organize training courses on “Financial Auditing” in October, 2011 and “Audit of Efficiency in Implementation of Development Projects” in September, 2012 respectively. However, the SAI Kyrgyz Republic requested the Secretariat to reschedule the course in Kyrgyz Republic from 2011 to 2012. The Secretariat suggested to the President ECOSAI that the SAIs of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic may be requested to hold their course in 2011 and 2012 respectively. The President accorded approval to the proposal and the concerned SAIs were informed accordingly. However, the SAI Kazakhstan has informed the Secretariat that it will not be possible for them to hold the course in 2011 as it was not included in their calendar of events so they will host the training as planned by them in 2012. The SAI Kyrgyz Republic informed the Training Committee that they were willing to hold the training in 2013 as they had capacity and financing issues that were still to be resolved. It was therefore recommended that the SAI Kazakhstan would hold their training course in accordance with their plan in October 2012 while the SAI Kyrgyz Republic would hold their training course in 2013.
7. The 10th TCM recommended that the ECOSAI Secretariat would approach the member states for giving proposals for funding the ECOSAI Training Programs. The proposals are expected to identify the possibility of sharing of training cost among (a) the donors (b) the SAI hosting

the training and (c) the ECOSAI annual contribution. The recommendation of the 10th TCM was discussed by the TCM under Agenda item-4.

Agenda Item 2: Discussion on promoting Regional Auditing Fellowship

8. The Secretariat informed the members of the 11th TCM that the SAIs of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkey have submitted their views on Regional Auditing Fellowship. The idea was first floated at the 7th TCM. During the same TCM, it was suggested that the Regional Auditing Fellowship program could be funded but air travel and daily allowance will have to be covered by the participating countries, while program costs may be borne by the host country. After detailed discussion, it was recommended that the member SAIs would intimate the number of positions available for fellowship along with its specific objectives, duration and tentative programme to the Secretariat which would then circulate it amongst member states. The cost of air travel and per diem would be borne by the participating SAI while host would provide boarding, with complimentary breakfast. Duration of the fellowship should be from four to six weeks.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of the format provided by the SAI Turkey for preparing the budget estimates for training events and using it for projecting training budget in future

9. The SAI Turkey informed the 10th TCM held in Astana, Kazakhstan that the format would be provided to the Secretariat, which would use it for projecting training budgets in future. The Secretariat informed the members of the 11th TCM that the SAI Turkey has provided the draft budget prepared for the ECOSAI Training Course on Environmental Auditing held from April 5-16, 2010 at Antalya, Turkey, which may be helpful for the forthcoming training events of the ECOSAI. The SAI Turkey briefed the TC on the draft budget and all the members appreciated the contribution by the SAI Turkey and recommended that in future, the member SAIs should, for the sake of uniformity among the ECOSAI members, start using the given template for budgeting their training courses.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion on proposals for funding the ECOSAI Training Programs

10. The TCM was informed by the Secretariat that the SAIs of Azerbaijan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey have provided proposals for funding the ECOSAI training programs. The members of the TCM discussed various suggestions and options in detail and it was recommended that the Governing Board be requested to consider the setting up of a Task Force which should be given a timeline of five months in which they would identify the sponsors and the percentage of amount to be borne by host, participating SAIs and the donors. This Task Force may comprise of member SAI on voluntary basis but they should inform the Secretariat within a month after conclusion of the 16th ECOSAI Governing Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Development of specialized training groups within the ECOSAI member states

11. It was recommended by the 10th TCM that the possibility of developing specialized training groups within the ECOSAI member states may be identified as an agenda item for the next TCM. Accordingly, the members of the 11th TCM discussed the proposal floated by the SAI Iran in detail and SAI Turkey explained that they were undertaking an initiative of Training of Trainers (ToT) with possibility of sponsorship expected from the TIKA on the same lines as proposed by SAI Iran. It was therefore recommended that all SAIs of the ECOSAI should benefit from the initiative undertaken by the SAI Turkey, who should keep the Secretariat informed, so that the same can be communicated to other member SAIs. It was further recommended on the suggestion of the SAI Iran that all the SAIs should benefit from exercise and may suggest specific areas where the SAI Turkey may concentrate to impart training to trainers under the ToT programme.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion on the proposal of SAI Iran to hold a training program on performance auditing/prevention from fraud & irregularity/audit of gas & oil

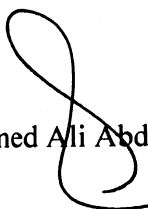
12. The SAI Iran briefed the members of the 11th TCM on the proposal of SAI Iran to hold a training program on performance auditing or prevention from fraud & irregularity audit of gas & oil. The SAI Iran informed the participants that they intend to hold a training programme on Performance Audit in May 2012 by inviting two members from each SAI. All the costs except air fare would be borne by SAI Iran. All the members thanked the SAI Iran for their offer and recommended that the details of the program be sent to the Secretariat which would then circulate it amongst member states.

13. The Secretariat thanked the members of the 11th TCM for their active participation, valuable suggestions and comments during the proceedings.

Recommendations of TCM

14. The 11th TCM recommended that the proposals appearing under Agenda paragraphs 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 may be placed before the 16th Governing Board of the ECOSAI for approval.

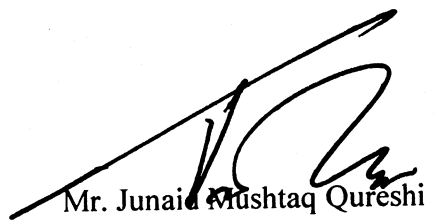
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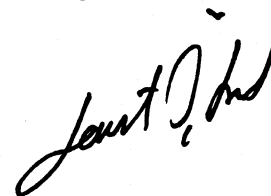
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