

**Agenda for the Fourth ECOSAI Assembly,
October 24-26, Antalya, Turkey**

1. Opening of the Assembly session by the President of the ECOSAI.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Activity report by the Secretary General.
4. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the years 2004-2006 and budget for 2007-2009.
5. Approval of Report of the Audit Committee on audit of the ECOSAI accounts to be presented by the SAI of Republic of Kazakhstan and Afghanistan.
6. Approval of the 7th ECOSAI Training Committee Report and its future plans.
7. Approval of the ECOSAI Financial Rules & Regulations.
8. Election of the new ECOSAI Governing Board and Audit Committee members.
9. Announcement of the new President of the ECOSAI.
10. Determination of the date and venue of the next ECOSAI Assembly.
11. Speech by the new President of the ECOSAI.
12. Other matters.
13. Closing Address by the President of the Turkish Court of Accounts.

Minutes for the 4th ECOSAI Meeting

October 25, 2007 Antalya, Turkey

The 4th ECOSAI Assembly was held on October 25, 2007 in Antalya, Turkey. The following attended the plenary as Heads of Delegations.

- Mr. Mohammad Reza Rahimi, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran.
- Mr. Mehmet Damar, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts and President of the ECOSAI.
- Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor-General of Pakistan and Secretary General of ECOSAI.
- Mr. Omarkhan Oxikbayev, Chairman the Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget, Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Mr. Shavkat Sokhibov, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Finance, Republic of Tajikistan.
- Mr. Jafar Hasanov, Auditor of the Chamber of Accounts of Republic of Azerbaijan.
- Mr. Shairbek Ashirbekov, Auditor of Accounts Chamber of Kyrgyz Republic.
- Prof. Mohammad Sharif Sharifi, Auditor General of Afghanistan.
- Mr. Ismet Akim, President, Court of Audit, TRNC (Observer).

The complete list of participants is at Annexure-I.

1. Opening of the Assembly Session.

The President of the Turkish Court of Accounts, Turkey and the ECOSAI, Mr. Mehmet Damar, welcomed the delegates. The President TCA welcomed the new Secretary General on the assumption of his office as the Head of the General Secretariat of the ECOSAI. 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 4th ECOSAI Assembly was unanimously adopted.

3. Activity Report by the Secretary General.

The Auditor-General of Pakistan and the Secretary General of the ECOSAI presented the activity report (Annex-III) of the ECOSAI since the Extraordinary session of the ECOSAI Assembly held in Islamabad in 2004. Reiterating the SAI Pakistan' full support to the aims and activities of the ECOSAI, the Secretary General observed that the member states in the ECOSAI represent collective wisdom of several hundred years of state auditing and an incredibly rich cultural heritage. He assured the participants that the Secretariat of the ECOSAI will work hard to translate their decisions into concrete steps to meet the objective of our Charter.

The Secretary General highlighted that since the inception of this organization, the ECOSAI members have emphasized promoting cooperation between the Member States in the areas of training and capacity building which can best be achieved by enhancing the skills of our personnel through providing them exposure to modern tools and techniques pertinent to state auditing. He highlighted various initiatives taken in the important area of training and briefed the participants about training programs held under the ECOSAI. He emphasized that all the member SAIs need to participate in the training programs organized by the ECOSAI and avail such opportunities to enhance the skills of their personnel. The Secretary General explained the progress made with respect to publication of the ECOSAI Circular, compiling of the ECOSAI Directory and development of the ECOSAI website. The Secretary General stressed the need for participation of all member SAIs in organizational and professional activities to achieve the objectives of the ECOSAI.

4. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December, 2006.

The Secretariat presented the accounts of the ECOSAI for the financial years 2004-2006 and the budget for the years 2007-09 (Annexure-IV). The 4th ECOSAI Assembly approved the ECOSAI accounts for the period ending December 31, 2006 and budget for the years 2007-09

5. Approval of the Report of the Audit Committee on Audit of the ECOSAI Accounts by the SAIs Kazakhstan and Afghanistan

The audit report on the ECOSAI accounts for the period from the 1st January, 2004 till December 31, 2006 prepared by the auditors of SAI Kazakhstan and Afghanistan was presented by the SAI Kazakhstan. (Annexure V) The 4th ECOSAI Assembly approved the Audit Report for adoption.

6. Approval of the 7th ECOSAI Training Committee Report and its Future Plans.

The Secretariat presented the report of the 7th Training Committee meeting (Annexure VI) held on October 24, 2007 and informed the General Assembly that the Training Specialists of the ECOSAI had agreed on the new calendar of courses to be organized by the ECOSAI. It was informed that the 12th BOG meeting adopted the recommendations of the 7th Training Committee meeting which included the proposals:

- ✓ That the ECOSAI member SAIs more experienced in any branch of auditing could depute advisors/consultants to other SAIs for specific knowledge sharing assignments. The nature of such assignments may be determined by the SAI needing support. Funding for the salary and international travel of the advisors/consultants may be arranged by the SAI providing their services, whereas office space boarding, lodging, subsistence allowance and transport may be provided by the beneficiary SAI. And
- ✓ That the developed SAIs of the region could consider the possibility of launching a regional Auditing Fellowship Program to be funded for air travel and daily allowance by the participating countries, while program costs may be borne by the host country.

7. Approval of the ECOSAI Financial Rules & Regulations

The Secretariat presented the provisional Financial Rules & Regulations for the ECOSAI, which are derived from ASOSAI Charter and Rules & Regulations. On the recommendation of the 12th BOG the Assembly approved the Financial Rules & Regulations of the ECOSAI (Annexure VII).

8. Election of the new ECOSAI Governing Board and Audit Committee members.

The Secretary General informed the participants that the SAIs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey had expressed their desire to be on the Governing Board of the ECOSAI for the period 2008-2010, and there were no candidates for the Audit Committee. The President informed the Assembly that the 12th BOG meeting had approved the Election Procedure (Annexure VIII) for the elections to the ECOSAI BOG and the Audit Committee, which the 4th Assembly approved. Since there were no candidates for the Audit Committee, the President proposed, and the participants agreed, that the SAIs which have not received sufficient votes in the BOG elections would automatically become members of the Audit Committee. The Secretariat explained the election procedure in detail and the elections to the BOG were conducted in accordance with the approved procedure.

After counting the votes and their verification by the Secretariat, the Secretary General announced the election results. According to the election results the SAIs of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey were elected to the ECOSAI BOG for the period 2008-2010. According to the decision of the Assembly the SAIs Iran and Afghanistan were elected to the Audit Committee for the period 2008-2010. The Assembly was informed that the 13th ECOSAI BOG meeting will be held in Kyrgyz Republic.

9. Announcement of the new President of ECOSAI.

The President announced that the SAI of Kazakhstan had expressed their desire to hold the next Assembly of the ECOSAI in Kazakhstan. According to the provision of Article 6.1 a) of the ECOSAI, the President of the 4th ECOSAI Assembly announced that the Head of the SAI Kazakhstan will be the President of the ECOSAI for the period 2008-2010. The Secretary General paid rich tributes to the outgoing President of the ECOSAI Mr. Mehmet Damar and welcomed the Chairman the Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget, Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Omarkahan Oxikbayev as the newly elected President of the ECOSAI.

10. Determination of the date and venue of the next ECOSAI Assembly.

The Head of the SAI Kazakhstan announced the next regular session of the ECOSAI Assembly will be held in Kazakhstan in the year 2010 at a venue and according to the dates to be finalized later.

11. Speech by the New President of ECOSAI.

The newly elected President of the ECOSAI and the Chairman the Accounts Committee for Control over Execution of the Republican Budget, Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Omarkahan Oxikbayev, in his address to the 4th ECOSAI-session of the Assembly, thanked all members for reposing confidence in the Kazakhstan and electing him as the President of the ECOSAI. He underlined the need for launching fresh initiatives for increasing the effectiveness of the ECOSAI and requested member SAIs to extend maximum support and cooperation to achieve the objectives of ECOSAI. Mr. Omarkahan Oxikbayev thanked Mr. Mehmet Damar, President of Turkish Court of Accounts for warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the ECOSAI Assembly.

12. Closing Address by the President of the Turkish Court of Accounts.

In his closing address, Mr. Mehmet Damar, Turkish Court of Accounts and President of the ECOSAI thanked all delegates for their active participation in the 4th ECOSAI Assembly and expressed satisfaction with the proceedings of the ECOSAI Assembly. He assured the participants of the continued support of the SAI Turkey for the objectives of the ECOSAI. In the end the Secretary General thanked Mr. Mehmet Damar for his leadership of the ECOSAI during the last three years and the TCA for all their hard work and commitment during this period.