

Minutes of the 17th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting
08 November 2012, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

The 17th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting was held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran on 08 November 2012. The following attended the meeting as Heads of Delegations:

- Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Senior President of Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of the ECOSAI.
- Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana, Auditor General of Pakistan and Secretary General of the ECOSAI.
- Syed M. Mehdi Hussaini, Deputy Auditor General of Afghanistan
- Mr. Nurmatov Kubanichbek Sovetovich, Auditor of the Accounts Chamber, Kyrgyzstan.
- Associate Prof. Dr. Recai Akyel, President of Turkish Court of Accounts.

The complete list of participants is at Annex.-I.

1. Opening of the Meeting:

The Senior President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President ECOSAI, Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli welcomed the delegates. He expressed his pleasure in presiding over the 17th Meeting of the ECOSAI Governing Board in Tehran. Highlighting some of the important events that took place during the year since the Governing Board met last in Ankara, he expressed his satisfaction that progress was made on decisions taken at the 16th Governing Board Meeting and prayed for the success of this Meeting to turn ECOSAI into a strong and professional organization in the field of government auditing in the ECO region, and through this make it

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known as one of the regional groups of INTOSAI. The opening speech of the President ECOSAI is placed at Annex.-II.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed agenda (Annexure-III) for the 17th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting was unanimously adopted.

3. Activity Report by the Secretary General

The Auditor General of Pakistan and the Secretary General of the ECOSAI Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana, presented the Activity Report (Annex.-IV) of the Secretariat of the ECOSAI on the activities since the 16th GB Meeting held in Ankara, Turkey. While thanking the President of the ECOSAI for the great efforts made in hosting the meeting, he expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the hospitality extended by the host and lauded the hard work and dedication of the team of the SAI Iran. He also thanked the delegates for attending the 17th GBM to make it a success and wished that the deliberations during this Governing Board Meeting would be fruitful and be helpful in further fortifying the close bonds amongst the members.

The Secretary General informed the Governing Board that the Secretariat had initiated various actions to implement the decisions of the 16th GB meeting and maintained consistent communication with the member states and despite the shortcomings, he felt satisfied with the progress made by the ECOSAI in a number of areas.

Highlighting the need for making the ECOSAI a more vibrant and professional organization the need for having a Strategic Plan was felt and a Working Group was set up to draft the Plan. He informed the Board that the First ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 had been drafted and was now tabled for approval by the Board. Progress was also been made in the area of capacity building as the two ECOSAI trainings for 2012 by the SAI Iran and the SAI Kazakhstan were held as promised. With development of a Strategic Plan the need for a new ECOSAI Training Programme had been highlighted by the Training Committee to enable the ECOSAI achieve the

capacity building and knowledge sharing objectives. To carry out the future capacity building initiatives more reliance would continue to be placed on government funding but enhancing ECOSAI's own resources and finding donors who were will to support the effort without compromising the independence of the ECOSAI was also necessary. The Secretary General reiterated his request to the member SAIs for increasing contribution of news and events and to provide professional and technical articles to improve the quality of the ECOSAI Circular. The need to implement the ISSAIs in line with the Johannesburg Declaration required closer cooperation among the SAIs of the ECOSAI. The Secretary General hoped that with the approval of the ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 the ECOSAI members would make necessary headway in undertaking the initiative and benefit for each other's experiences.

4. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2011

The Director General (IR&C) of the SAI Pakistan presented the accounts of the ECOSAI for the year ended December 31, 2011. The 17th Governing Board approved the ECOSAI accounts for the period ending December 31 2011.

5. Approval of the 12th ECOSAI Training Committee Report and its Future Plans

The Director General (IR&C) of the SAI Pakistan presented the report of the 12th Training Committee meeting (TCM) held on 08 November 2012 and informed the GB about the progress made on training matters including progress made by the Working Group on developing the ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 and the deliberations of the Task Force on Funding ECOSAI. Need for developing an ECOSAI Training Programs for the next 3-5 years was also highlighted in the 12th TCM. The following recommendations of the 12th TCM of the ECOSAI were placed before the Board:

- to approve payment of US\$ 18,000 to the SAI Iran out of the ECOSAI fund to settle outstanding account with the Islamic Development Bank so that the Secretariat may approach the IDB for further funding of its training programme.

- to allow the Secretariat to forward request of the SAI Kyrgyzstan to the President ECOSAI for providing the SAI Kyrgyzstan the possible support for undertaking the promised training in Kyrgyzstan.
- to allow reconvening the Training Committee Meeting during the year to develop the new ECOSAI Training Programme.

The 17th GB meeting approved the recommendations of the 12th TCM. Minutes of the 12th TCM are placed at Annex.V.

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

The SAI Pakistan circulated the twelfth issue of the ECOSAI Circular. The participants appreciated the efforts of the SAI Pakistan in this regard. The meeting suggested that to ensure improvement, separate sections be allotted to each member SAI and matter may be further discussed during the Training Committee meeting to be held during the year so that more news items and professional and technical articles are contributed so that ECOSAI Circular may become a professional publication for distribution among members of the INTOSAI. Use of electronic distribution may also be examined.

7. Consideration and approval of the draft 1st ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015

The Director General (IR&C) of the SAI Pakistan presented the draft 1st ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 for consideration of the Governing Board. The initiative was undertaken consequent to the desire of the President ECOSAI, the Secretary General ECOSAI and members of the Governing Board on the sidelines of the XX INCOSAI in Johannesburg where it was considered necessary the an ECOSAI Strategic Plan be prepared to revitalize the ECOSAI. The Working Group established at the 16th GBM submitted the draft of the 1st ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 for consideration before the 17th ECOSAI GB meeting. After explaining the steps taken for developing the draft Plan such as SWOT (Strength-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats) Analysis and exchange of draft template among members, the Working Group highlighted important aspects of the Plan. The Board was informed that the ECOSAI Mission, Vision and Core Values



were extracted from the ECOSAI Charter. Thereafter, the Plan had three Goals with each Goal having a number of Objectives. The General Policy was mentioned each Goal in the Plan which was followed up by measurable results by following the Implementation Mechanism for each Objective and close monitoring by the GB. Full support from all ECOSAI members was required to make the Plan successful. The TCM had sought time to develop the ECOSAI Training Plan after approval of the draft Strategic Plan 2013-2015. The Working Group requested the GB for provisional approval of the First ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 (Annex.-VI) to allow opportunity to make amendments if any before its final approval. The 17th ECOSAI Governing Board approved the proposal.

8. Suggestion to increase annual membership fee

The President of the ECOSAI explained that the ECOSAI fund was created out of the member's annual contribution of US\$500 which had not been revised since inception of the ECOSAI. The fund also had limited potential for its use. As the ECOSAI was looking for donors to support its training programme there was need to first depend on ECOSAI's own resources. Matter was discussed among the members and it was resolved that the annual membership fee be increased to US\$1,000.

9. Other matters

The President of the ECOSAI informed the Governing Board that there was need for image building of the ECOSAI that required certain initiatives to be performed by the President of the ECOSAI and the ECOSAI members. He suggested the following initiatives for enhancing the image of the ECOSAI:

- that the President of the ECOSAI may make efforts on behalf of the ECOSAI to foster better relations with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO);
- that the President of the ECOSAI may explore the arena of improving relations between the ECOSAI and other regional SAI Organizations



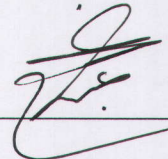
- that all members may address the growing global need for pursuing audit of matters related to Money Laundering and Terrorism and the Board may include this topic as an agenda item for its future meetings.

The 17th ECOSAI Governing Board approved all the three proposals of the President of the ECOSAI.

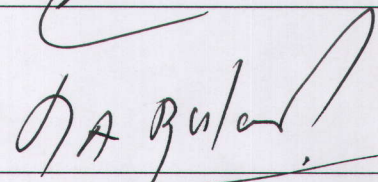
10. Closing Address by the President of the ECOSAI

In this closing address, Dr. Abdolreza Rehmani Fazli, Senior President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of the ECOSAI thanked all the delegates for their active participation in the 17th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting and expressed satisfaction with the proceedings of the Governing Board. He expressed the hope that the decisions taken during the meeting and adoption of the First ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 would further contribute to achieving the objectives of the ECOSAI.

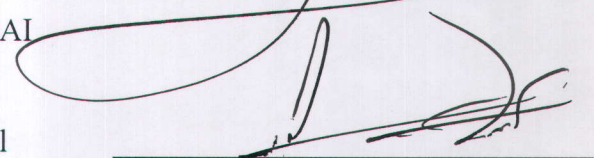
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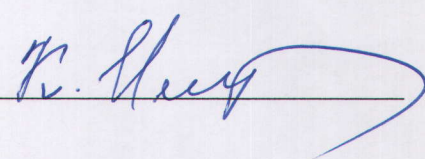
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