

Report of the 8TH Training Committee Meeting
2nd July, 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

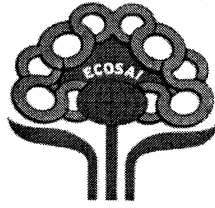
1. The 8th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting (TCM) was held in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic on 2nd July, 2008. The meeting was attended by delegates from the SAIs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Turkey. The representative of the SAI of Kyrgyzstan also participated in the meeting. The Secretariat welcomed the participation of the SAIs of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in the TCM. The 8th TCM deliberated on the following agenda:

1. Follow up on the 7th Training Committee Meeting decisions.
2. Report on the IDB assisted training course on "Essential skills in Financial Auditing" to be held in Iran.
3. The IDB Technical Cooperation Program sponsorship.
4. Review of the arrangements for holding future training in 2009-2011.

2. After an in-depth discussion on all the suggested topics for training courses in 2008, 2009 and 2010, the 7th Training Committee Meeting recommended that the following training courses may be organized.

<u>Training Course</u>	<u>Year of training</u>
✓ Auditing in information technology environment	2008
✓ Examination of Financial Corruption and Role of the SAI	2009
✓ Environmental auditing	2010

3. The Environmental Auditing was one of the topics identified in the 7th Training Committee Meeting as a result of the Training Need Assessment deliberations amongst the TCM participants. To benefit from the SAI Turkey's expertise in Environmental Audit training, which it delivered from the INTOSAI platform, in 2004 the Secretariat requested the SAI Turkey to conduct a similar training workshop. The SAI Turkey in response showed their inability to conduct the workshop till 2007, due to their preoccupation. The TCM was informed that the Secretariat has again requested the SAI Turkey to consider organizing the course on Environmental Audit. The SAI Turkey informed the TCM that they plan to organize the training course on Environmental Audit in October-November 2009. The SAI Turkey indicated that they would design the course keeping in view the optimal number of participants and all the member SAIs should make



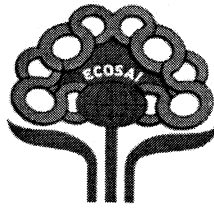
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their best efforts to participate in the course. The Secretariat informed the TCM that the course would be announced in time for the members SAIs to plan their participation.

4. The 7th TCM and the 12th BOG approved the Secretariat's proposal 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"*. The TCM was informed that in pursuance of the above mentioned decision, the Secretariat has approached all the Member SAIs to indicate the areas of their interest. Their response was awaited. The SAI Pakistan has however offered the services of advisors/consultants in the fields of Financial Attest, Compliance with Authority Auditing and Value for Money Auditing. The SAI Turkey informed the participants of the TCM that they can offer the services of advisors/consultants in the fields of IT and Environmental Auditing.

5. The 7th TCM and the 12th BOG also approved the Secretariat's proposal 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"*. The Secretariat informed the TCM participants that the response of the member SAIs in this regard was awaited. The 8th TCM recommended that all the members may be asked by the Board of Governor to expedite response to Secretariat's proposals.

6. On the agenda item number 2, the Secretariat informed the TCM that The ECOSAI Training course on "Essential Skills and Financial Auditing" was planned for the year 2007 in Iran. However, due to insufficient nominations, the course was carried over to 2008. The SAI Iran has now re-scheduled the Training course for October 18 – 23, 2008. After the re-announcement of the dates, the Secretariat requested all the ECOSAI member countries to nominate two participants for the said training in Iran. The assistance, amounting to \$15,000/- provided by the IDB in 2007, was refunded to the IDB on their request. The IDB informed to the ECOSAI Secretariat that the funds will be provided again one month before commencement of the training course in October 2008. During the 8th TCM, the representative of the SAI Azerbaijan delivered a letter confirming the participation of two nominees from the SAI Azerbaijan for the training in Iran. The TCM, on the suggestion of the representative of the SAI Turkey, recommended that all the members SAI may be again approached by the Secretariat to indicate their nominations for the said course so that the IDB can be informed about the number of trainees in time for securing the funding arrangements.

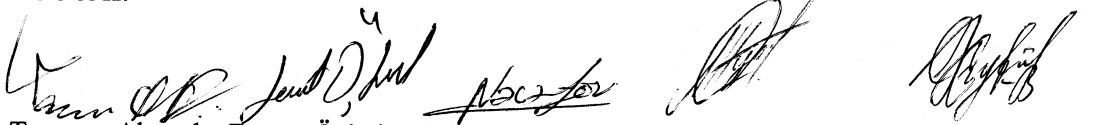


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7. On agenda Item 3 the Secretariat informed the TCM members that the IDB Secretariat has been requested for providing funds to meet the cost of air travel of the ECOSAI trainees. The IDB has informed that the Technical Cooperation Program of the IDB will cover the travel cost of one participant from five countries i.e. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, by issuing tickets through IDB Regional Office, Almaty. The Secretariat has advised the member SAIs to manage cheaper tickets for the participants from their countries. On securing additional funding from the IDB the ECOSAI can reimburse the cost of air travel in Iran during the training course. The 8th TCM also reemphasized the recommendation of the 7th TCM that where the number of participants for a specific course is less than the desired number, in such cases more participants from other willing member countries may be accepted for the course.

8. Regarding agenda item number 4 the Secretariat informed the participants that since the course on "Essential skills in Financial Auditing" now will be held in 2008 in Iran, therefore the courses identified by the 7th TCM will be held from 2009. The TCM noted that the SAI Turkey has offered to hold the course on Environmental Audit in 2009. The representative of the SAI Kazakhstan informed the TCM that they have planned to hold the next training course immediately after the 5th ECOSAI Assembly in Kazakhstan in 2010. On the query from the representative of the SAI Kazakhstan, the TCM was informed that since the calendar of training courses has been adopted on the basis of the training needs of the member SAIs, efforts should be made to arrange training courses according to the areas identified in the report of the 7th Training Committee Meeting. The 8th TCM appreciated the offer of the SAI Kazakhstan to actively participate in the training initiative of the ECOSAI which effectively expands the training base of the Organization and noted that the SAI Kazakhstan proposed new themes of audit within the framework of the ECOSAI calendar which will be taken up by the subsequent TCM. The 8th TCM recommended to the ECOSAI BOG to encourage other member SAIs to take the initiative of organizing training on topics already identified by the 7th TCM.

9. The 8th Training Committee Meeting of the ECOSAI recommended the proposals given in the above paragraphs for the approval of the Governing Board of the ECOSAI.


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