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5th ECOSAI Assembly

Report of the 10th Training Committee Meeting

12 October 2010, Astana, Kazakhstan

The 10th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting (TCM) was held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 12th October, 2010. The meeting was attended by delegates from SAIs of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran.

2. The Chair of the Training Committee welcomed the members and thanked the SAI Kazakhstan for making arrangements for the 10th TCM. The Committee deliberated on the following agenda items:

- a) Follow-up on the 9th Training Committee Meeting decisions
- b) Report on the ECOSAI Training Course on Environmental Auditing
- c) Identification of topics and finalization of dates for training courses
- d) Financing ECOSAI trainings from the ECOSAI own resources

3. The Committee reviewed the latest status of implementation of the decisions taken in the 9th 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 9th Training Committee Meeting decisions

4. The Secretariat briefed the Committee that as per recommendations of the Minutes of 14th ECOSAI Governing Board (GB) meeting, the SAI Turkey had organized a Training Course on 'Environmental Auditing' from April 5-16, 2010. The SAI Turkey presented a detailed report in this regard under Agenda No. 3.

5. The recommendation of the 14th ECOSAI GB meeting regarding hosting training courses in 2011 and 2012 by the SAIs of Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan, respectively were discussed by the TCM under Agenda item-3.

6. It was recommended by the 9th TC that the member SAIs would be requested to expedite response on the recommendations of the 7th TCM that *'The ECOSAI member SAIs more experienced in any branch of auditing could depute advisors/consultants to other SAIs for specific knowledge sharing assignment'*. It was also recommended that standard format of resume of the experts be provided to all member SAIs for provision of information on their experts. The Secretariat informed the Committee that a standard format was provided to member SAIs. Accordingly, Secretariat presented the compiled information on experts provided by the SAIs of Turkey, Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan.

7. As per the 9th TCM recommendation, regarding the Secretariat approaching the SAIs for indicating their areas of interest in training fellowships, the Secretariat informed the TCM that despite reminders, it has not received any response from the member SAIs on regional auditing fellowship. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat should pursue the matter with member states.

8. The 9th TCM recommended that database of the IDI-ASOSAI certified trainers with bilingual skills be prepared. The Secretariat placed the compiled information before the Committee. The TCM was informed that the SAIs of Turkey, Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan have provided names of the officials with requisite skills.

9. 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 SAI Turkey informed that the format has been developed and shared with the SAI Kyrgyz Republic. The format will be shortly provided to the Secretariat, which will use it for projecting training budgets in future.

Agenda Item 2: Report on the ECOSAI Training Course on Environmental Auditing

10. The SAI Turkey informed the Committee that ECOSAI Environmental Auditing Course was organized by Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) from 5-16 April 2010 in Antalya. Twenty-six trainees from SAIs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus participated in the program, which is the broadest participation ever at an ECOSAI training event.

11. During the course, elaborate information with respect to environmental issues was presented and application-oriented exercises concerning audit of fundamental environmental issues were performed and water treatment facility and waste disposal site of Antalya Municipality were explored for identifying auditing issues. At the end of the course, trainees prepared and presented an audit plan concerning a primary issue they selected among environmental issues of their respective countries. The TCM appreciated that the SAI Turkey, for the first time for ECOSAI, arranged the training course on 'Environmental Auditing' in English and Russian languages at two separate classes, keeping in view the inadequate English language knowledge particularly in the Central Asian Republics, to enhance the effectiveness of the training. The SAI Turkey also informed that TIKA provided funding for organizing the event.

12. The TCM members appreciated the efforts of the SAI Turkey for organizing a training workshop on a relevant subject and for making efforts for obtaining donor funding for an ECOSAI training program.

Agenda Item 3: Identification of topics and finalization of dates for training courses

13. As per the 9th TCM recommendation for organizing the training for 2011-12 by the SAIs of Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan, the 10th TCM was briefed in detail.

14. The SAI Kyrgyz Republic informed the TCM members that they have identified "**Financial Audit**" as the topic for their training course and they were in the process of developing material for the subject training. They also informed that, keeping in view their requirements of course material development and translation of the training material, the training is likely to be organized during October 2011.

15. The SAI Kazakhstan shared a number of topics for training for the consideration of the 10th TCM, with a focus on Efficiency Auditing. The members of the TCM discussed various suggestions in detail and it was agreed that the ECOSAI training course for 2012 would be titled "**Audit of Efficiency in Implementation of Development Projects**".

16. The SAI Kazakhstan informed that the possible time for organizing the workshop will be September 2012.

17. The Committee appreciated and thanked the SAIs of Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan for showing their interest in holding the training events in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Agenda Item 4: Financing ECOSAI trainings from the ECOSAI own resources

18. In the backdrop of the IDB's funds not being made available for the ECOSAI training programs, the TCM members proposed to utilize ECOSAI's own resources to finance trainings in future. The Committee members deliberated on various aspects and agreed that the Secretariat will 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

between (a) the donors, (b) the SAI hosting the training and (c) the ECOSAI's annual contribution.

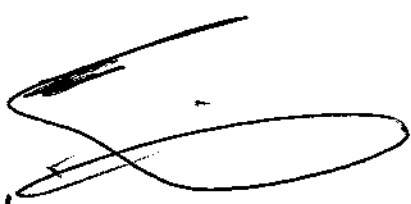
19. The TCM members briefly discussed the possibility of developing specialized training groups within the ECOSAI member states and it was decided that the issue may be identified as an agenda item for the next TCM.

20. The Secretariat thanked the members of the 10th TCM for their active participation, valuable suggestions and comments during the proceedings.

Recommendations of TCM

21. The 10th TCM recommended that the proposals of the TCM regarding the identified topics and timing for ECOSAI training, funding arrangements and other issues related to the overall training functions of the ECOSAI may be placed before the 15th Governing Board of the ECOSAI for approval.

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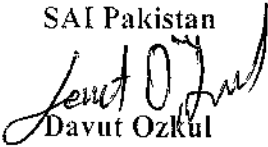
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