

## Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Training Committee Meeting

08 November 2012, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

The 12<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting (TCM) was held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 08 November 2012. The meeting was attended by delegates from the SAIs of Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Turkey as members.

2. The meeting was opened by the host country who welcomed the delegates for showing so much interest in the important matter of training and capacity building. This gave the Training Committee Meeting (TCM) the opportunity to followup on the very important decisions taken at the earlier ECOSAI meeting held at Ankara in October 2011.

3. The Secretariat thanked the host country for the warm welcome and atmosphere provided to the delegates and reflected the feelings of all delegates towards the feeling of brotherhood under the atmosphere.

4. The Committee then deliberated on the following agenda:

- a) Follow-up on the 11<sup>th</sup> Training Committee Meeting decisions
- b) Discussion on Report of the Working Group on development of the ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2012-14 regarding training matters
- c) Discussion on progress made by task force on funding ECOSAI training programs
- d) Report by the SAI Iran on the training course on Performance Auditing held in Tehran in June 2012
- e) Report by the SAI Kazakhstan on the training course on Audit of Efficiency in Implementation of Development Projects held in Astana in October 2012.
- f) Other matters

5. The Committee review the latest status of implementation of the decisions taken at the 11<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting and expressed satisfaction over the pace of progress on activities carried out in compliance with the decisions taken at Ankara.

### **Agenda Item 1: Follow-up on the 11<sup>th</sup> Training Committee Meeting decisions**

6. During discussion of the follow-up on the actionable points of the 11<sup>th</sup> TCM it was pointed out that the SAI Kazakhstan had undertaken to carry out an ECOSAI Training on "Audit on Efficiency in Development Projects" during 2012. The training was held as promised and detail is mentioned under Agenda Item 5.
7. In case of follow-up on offering Fellowships the SAIs had promised to intimate number of fellowships available so that these could be circulated amongst the SAIs. As the framework for offering Fellowships developed by the SAI Pakistan for the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee (Sub-Committee 2) there was only the promise from Pakistan to share the template with ECOSAI members to see whether it could be used as a pilot for offering Fellowships. Once this template is shared by the Secretariat the SAIs would be in a position to consider offering Fellowships. It was resolved that the Secretariat would share the template drafted by the SAI Pakistan for the INTOSAI CDC with ECOSAI members and their further inputs. Pakistan offered 34 weeks of Fellowships to a limited number of participants in the area of Quality Management Framework exercises; Audit of Integrated Financial Management Information Systems; Information System Security Management Audit and Study of Change Management of Public Sector Auditing and Auditing Reforms.
8. The SAI Turkey had promised to develop and offer training course on "Training of Trainers" with possible support from TICA. It was reported that necessary negotiation had been held with TICA for financial support. It was reported that the training was scheduled to be held in 2014 and progress would further be shared at the next TCM.
9. The report of the SAI Iran for holding of Performance Audit training is reflected under Agenda Item 4.
10. Holding of training by the SAI Kyrgyzstan was yet not assured by the representatives from the SAI Kyrgyzstan. They requested for support from the ECOSAI. It was proposed that the Governing Board may authorize the Secretariat to see the area where help can be provided to the SAI Kyrgyzstan and facilitate the planned training in 2013 as it would be in line with the goals reflected in the Strategic Plan. Proposal for providing support to the SAI Kyrgyzstan is submitted for approval of the Governing Board.

### **Agenda Item 2: Discussion on Report of the Working Group on development of the ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2012-14 regarding training matters**

11. It was reported by the Secretariat that the Working Group constituted by the ECOSAI Assembly for developing the draft for the First ECOSAI Strategic Plan 2013-2015 had completed the exercise and draft was being submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Governing Board for consideration. The focus of the Strategic Plan mainly revolves around training, Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services. The key objective of the Strategic Plan remains focused on having an Action Plan that addresses these issues. Based on the proposals made under the Strategic Plan the ECOSAI will have to develop a new training plan for next three to five years. This Plan will have to reflect the budget requirements for undertaking the planned training. If the template for budgeting adopted in the 11<sup>th</sup> TCM was used it would help in

identifying various needs for each training and enable the SAIs to consider which cost is to be borne by the hosts, the participants and for which cost should donors be requested to provide support. Training matters are to be taken up in tandem with the Strategic Plan so there is interdependence between the two. Once the Strategic Plan is approved, a follow-up meeting of the Training Committee will have to be convened to draw up an ECOSAI Training Plan for 3 to 5 years. It is proposed that the Governing Board may allow holding of this meeting of the Training Committee after approval of the Strategic Plan.

**Agenda Item 3: Discussion on progress made by task force on funding ECOSAI training programs**

12. Matter regarding issues discussed by the Task Force on funding ECOSAI Training Programmes was discussed. The TCM was apprised that suggestions were sought from all members of the Task Force and it was resolved that pending settlement of payment made to SAI Iran by the Islamic Development Bank no further progress was possible. Two options were offered to the SAI Iran, one being to settle the accounts with IDB and wait for release of dues stuck up in the banking channel and the other was that the TCM may be authorized to recommend settlement of SAI Iran's claim out of the ECOSAI funds and deposit the amount in the ECOSAI Account when it get released by the US Treasury Office. Iran agreed with the later proposal. The Governing Board is therefore requested to approve the proposal that the SAI Iran may be paid US\$ 18,000 that were remitted to them by the Secretariat but got stuck in the transmission from bank to bank. Once the amount is released by the US Treasury Office, it may be deposited in the ECOSAI Account.

13. It was also mentioned that IDB funding is made possible after long negotiation and same has to be completed well in time for them to place in their budget which is approved in the month of Muharram. They also would like to base their funding on a training plan which was not there. It is therefore reported that negotiations will be held with the IDB once account is settled by the SAI Iran and the ECOSAI has its training plan.

14. Other sources of funding on bilateral basis were discussed and the TCM appreciated that these sources need to be explored as they now fall in line with objectives and approaches mentioned in the ECOSAI Strategic Plan.

15. On the suggestion of the SAI Iran it was resolved that the SAIs would try and reduce the cost of training by seeking accommodation in existing government owned training facilities. This approach would result in lowering cost and enable holding of more training courses.

**Agenda Item 4: Report by the SAI Iran on the training course on Performance Auditing held in Tehran in June 2012**

16. The SAI Iran had volunteered to hold the ECOSAI training course on Performance Audit during 2012. The Supreme Audit Court of Iran successfully held the promised course in Tehran from June 9 to 20, 2012. It was attended by 12 participants belonging to the SAIs of Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey. The methodology used in the training was discussed in detail and Iran shared its experience with the Training Committee. The TCM appreciated the effort made by the SAI Iran.

17. In the end, the SAI Iran again made a voluntary offer for holding an advance level Performance Audit training as a follow-up for this training in 2013. The TCM thanked them for the offer.

**Agenda Item 5: Report by the SAI Kazakhstan on the training course on Audit of Efficiency in Implementation of Development Projects held in Astana in October 2012.**

18. The promised training was held in Astana, Kazakhstan and was attended by participants from the SAIs of Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Turkey. It was reported that the training was well received and would be beneficial to the SAIs. It was also a very good indigenous effort by the SAI Kazakhstan and the TCM appreciated the effort.

**Agenda Item 6: Other matters.**

19. The SAI Afghanistan suggested that priority areas may be determined for the SAIs and only then the Training Plan be made. The TCM thanked the SAI Afghanistan and assured them that this aspect would be kept in view when the Training Plan is developed.

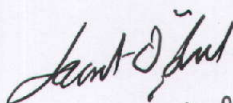
**Recommendations of the TCM**

20. The 12<sup>th</sup> TCM recommended that the proposals appearing under Agenda at paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 may be placed before the 17<sup>th</sup> Governing Board of the ECOSAI for approval.



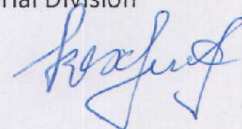
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