

THIRD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: MINUTES OF MEETING**Meeting Date: 29th July, 2010****Venue: CERC's office, New Delhi****Introduction**

- 1.1 The Third Executive Committee Meeting of SAFIR was held on July 29, 2010 at CERC's office, Chanderlok Building, New Delhi, India. The Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by Mr. B.K. Man Singh, Chairman, SAFIR and Chairman, Water Supply Tariff Fixation Commission, Nepal.

Confirmation of the minutes of 2nd Executive Committee Meeting

- 1.2 The minutes / summary of discussions of the 2nd Executive Committee Meeting along with the Action Taken Report (ATR) as circulated were confirmed.

Welcome Remarks

- 1.3 In his welcome remarks, Mr. B.K. Man Singh, Chairman, SAFIR welcomed all the Members of Executive Committee and thanked SAFIR Secretariat for all the arrangements. Other Members of the Executive Committee also appreciated the support being provided by the Secretariat in CERC.

Financial Statements of SAFIR for the year 2009-10

- 1.4 The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure statement of SAFIR for the year 2009-10 as circulated was approved.

Conducting the next Core Course on Infrastructure Regulation & Reforms

- 1.5 The Executive Committee was apprised of the successful completion of the Core Course at Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore. Mr B K Man Singh, Chairman, SAFIR who also addressed the inaugural session of the course expressed his satisfaction over the course content, professional expertise of the Institute and arrangements made for programme.
- 1.6 After discussion, the Executive Committee approved the proposal of SAFIR Secretariat for organizing the next Core Course at Indian Institute of Management – Calcutta (IIM-C). It was decided to organize the next Core Course in the month of January, 2011.

Conducting the Research Study on Renewables

1.7 After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- As the funding support from World Bank for conducting the study on Renewable Energy in South Asia was not clear, it was felt that the possibility of getting the funding support from SAARC Development Fund or ADB could be explored. The focus of the study should be not only on the grid connected renewable power but also on off grid and decentralized energy sources.
- SAFIR Secretariat would take up the study on its own and would come out with a position paper/status report and the key issues for further detailed study, within next 3 months. The additional resources may be arranged by the SAFIR Secretariat for this task within a budget of Rs. 10 Lakhs.
- The status report be presented in the next Steering Committee and then could be taken up with multi-lateral agencies for commissioning a detailed study on the subject.

Virtual Working Groups and e- library

1.8 The demonstration model for the new SAFIR website module and working of the Virtual Working Groups was presented before the Executive Committee Members. It was desired that e-library should also contain rules of library. It was decided that the new website be operationalized at the earliest along with a demo to assist the users.

1.9 It was decided to operationalize the working groups on Power, Water & Petroleum in the first phase for which the Secretariat has already been confirmed.

Participation in ICER in Individual Capacity

1.10 Lord Mogg, Chairman, Ofgem and Chair International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) had written a letter to Dr. Pramod Deo, Chairperson, CERC/SAFIR Secretariat proposing that individual members of SAFIR, can participate in the activities of the ICER more actively. They can participate through meetings and deliberations in the four Virtual Working Groups (VWG) under ICER. The four VWGs that presently ICER engages itself include – VWG on Security of Supply, VWG on Climate Change, VWG on Competitiveness and Affordability and VWG on Education Training & Best Practices. After deliberation, the Executive Committee agreed to the proposal of participation of any SAFIR member in ICER discussions in its individual capacity.

Next Executive Committee & Steering Committee Meetings

- 1.11 Mr. B.K. Man Singh, Chairman, SAFIR proposed to organize the next SAFIR Executive Committee & Steering Committee Meetings at Pokhara, Nepal in the month of December, 2010 which was agreed by the Executive Committee. The detailed arrangements and further necessary action will be taken by SAFIR Secretariat.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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