

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SAFIR

Venue: Virtually through MS-Teams

Date / Day: 22nd December, 2025 (Monday)

Time: 17:00 PM IST

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: Appendix-I.

The Chairperson of CERC extended a hearty welcome to all members at the Special Executive Committee Meeting of SAFIR. Thereafter, the new Chairperson, SAFIR, Prof. K.P.L. Chandralal, Chairman PUCSL, extended his warm greetings to the members present. He discussed the agenda for the day with respect to the two proposals received for the SAFIR Core Course and to decide on the institution that would conduct the course for SAFIR. He mentioned about how the SAFIR Core Course helps meet the objectives and requested the SAFIR Secretariat to brief the members with details

AGENDA ITEM 1: DISCUSSION & FINALIZATION OF CORE COURSE OF SAFIR FOR THE CURRENT FY 2025-26

2. Joint Chief (RA), CERC / SAFIR Secretariat informed the members, that the Core Course program, being a flagship capacity building program was, in the past being conducted with the assistance of SAFIR members. In fact, in the past few years, the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission used to volunteer and conduct the Core Course in association with IIM Ahmedabad. The members were also apprised that in the previous Steering Committee meeting, it was decided to invite proposals from other reputed premier institutes of the member countries as well.
3. The EC members were apprised that while the SAFIR Secretariat did not get any proposals from Member countries, it had received proposals from IIM Ahmedabad and the Centre for Energy Regulation, IIT Kanpur. The salient

features of the proposals with respect to costs, subjects, duration etc. were explained to the members. After detailed discussions, it was decided that IIT Kanpur be allowed to conduct the Core Course of SAFIR for 2025-26.

4. Ms. Deki Choden, Chief Executive Officer, ERA, Bhutan, suggested the course be more oriented to the South Asia region, especially to discuss experiences and subjects relevant to all Member countries of SAFIR. Accordingly, SAFIR Secretariat was advised to convey the same to CER, IIT Kanpur so that the same is taken care while the course is curated.
5. Post the deliberations, Chairperson SAFIR/ PUCSL, Sri Lanka, took the opportunity to extend his sincere thanks to Chairperson, CERC / former Chairperson, SAFIR Mr. Jishnu Barua, for making SAFIR stronger and more collaborative under his leadership

ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEM

6. The EC members were updated that the next EC meeting will be held in Kandy, Sri Lanka, and thanked the Chairman of PUCSL, Sri Lanka, for offering to host it.
7. EC members were informed that the Chairman of the Electricity Regulatory Commission of Nepal will also join the next ECM, as they have confirmed their membership in SAFIR, and that the necessary invitation will be extended as soon as membership formalities are completed.
8. The EC members were informed that, following the earlier decision to increase membership, new Indian corporates have joined SAFIR. The SAFIR Secretariat also reiterated its request to member countries to encourage additional organizations to join SAFIR.

CONCLUSION:

9. Secretary, SAFIR/CERC thanked all Members for participating in the meeting to decide on the Core Course of SAFIR. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

APPENDIX- I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SAFIR

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S. No	Name	Organization
01	Prof. K.P.L. Chandralal	Chairperson, SAFIR / Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
02	Mr. Jishnu Barua	Chairperson, CERC, India
03	Mr. Jalal Ahmed	Chairperson, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
04	Ms. Deki Choden	Chief Executive Officer, Electricity Regulatory Authority of Bhutan
05	Mr. Harpreet Singh Pruthi	Secretary, SAFIR / CERC, India
06	Dr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee	Chief (Regulatory Affairs), CERC, India
SAFIR SECRETARIAT / OTHERS		
07	Ms. Rashmi Somasekharan Nair	Joint. Chief, CERC, India
08	Mr. Debasish Roy	Asst. Chief (RA), CERC