

## **MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SAFIR**

**Venue** : Virtually through MS-Teams  
**Date/Day** : 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025, (Thursday)  
**Time** : 14:00 PM IST

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: Appendix-I.**

1. Chairperson, SAFIR /CERC, extended a hearty welcome to all the members to the 28<sup>th</sup> ECM. He added that Mr. Piyal Hennayake , Dy Chairman of PUCSL, Sri Lanka was participating in the meeting in the absence of Chairman, PUCSL. He also informed that CEO of Electricity Regulatory Authority of Bhutan would not be participating due to certain exigencies.
2. He remarked that the major agenda item for discussion in the meeting was the budget of SAFIR, based on which the SAFIR Secretariat will take up the programs for the year. Wishing a fruitful and detailed discussion, Chairperson, SAFIR directed the SAFIR secretariat to take up the agenda items for discussion.

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

3. The EC was apprised of the action taken on the previous minutes of the EC, which was confirmed by the EC after discussion.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ACCOUNTS RELATED:**

- a) **BUDGET FOR THE FY 2025-2026.**
- b) **MEMBERSHIP SAFIR- UPDATE**

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ACTIVITIES OF IICA FOR FY2024-25**

4. The Members were apprised of the salient features of the SAFIR's budget for the F.Y. 2025-26, including the projected income and expenditure.
5. With respect to the capacity building programs, the EC decided that the Core Course of SAFIR may be conducted by reputed Government Educational Institutions, either in India or from one

of the EC Member countries. To this effect, proposals will be called for by the SAFIR Secretariat.

6. The EC also decided that the SAFIR Secretariat may undertake a study on “Cross-Border Transmission” from reputed Government Educational Institutions in India.
7. Joint Chief (RA), CERC apprised the Members that IICA ( SAFIR Member) has proposed to continue with its previous activities for SAFIR, i.e., quarterly online Webinars and quarterly e-newsletters. In addition, they have also proposed conducting other capacity-building programs. After discussion, the EC approved continuing the activities with respect to webinars and newsletters. However, due to a deficit budget, the other activities proposed by IICA, including additional capacity building programmes, cannot be accepted now.
8. Dy Chairman, PUCSL offered to host one EC meeting in Sri Lanka, the dates and time to be mutually decided between PUCSL Sri Lanka and SAFIR Secretariat.
9. Chairperson, ERC of Nepal, offered to host the SAFIR Conference in Kathmandu. After discussion amongst the EC Members, it was decided that, pending ERC of Nepal becoming a Member of SAFIR, it would be appropriate and convenient if the next SAFIR Conference be held in Hyderabad, Telangana, India, and to this effect, SAFIR Secretariat may take necessary steps.
10. After discussion, the Executive Committee Members approved the budget of SAFIR for the F.Y. 2025-2026.
11. With respect to increasing the membership base of SAFIR, Chairperson, SAFIR/CERC informed that last year, some Indian Corporations were added as Members. However, to ensure an equitable base in the membership, he requested the EC Member countries to suggest at least 1 or 2 Corporations in their countries to join SAFIR.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: NEXT EC MEETING**

12. The EC members decided to have the next meeting in a virtual mode to take up the SAFIR Audited Accounts or another urgent agenda as decided by the Chairperson, SAFIR/CERC.

**CONCLUSION :**

13. Secretary, SAFIR/CERC, thanked the SAFIR EC members for their active participation. He also expressed enthusiasm about the proposed transmission study, emphasising its potential to reduce electricity costs through stronger interconnection among countries. He highlighted the complementary energy resources—Nepal's hydro, India's thermal, and Sri Lanka's clean energy—and stressed the importance of all members contributing to the study. The goal is to make the association beneficial and effective for all member countries.
  
14. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**DATE :17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024 (Virtually through MS-Teams)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
01	Mr. Jishnu Barua, Chairperson, SAFIR/CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
02	Mr. Jalal Ahmed, Chairperson	Bangladesh Electricity Regulatory Commission
03	Mr Piyal Hennayake , Dy Chairperson	Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
05	Mr. Harpreet Singh Pruthi, Secretary	SAFIR / Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
06	Dr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee, Chief (Regulatory Affairs), CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
<b>SPECIAL INVITEE</b>		
07	Dr Ram Prasad Dhital, Chairman	Electricity Regulatory Commission, Nepal
<b>SAFIR SECRETARIAT/OTHERS</b>		
08	Ms. Rashmi Somasekharan Nair, Joint. Chief (Regulatory Affairs)	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
09	Mr. Debasish Roy, Asst. Chief (RA)	CERC
10	Mr. M.M. Prasad, Sr. Accounts Officer	SAFIR
11	Mr. Nilesh Diwan, Accounts Officer	SAFIR
12	Ms. Jijnasa Behera, Research Officer	SAFIR