

MINUTES

HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING #27 (conference call)

10 October 2019 (11:00-12:30)

Attendees	Apologies
Roger Gill (chair, hydropower operators/developers)	Jiwari Abdullah (alternate, social impacts/project affected
Kimberly Lyon (chair, financial institutions)	communities)
Daniel Menebhi (chair, advanced economy country governments)	Sunil Poudel (alternate, emerging economy country governments)
Jian-hua Meng (chair, environment/conservation organisations)	Shi Guoqing (chair, emerging economy country governments)
Richard Taylor (chair, hydropower suppliers/consultants)	Pedro Sirgado (alternate, hydropower operators/developers)
Lesha Witmer (chair, social impacts/project affected communities)	Ruth Tiffer-Sotomayor (TBC, financial institutions)
James Dalton (alternate, environment/conservation organisations)	
Geir Hermansen (alternate, advanced economy country governments)	
Jürgen Schuol (alternate, hydropower suppliers/consultants)	
Elisa Jianliang Xiao (alternate chair, financial institutions)	
David Harrison (chair of the FPIC-WG)	
Eddie Rich (ME)	
Kate Steel (ME)	
Joao Costa (ME)	
Alain Kilajian (ME)	

Agenda Item	Minutes
HSGC 26.1 Welcome and apologies	The Chair opened the meeting and confirmed that it was quorate.
HSGC 26.2 Agenda and minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The following agenda was accepted, including a request from one of the representatives to give an update on SECO during AOB: 1. Welcome and apologies 2. Agenda 3. Update from the ME and Chair of the FPIC-WG 4. Review and approval of proposed amendments 5. Next steps 6. Any other business 7. Summary of decisions and actions



27.3 Update from the ME and the Chair of the FPIC-WG	The Chair asked the ME to give an update of the activity in relation to the good practice scoring statement of the Indigenous Peoples topic, and ME explained the recent discussion with the ALAs. The Chair of the FPIC-WG was invited to give a summary of the recommendations of the FPIC Working Group.
27.4 Review and approval of proposed amendments	There were some questions and clarifications. The principle of proportionality was clarified. The term 'on track to be' was confirmed to have been removed from the final language for the Stakeholder Support criterion. The Chair commented that the emerging economy government chamber had not participated much in the discussions. However, as the meeting was quorate, voting on the decision should go ahead.
	Decision 1: The committee voted unanimously in favour of changing the language in the IP topic.
27.5 Next steps	ME confirmed that the language would be incorporated into the HESG and presented to the CBI as criterion for hydropower's eligibility for climate financing. The ME will then work on the language for level 5/proven best practice for the IP topic, followed by the assessment guidance notes. This would be submitted to the HSGC for review and approval. The HSAP would be updated accordingly. The Chair asked if ME could give a timeline. The urgency of getting the level 5 language amended was agreed by all. It was clarified that the ME would do this work.
	Decision 2: The FPIC working group was formally de-commissioned and thanked for all its work.
	Action 1: ME to incorporate new language into the HESG and submit summary paper to CBI
	Action 2: ME to draft the language for level 5/proven best practice for the IP topic, followed by the assessment guidance notes
27.6 Any other business	With regard to a replacement chair of the HSGC, the Chair informed the committee that the ME would send around a description of the requirements.
	The Chair reported that Hydro Quebec had expressed interest in using the HSAP at the entire fleet level. ME explained that this raised questions on how it could be done and that the ME would need some time to review and get back to the Committee with further information and recommendations.
	One of the committee members announced that in the framework of its Phase II support to HSAP which is approved in principle, SECO will support capacity building on HSAP and its derivatives (HGIIP, HESG, How-to-Guides) as well as the application of the HESG in SECO priority countries (i.e. co-finance up to 40 assessments). One of the committee members said that the WB could potentially help SECO to find clients.
	One of the committee members will help connect the ME with the Executive Secretary of ZAMCOM who could be a good representative of the emerging economy country govt. chamber, in view of the difficulty that the chair and alternate had in attending committee meetings.
	Action 3: ME to follow up with a committee member to make contact with ZAMCOM (and/or other organisations in the region) and the possibility of a representative joining the emerging economy country govt. chamber.
	ME informed the committee that the Geothermal Association had approached for guidance regarding FPIC and/or its standard. It was generally agreed that collaboration with other organisations in relation to this topic would be a positive thing.
27.7 Summary of decisions and actions	Decision 1: The committee voted unanimously in favour of changing the language in the IP topic.



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