

**HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT FORUM
PROPOSED FORUM MEETING WORK PLAN – 23 May 2009**

Note that this is a proposed work plan. It will evolve depending on progress made at each Forum meeting and whether the Forum wants to spend more time on key issues. The meeting dates and locations are confirmed; however some may move from 3 day to 4 day meetings depending on whether we can do field assessments. The timing and content of the Interim and Final reports are proposed for discussion at the Sacramento Forum meeting.

Meeting 2. Sacramento, California, USA, 11-13 July 2008.

Focal area: Sections A and B, technical, economic and governance aspects. Venue: Sonoma Hilton.

Day before Forum meeting: Regional stakeholder meeting

Day 1 – Presentations/discussions on key themes.

- Operational Considerations for Hydropower Schemes - Jon Ulrik Haaheim (Statkraft)
- Economics of Hydropower from an Investor's Perspective - Jean-Michel Devernay (EdF)
- Economics of Hydropower from the Bank Perspective - Courtney Lowrance and Sharon Maharg (Equator Banks)
- Transparency, Corruption and Governance of Hydropower Projects - Donal O'Leary and Marcela Roza (Transparency International)

Day 2 – Desk top assessment of a hydropower project. To be determined; MWH assisting.

Day 3 – Workshop on Protocol Content - Sections A and B, technical, economic and governance aspects.

Following Forum meeting: IHA Board Meeting, HydroVision Conference.

Meeting 3. Kafue Gorge, Zambia, 4-7 September 2008.

Focal area: Sections A and B, environmental aspects. Venue: Kafue Gorge Regional Training Center.

Day before Forum meeting: Regional stakeholder meeting

Day 1 – Presentations/discussions on key themes, with the following proposed:

- Environmental Flows – To be determined in consultation with The Nature Conservancy and WWF
- Climate Change – Policy Aspects – To be determined
- Climate Change – Hydrological Variability – To be determined

- Climate Change – Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoirs – To be determined
- Strategic Environmental Assessment – To be determined

Days 2 and 3 – Field assessment of Lower Kafue Gorge project.

Day 4 – Workshop on Protocol Content - Sections A and B, environmental aspects.

Meeting 4. Three Gorges, Yichang, China, 25-27 October 2008.

Focal area: Sections A and B, social aspects. Venue: To be determined in consultation with CTGPC.

Day before Forum meeting: Regional stakeholder meeting, potentially a tour of Three Gorges scheme (to be confirmed with CTGPC).

Day 1 – Presentations/discussions on key themes – to be proposed for consideration by Forum members in consultation with Oxfam. Topics suggested include resettlement, vulnerable social groups, benefit sharing, local capacity building, stakeholder engagement, stakeholder acceptance.

Day 2 – Desk top assessment of a project to be determined in consultation with CTGPC; potentially one of the upper Yangtze River projects.

Day 4 – Workshop on Protocol Content - Sections A and B, social aspects.

Following Forum meeting: International Symposium on Three Gorges Project and Water Resources Development and Protection of the Yangtze River.

INTERIM REPORT: November 2008 – Summary of Sections A and B agreements plus process review

Meeting 5. Itaipu, Brazil, 8-11 December 2008.

Focal area: Section C, environmental aspects. Venue: To be determined in consultation with Itaipu.

Day before Forum meeting: Regional stakeholder meeting

Day 1 – Presentations/discussions on key themes – environmental issues not covered in Zambia and identified by Forum members. Likely to include catchment and reservoir management issues, including sedimentation, biodiversity, water quality.

Days 2 and 3 – Field assessment of Itaipu.

Day 4 – Workshop on Protocol Content - Section C, with emphasis on environmental aspects.

Meeting 6. Istanbul, Turkey, 12-14 March 2009.

Focal area: Section C, social aspects. Venue: To be determined; depends on what scheme is assessed.

Day before Forum meeting: Regional stakeholder meeting

Day 1 – Presentations/discussions on key themes – social issues not covered in China and identified by Forum members.

Day 2 – Scheme assessment – to be determined. Could do 2 days if a field assessment.

Day 3 – Workshop on Protocol Content - Section C, with emphasis on social aspects.

Following Forum meeting: World Water Forum

INTERIM REPORT: April 2009 – Summary of Section C agreements plus process review

INTERIM REPORT: June 2009 – Draft Revised Protocol and process evaluation

Meeting 7. Burfell, Iceland, 20-22 June 2009.

Focal area: Review of Draft Revised Protocol. Venue to be determined. Agenda to be determined.

Following Forum meeting: IHA Congress

FINAL REPORT: September 2009 – Final Revised Protocol and proposal for way forward.

Meeting 8. Location to be determined, September 2009.

Focal area: Review of Final Revised Protocol and agreement on way forward. Venue to be determined. Agenda to be determined.