

Forum Work Plan

Meeting 1. Washington, DC, USA, 7-8 March 2008.

Forum Launch.

Meeting 2. Santa Rosa, California, USA, 11-13 July 2008.

Primary meeting objective: Review of Existing Protocol Sections A and B, technical, economic and governance aspects. Venue: Sonoma Hilton, Santa Rosa.

- 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)
 - Accessing Capital for Hydropower Projects - Courtney Lowrance (Citi, on behalf of Equator Banks)
 - Transparency, Corruption and Governance of Hydropower Projects - Donal O'Leary and Marcela Roza (Transparency International), Janak Karmacharya (Clean Energy Development Bank)
 - Desk top assessment of Kafue Gorge Lower hydropower project, Zambia.
 - Workshop on Existing Protocol content with emphasis on technical, economic and governance aspects.
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Meeting 3. Kafue Gorge, Zambia, 4-7 September 2008.

Primary meeting objective: Review of Existing Protocol Sections A and B, environmental aspects. Venue: Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre.

- Presentations/discussions on key themes:
 - Environmental Flows – Cate Brown (Southern Waters), David Harrison and Brian Richter (The Nature Conservancy), Dora Kamweneshe (WWF Zambia), Zhou Shichun (China Hydropower Engineering Consulting Group Co.), Helen Locher & Andrew Scanlon (Hydro Tasmania)
 - Strategic Assessments – Daryl Fields (World Bank), Alex Weaver (CSIR)
 - Transboundary Issues – Kerstin Nyman (GTZ), Clement Mukosa (Zambezi River Authority), Phera Ramoeli (Southern African Development Community)
 - Field assessment of Lower Kafue Gorge project.
 - Workshop on Existing Protocol content with emphasis on environmental aspects.
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Meeting 4. Three Gorges, Yichang, China, 25-27 October 2008.

Primary meeting objective: Review of Existing Protocol Sections A and B, social aspects. Venue: Three Gorges Hotel, Yichang.

- Presentations/discussions on key themes:
 - Resettlement in China – Prof. Guoqing Shi (National Research Centre for Resettlement, Hohai University), Prof. Zhang Yijun (China Hydropower Engineering Consulting Group Co.)
 - International Experiences with Social Issues and Hydropower Developments – Maninder Gill (World Bank), Larry Haas (Independent Consultant)
 - Desk top assessment of Shuibuya Project.
 - Workshop on Existing Protocol content with emphasis on social aspects.
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INTERIM REPORT: Forum Status Report - November 2008

- Summary of agreements from meetings 1 to 4 plus process review
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Meeting 5. Iguassu, Brazil, 8-11 December 2008.

Primary meeting objective: Agree on Draft Revised Protocol aspects and attributes Sections I and II in preparation for consultation in Jan-Feb 2009. Venue: Bela Vista Biological Refuge, Iguassu.

- Presentations/discussions on key themes:
 - Climate Change, Free Prior and Informed Consent, Catchment Management
 - Workshop on Draft Revised Protocol content – aspects and attributes Section I, II and III.
 - Agreement on Consultation Strategy Jan-Feb 2009
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CONSULTATION PERIOD: January-February 2009

– Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol Key Components Document – contains draft revised protocol sections I and II aspects and attributes, and Sections III and IV aspects.

Meeting 6. Cappadocia, Turkey, 10-13 March 2009.

Primary meeting objectives:

- review consultation outcomes and agree on responses to issues raised;
- review draft protocol content in light of consultation outcomes;
- agree on consultation and trialling strategy for Jul-Aug 2009;

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- clarify thinking on scoring, measurement and guidance notes.

Venue: Dinler Hotel

INTERIM REPORT: Forum Status Report - April 2009

– Summary of meeting 5 and 6 agreements plus process review

Meeting 7. Burfell, Iceland, 18-21 June 2009.

Primary meeting objectives: Agreement on Draft Revised Protocol. Venue: Burfell.

INTERIM REPORT: June 2009

– Draft Revised Protocol in a form suitable for consultation and trialling

CONSULTATION and TRIALLING PERIOD: July-August 2009

Meeting 8. Location to be determined, 3-6 October 2009.

Primary meeting objectives: Review issues raised during consultation and trialling and agree on responses; agree on content for the Final Revised Protocol; workshop on pathways forward for the Protocol. Venue: To be determined.

FINAL REPORT: December 2009

– Final Revised Protocol and proposal for way forward.

Meeting 9. Location to be determined, 7-10 December 2009.

Primary meeting objectives: Official launch of Final Revised Protocol; refinement and agreements on strategy on pathways forward. Venue: To be determined.