

Relevant excerpts from Forum Meeting 8 minutes (Draft 2):

Mtg 8 Agreement 22: *The Forum members agreed to the following working schedule for the fifteen weeks post Forum Meeting 8:*

- *Week 8/2 – Drafting of Forum Mtg 8 minutes*
- *Week 15/2 – Forum Mtg 8 Minutes Draft 1 reviewed by Forum members*
- *Week 22/2 – Circulate Section II Outline Document (topics, criteria, proposed 3 and 5 scores); circulate concept note for Section I*
- *Week 1/3 – Webinar 3 (discuss Sec II, Sec I, x-cutting issues, guidance notes)*
- *Week 8/3 – High profile x-cutting issues review; develop guidance notes*
- *Week 15/3 – Expanded Section II; outline documents for Sections I, III and IV*
- *Week 22/3 - Reference Group Meetings to review I, II, III, IV material to date*
- *Week 29/3 – Webinar 4*
- *Week 5/4 – Easter Week*
- *Week 12/4 – Next-to final drafts of Sections I, II, III, IV*
- *Week 19/4 – Auditor review, prepare final drafts for Forum Mtg 9 papers*
- *Week 26/4 – Mtg papers distributed for Forum Mtg 9, Forum member review*
- *Week 3/5 – Forum Mtg 9 (3-6 May 2010, Vientiane, Laos)*
- *Week 10/5 – Drafting of Forum Mtg 9 minutes*
- *Week 17/5 – Forum Mtg 9 Minutes Draft 1 reviewed by Forum members*

Mtg 8 Action 19: *The Forum Coordinator to ensure arrangements are made for Webinars 3 and 4.*

Mtg 8 Action 22: *The Forum Coordinator to ensure the opportunity in the forward work plan for Forum members to discuss arrangements for Forum Meeting 9.*

Issues proposed for discussion:

1. Scheduling of Webinar 4
2. Arrangements for Forum Meeting 9

1. Scheduling of Webinar 4

Proposed date and times: Wednesday 31st March 2010

5 am – Boulder, USA (David Harrison)

6 am – Chicago, USA (Refaat Abdel-Malek)

7 am – Washington DC & New York, USA (Daryl Fields, Donal O’Leary, Courtney Lowrance)

11 am – Iceland (Gudni Johannesson)

12 noon – UK (Kristin Schumann, Richard Taylor, André Abadie)

1 pm – Norway (Geir Hermansen), Germany (Joerg Hartmann, Kirsten Nyman), Zambia (Israel Phiri)

7 pm – China (Zhou Shichun, Yu Xuezhong)

10 pm – Hobart & Melbourne Australia (Helen Locher, Andrew Scanlon, Michael Simon)

2. Arrangements for Forum Meeting 9

Forum meeting location: Mekong River Commission meeting room, Vientiane, Laos

Forum member accommodation: Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane

Schedule under discussion:

Wed 28/4 – Forum member/regional stakeholder meetings (e.g. MRC, WWF, M-Power)

Thu 29/4 – Forum members travel Vientiane to NT2 by coach

Fri 30/4 - Forum member site tour of NT2

Sat 1/5 - Forum member site tour of NT2

Sun 2/5 – Forum member return NT2 to Vientiane (NT2 not open for site tour on Sunday)

Mon 3/5 – Day 1 Forum Mtg 9

Tue 4/5 – Day 2 Forum Mtg 9

Wed 5/5 – Day 3 Forum Mtg 9

Thu 6/5 – Day 5 Forum Mtg 9; Forum-IHA Board dinner

Fri 7/5 – IHA Board Meeting

Potential variation:

Forum members return from NT2 tour Saturday afternoon; stakeholder meetings in Vientiane Sunday 2 May (may be difficult with respect to stakeholder availability), or Forum Meeting 9 is brought earlier to Sunday-Wednesday (2-5 May)

Webinar 3 discussion requirements:

- Decision on attendance at Forum Meeting 9 by alternates
- Who might be interested in NT2 tour
- Who might be interested / potentially available for stakeholder meeting(s)
- Option of Forum Meeting 9 being moved one day earlier