5th ECOSAI Training Committee Report

The 5th meeting of the ECOSAI Training Committee was held in Baku, Azerbaijan on April 27, 2005. The meeting was attended by the delegates from Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

- 2. The report of the 4th ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting held in Islamabad, Pakistan on January 25, 2004 was presented to the 9th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting, which decided that the report be considered by the 10th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting. The 4th ECOSAI Training Committee report is at Annexure I.
- 3. The 5th ECOSAI Training Committee meeting reviewed the action plan and the decisions of the 4th ECOSAI Training Committee meeting, and decided to present the following for the approval of the 10th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting:
 - a) With reference to Para-6 of the 4th ECOSAI Training Committee report, the 5th ECOSAI Training Committee reviewed and finalized the TNA questionnaire prepared by the SAI of Iran. The committee recommended that the ECOSAI Secretariat should circulate the questionnaire among member SAIs by May 31, 2005 to broadly assess the training requirements of member SAIs.
 - b) With reference to Para-7 of the 4th ECOSAI Training Committee report, the 5th ECOSAI Training Committee agreed that the Training Need Analysis (TNA) of the new SAIs of the ECO countries be carried out and the nomination of TNA specialists by the SAIs of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan be confirmed to the ECOSAI Secretariat by June 30, 2005.
 - c) The 5th Training Committee meeting was informed that the ASOSAI is carrying out a TNA study for the regional SAIs, which is expected to be completed by August 2005. The Committee therefore suggested that the nominated TNA specialists will review the information collected by the Secretariat on the basis of the above mentioned questionnaire and assimilate the findings of the ASOSAI TNA report of the regional SAIs, in their work. The nominated specialists will jointly carryout the TNA of member SAIs by visiting the SAIs of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic according to mutually agreed schedule.
 - d) The 5th Training Committee agreed to recommend that the cost of international travel of TNA specialists should be borne by the sending SAIs, whereas the host

SAIs should provide local hospitality, including the cost of boarding, lodging and local transport for the visiting TNA specialists.

- e) With reference to Para-8 of the 4th ECOSAI Training Committee report, the 5th ECOSAI Training Committee agreed that the calendar of courses expected to be developed on the basis of the TNA report will be submitted to the 11th ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting along with a three year comprehensive training plan. The calendar of courses will take into account the prior commitments of the training specialists of all the SAIs.
- f) The 5th ECOSAI Training Committee also decided that till the finalization of the calendar of courses, the SAIs of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan will provide the outlines of their existing training courses in the fields of Financial Auditing and Performance Auditing, with possible dates of their delivery in the member SAIs, to the ECOSAI Secretariat by June 30, 2005. The ECOSAI Secretariat will circulate these course outlines to the member SAIs as soon as possible. Member SAIs of the ECOSAI, if they so choose, will make arrangements for organizing these training courses in their countries.
- g) The Committee recommended that no fee may be charged by the SAIs of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan for the services of their nominated training specialists for the delivery of the courses for which they provide the outlines. However the cost of training and the travel, boarding, lodging and subsistence allowance of the training specialists may be born by the host SAI.
- h) The informal interaction of the Training Committee with the training specialist of the host SAI indicated that the SAI Azerbaijan has developed expertise in areas of Course Design, Development and Instructional Techniques, and is keen to become a member of ECOSAI Training Committee. The 5th ECOSAI Training Committee welcomed this auspicious development and agreed to recommend to the 10th ECOSAI Governing Board that SAI Azerbaijan may be admitted as the fourth member of ECOSAI Training Committee.

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