



Pakistan Water Operators Network

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Subject: MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER-2024 AT SERENA HOTEL, FAISALABAD.

Members / Attendees

- **Syed Zahid Aziz**
Chairman PWON,
MD PMDFC / CEO PSPA
- **Mr. Shahid Sohail,**
Ex-Chairman PWON-Pakistan
- **Mr. Ghufran Ahmad**
Managing Director, WASA Lahore
- **Mr. Faisal Shoukat,**
Managing Director, WASA Gujranwala.
- **Mr. Zamir Ul Hassan,**
GM WSSP, Peshawar.
- **Mr. Rehan Yousaf**
Chief Executive Officer WSSC-Abbottabad
- **Mr. Kamran Raza**
PD WASA, Faisalabad
- **Mr. Mohsin Habib,**
CEO – WSSC D.I. Khan.
- **Mr. Sardar Khan Zimri**
DG. Islamabad Water, CDA.
- **Mr. Baber Khan Tanoli,**
CEO WSSC Kohat.
- **Mr. Anas Rehman**
Director General, PSPA
- **Mr. Umair Hussain**
Office Manager, PSPA
- **Mr. Khalid Raza Khan**
MD WASA, Multan
- **Mr. Shoaib Rashid**
DMD, WASA Faisalabad
- **Mehmood Tamana**
GMC (ID), PMDFC
- **Mr. Azizullah Khan**
Director Engineering, WASA Rawalpindi
- **Mr. Amir Khan**
DTL, Consultant Creative Engineer
- **Mr. Tayyab Malik**
Deputy Director, WASA Lahore.
- **Mr. Asif Saleem**
DGM, HR, WSSC-Swat.
- **Mr. Tahir Afif,**
DGM WSSC Kohat.
- **Mr. Imran Zaman**
M – P&P, WSSC Mardan
- **Mr. Muhammad Tufail**
WASH Officer, UNICEF Punjab
- **Mr. Abdullah Sultan**
UNICEF
- **Takashi Nakaawa**
JICA Consultant, Japan Techno
- **Mr. Farhan Iqbal Bela**
Communication Specialist, PSPA
- **Ms. Tahira Jabeen**
National Coordinator, PWON



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Sr. No.	Agenda	Discussion / Decisions	Action by
1.	PWON Milestones & Achievements Update	<p>Chairman Syed Zahid Aziz highlighted PWON's achievements and importance of New IBNET platform (International Benchmarking Network). This platform has access and contribute to the world's largest database for water and sanitation utilities performance data. He explained how members can improve their performance through this platform to share KPIs (Key Performance Indicators).</p> <p>Chairman also provided updates on WOP phase II. He mentioned in past WASA Lahore and WSSC Mardan benefitted from PWON Platform and were selected for WOP Phase I. He encouraged other W&S utilities to take advantage of similar opportunities. He assured PWON will provide all necessary information and guidance regarding WOP phase II to their members.</p> <p>Additionally, he also informed that PWON represents South Asia in the taskforce for the UN Conference on Water</p> <p>The members praised PWON's initiatives and showed their keen interest regarding WOP Phase II.</p>	Chairman-PWON



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2.	Update on Islamabad Water	The Director General of Islamabad Water appreciated Chairman PWON's role in establishing newly Organization "Islamabad Water" and its importance to provide clean drinking water and sanitation services to the people of the capital city. Setting up this utility is a big step toward solving the city's water problems.	
3.	Update on Construction Progress of Rainwater Reservoir in Lahore	The Managing Director of WASA Lahore, Mr. Ghufran Ahmad, delivered a presentation on the "Construction Progress of Rainwater Reservoirs in Lahore," emphasizing the importance of rainwater management and conservation. He elaborated rain water storage initiatives been implemented by WASA Lahore. Mr. Tayyab Malik from WASA Lahore, also presented a presentation on "Revenue Collection Reforms by WASA Lahore," showcasing how the utility improved its financial efficiency and sustainability through effective revenue collection strategies.	For Information of All



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<p>4.</p>	<p>Any Other Innovations / Proposal from W&S Utilities</p>	<p>The Managing Director of WASA Multan, Mr. Khalid Raza shared his insights and highlighted the challenges faced by water utilities, including operational and resource constraints.</p> <p>CEO WSSC Dera Ismail Khan, raised the issues his organization faces, including financial challenges, machinery operation and maintenance, human resources, and staffing concerns. In response, the Chairman provided a comprehensive solution, recommending the outsourcing of machinery maintenance and operations. He also advised implementing revenue reforms similar to those adopted by WASA Lahore.</p> <p>In this response, MD. WASA Lahore, offered to KP WSSCs to plan a visit to WASA Lahore for more learning and knowledge sharing.</p> <p>Mr. Rehan Yosuf, CEO of WSSC Abbottabad, expressed full confidence in PWON leadership and appreciated the value of meeting gathering and knowledge sharing sessions. He highlighted the importance of teamwork to solve the water related issues in regions. He emphasized continuation of PWON leadership for which all members agreed.</p> <p>Mr. Zamir ul Hassan, GM WSSC Peshawar shared details about an ongoing KPCIP project to treat water from Warsak Dam safe for drinking. He explained how important this project is for the area and how it will help people get better access to clean and safe water.</p>	<p>For Information of All</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>UNICEF Supported Interventions in WASH Sector by PSPA / PMDFC</p>	<p>UNICEF’s WASH Officer, Mr. Tufail, shared an overview of UNICEF’s portfolio and ongoing initiatives related to clean drinking water projects in Pakistan. He highlighted key collaborations between UNICEF, Punjab Saaf Pani Authority, and Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC). He explained how UNICEF supported Saaf Pani Authority to provide clean drinking water to schools, benefiting children, especially in flood-affected areas of Punjab.</p> <p>Mr. Tufail also discussed floating wetlands project implemented with the collaboration of PMDFC for revitalization of sewage Ponds in three villages in Punjab.</p> <p>In response, the CEO PMDFC Syed Zahid Aziz, shared the project was a great success and explained how this initiative reduced Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) in pond water by planting in various cities of Punjab, which helped to restore the life of birds and water animals returned to these ponds, indicating environment recovery.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Visit of Surface Water Treatment Plant</p>	<p>A site visit was arranged for the participants to the Faisalabad Surface Water Treatment Plant, constructed in 2016. This visit was aimed at showcasing an important example of water treatment infrastructure and providing participants with insights into the operations and technology involved.</p> <p>Engineer Mr. Awais Jamal from WASA Faisalabad provided a comprehensive briefing on the Surface WTP operations and its role in ensuring the provision of clean drinking water to Faisalabad residents.</p>	



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- Hosting of next meeting was offered by MD WASA Gujranwala for which decision will be made in due course of time.
- The meeting and site visit ended with the vote of thanks by the members and the Chairman PWON-Pakistan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Syed Zahid Aziz', is positioned above the printed name.

Syed Zahid Aziz
Chairman PWON

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- **Master File**