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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF P-WON STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH, 2015 IN PC BHURBAN, MURREE

A Steering Committee meeting of Pakistan Water Operators Network (P-WON) was held on 20th March, 2015 at Shazia Hall, PC, Bhurban Murree. The meeting was chaired by Syed Zahid Aziz MD WASA Faisalabad, P-WON Chairman and was attended by the participants mentioned in the annexed list.

The following agenda was presented, discussed and decisions were taken;

1. Resolution on inclusion of Water Aid as advisory member

Chairman informed the participants about the willingness of development partners/donors to be part of P-WON Advisory Committee and shared that WaterAid, UNICEF and JICA have shown their interest to be part of advisory council. The participants discussed the value addition of each partner and it was decided that the Chairman would be writing a letter to representatives of each organization so that the commitments from each development partner be sought. The members Steering Committee appreciated the presence of WSP-SA the World Bank, WaterAid and UN-Habitat. Primarily the request of WaterAid for P-WON Advisory Committee was mutually agreed and approved. The Chairman also shared that JICA representatives could not participate due to current security situation. The role of WaterAid, WSP-SA, UN-Habitat and Punjab Urban Unit was discussed in detail.

2. Status/update on Registration of P-WON

Chairman shared that P-WON is registered with the Registrar of Firms under section 4 of the Societies Act, 1860. Copy of certificate of registration was shared with the participants. It was also discussed that this registration clearly indicated P-WON working area within the territory of Pakistan. All the members appreciated the efforts made to get PWON registered.

3. Discussion on Institutional home , secretariat of P-WON & appointment of new P-WON Coordinator

It was discussed that JICA was supporting in establishing Al JAZAREE Academy (*The Water and Sanitation Training Academy in Lahore*). Mr Abid Hussainy further elaborated that the Urban Unit is managing this academy for next 10 years. This





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academy would serve as a hub for WATSAN trainings for the entire utilities of the country and JICA experts would be placed in this academy for three years. The academy is located in Lahore Town ship area and is currently functional. This academy has already offered the place for P-WON secretariat which was accepted by the steering Committee. It was suggested that experts from other utilities should be offering their services as resource persons in delivering different trainings of their expertise areas. The Master Plan of the academy is ready and six areas for the training are identified with the help of JICA. The faculty is in place and there will be visiting speakers as well.

Detailed discussion was carried out on the membership criteria of P-WON and sub-committee was formed headed by Mr. Ayoub Sheikh, to look into the membership criteria keeping in view the registration status of P-WON. It was decided that this committee would be coming up with the conclusions within next two days and these would be provided to Chairman.

The possibility of joining of current Chairman Syed Zahid Aziz as CEO of Water and Sanitation Company, Lahore was also discussed in detail. The Steering Committee approved that in this case the Secretariat would be shifted to Lahore Water and Sanitation Company and he will continue to work as Chairman P-WON on his tenure.

WaterAid in Pakistan showed its willingness for supporting P-WON Secretariat through provision of P-WON Coordinator. A Sub-Committee comprising Mr. Ayoub, Mr. Abid and Mr. Touqeer was formed in order to prepare the TORs and this committee would be submitting the draft TORs to Chairman for wider circulation and inputs. It was decided that a Membership fee of Rs. 100,000/annum be collected for travelling allowance & other office expenses of the Coordinator. All the members agreed and showed their commitment for this contribution. Representatives from CDA and NSUSC, Sukkur to respond after approval from their management.

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4. Trainings of Pakistan Water Utilities in Japan, sponsored by JICA

Chairman shared an email from Satoshi Hamano JICA Representative in Pakistan, in which JICA offered training on Sewage Works Engineering and Storm Water Drainage Technology; Non Revenue Water Management; Comprehensive Engineering on Water Supply Systems; and Operation and Maintenance of Urban Water Supply Systems. It was discussed that P-WON would work on the selection criteria of these trainings and a criteria would be developed by Mr. Abid for sharing with JICA. The role of P-WON for proper relevant nominations was discussed in detail. It was also discussed there would be a small presentation from participant of each training so that member utilities are also benefitted from these trainings.

5. Linkage of P-WON with GWOPA , discussion with UN-HABITAT

It was shared by Ms. Jannat Durrani that Steering Committee meeting of G-WOPA was held in Barcelona. The Steering Committee meeting was attended by Bella Evidente Country Programme Manager UN-Habitat Pakistan. She shared with the participants that G-WOPA was willing to support P-WON. MOU with PARPAMSI is signed and this MOU would be providing an opportunity to the member utilities for possible twinning with Indonesian WOPs. She further shared that G-WOPA would also be facilitating the twinning process with Turkish WOPs.

The participants of the meeting reiterated the need of strong linkage with G-WOPA and it was decided that Mr. Masroor would be arranging a Videocon after consultation with Dr. Al-Faraj (Programme Manager, Global Water Operators Partner Alliance). WSP offered its Videocon facility to the member utilities which was mutually accepted.

The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks.


31.3.15
Engr. Syed Zahid Aziz
Chairman P-WON