

PAKISTAN WATER OPERATORS NETWORK



PWON Strategic Meeting With Development Partners

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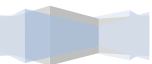


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List of Participants

1. Mr. Zahid Aziz , MD WASA Faisalabad / Chairman - PWON
2. Ms. Maqsooda Fatima, National Coordinator – PWON
3. Mr. Siddique Khan, Country Director, Water Aid
4. Ms. Asiya Ashraf Chaudhary, WASH Officer - UNICEF
5. Mr. Jannat Durrani, WASH Officer – UN-HABITAT
6. Mr. Sajid Ali Jafri, Project Associate – UN-HABITAT
7. Mr. Mahmud Jilani, JICA
8. Mr. Abrar Khan Program Officer, JICA
9. Mr. Ahsan Pracha, Program Manager – AFD
10. Mr. Masroor Ahmed – WASH Expert



Minutes of Meeting

In the start of the “PWON Strategic Meeting with Development Partners” on 23rd Jan, 2017 at Marriot Hotel Islamabad, Mr. Zahid Aziz brief all about the general working of PWON, Its legal status, objective and about current PWON structure.

On the question by Mr. Saddiq Khan, Mr. Zahid Aziz clear that PWON is a network as well as an organization. It's a Network organization; it provides network opportunities and also working as resource center.

1. Membership and Annual Fee

Mr. Zahid Aziz informed all that till date 10 utilities have paid their membership fee, 2 large utilities have not paid membership fee yet, while new utilities from KPK are interested to join PWON and attached with, WSSC Kohat has sent its request for membership and is ready to pay membership fee. For adding more member utilities in PWON we are waiting for the membership committee recommendations on membership and annual fee policy, committee is comprising of Mr. Touqeer Abbasi, Water Aid and Mr. Shahid Sohail , CDA. Hopefully we will get its report on 31st Jan, 2017.

Ms. Jannat and Mr. Maroor informed that it was decided in previous SCMs that all member utilities will pay Rs. 100,000 as membership initially and then they will pay Annual fees Rs. 100, 000/- per annum for the continuation of membership.

2. General Membership Vs Steering Committee Membership

During the discussion on increase in the no of PWON members, Ms. Jannat Durrani informed that in Perpamsi there is a General Body as Steering Committee in PWON. It is not necessary that all members must be the members of steering committee.

Mr. Zahid Aziz also informed that WASA Faisalabad is also member of AWWA but not member of its steering committee.

3. Membership Approvals:

Regarding membership approval PERPAMSI model can be adopted as local government / Public sector utilities automatically become PERPAMSI members after paying membership fee. For Private sector chairman approve membership request after finding that it is serving water and sanitation sector and fulfill the definition of a utility.

On the comparison between the international organizations with PWON, Mr. Saddiq khan said, there is more need to research on their mandate and their years of working as compare to PWON, then PWON can adopt the vast scope of memberships.

Ms. Asiya Ashraf said a gradual strategic change can be bought in PWON scope through a comprehensive target oriented work plan.



4. Participation in Steering Committee Meetings

Mr. Zahid Aziz requested all development partners to make sure their valuable presence in all Steering Committee meetings for maximum output of the meeting.

5. Establishment of PWON Secretariat

He added that he is looking forward development partners for PWON independent secretariat with basic office facilities and in future we will be in need to have an office assistant as well.

6. Re vamping and maintenance of PWON Website

As the current website is not up to date and not internationally presentable, so we have outsource the re vamping of PWON website and issued a work order and we are hoping that in the mid of feb PWON new website will be upload, we need your support to maintain newly developed website.

7. Development of Standards & SOPs

PWON is looking forward development partner's budget allocation for development of technical manuals and SOPs.

8. Water Retreat

Water Retreat is proposed for Development of five years' work plan

9. Support for SCM Expenses in the big cities.

Currently with the support of Water Aid PWON is organizing SCM quarterly in small cities. For the organization of SCM in large cities like Lahore and Karachi etc. we need help from other development partners as well.

10. National WOPs / twinning arrangements

Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs) are being adopted by utilities worldwide for the betterment of weaker utilities on the national level. Being under the agreement with GWOPA, PWON is interested to conduct National WOPs in a proper way as it's a practice in other countries. For this PWON need support from development Partners to support these WOPs and Twinning arrangements.

11. International twinning & WOP support

Chairman PWON emphasized on the need for support for all development partners to organize International twining and WOP programs through PWON platform. PWON in association with GWOPA organizing WOP between an Indonesian and a Pakistani Utility , as we already circulated



draft of the proposed WOP to all development partners so, now we are looking forward you're your response on the WOP sponsorship.

During the meeting development partners showed positive response to support National and International WOPs. UN-Habitat was requested to support GWOPA proposed WOP.

12. Independent Review of PWON to date

It was proposed in the meeting that an independent review of the PWON objective, achievement, activities and problems should be conducted externally. So the next achievable work plan could be formulated on the basis of this review.

13. Internal Review and Survey of PWON

It was also proposed in the meeting that an internal review of and survey must be conducted within PWON by PWON about its effectiveness and perceptions of utilities of PWON as a way to move forward.

14. Mapping of utilities through SWOT analysis

It was suggest for utilities mapping through SWOT analysis for National WOPs. UN-Habitat informed that they are already analysis WASA Hyderabad and NSUSC through SWOT analysis and they can provide its detail to PWON. Mr. Chairman also informed that other utilities have already done their SWOT analysis so it's easy to collect SWOT analysis from Utilities and then with the help of development partners support matchmaking for WOPs is possible.

15. Reach out to GWOPA

For the benchmarking or diagnosis of utilities for WOPs and short reform packages by development partners for utilities PWON may reach out to GWOPA for provision of tools.

16. Support for Interactions with PERPAMSI, JWWA etc.

Mr. Zahid Aziz requested development partners to extend their support to PWON members to interact with international Platforms / organizations like PERPAMSI and JWWA etc. for learning purposes

17. Introductory documentary and PWON Newsletter

PWON wishes to have its documentary that is presentable on international platforms. PWON urges to continue publishing its newsletter on quarterly basis with expanding its news scope from PWON activities to PWON member utility's news as well so they can feel ownership.

18. New Date for upcoming SCM

It was suggested in the meeting that the date of upcoming SCM should be changed from mid of Feb to 22nd March, 2017 on the World Water Day.



19. Development Partners Confidence

Development Partners showed positive gesture and said they will keep in view PWON role and importance while planning for future projects and activities as PWON is now fully active to play its important role in W&S sector.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Zahid Aziz thanked all participants for their valuable presence and suggestions. He further thanked UNICEF for organizing the meeting and providing opportunity to interact with all PWON observers and discuss concern matters in detail.

