

## MINUTES

### HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING #26 (conference call)

1 October 2019 (12:00-14:00)

Attendees	Apologies
<b>Roger Gill (chair, hydropower operators/developers and chair, HSGC)</b> <b>Jian-hua Meng (chair, environment/conservation organisations)</b> <b>Daniel Menebhi (chair, advanced economy country governments)</b> <b>Lesha Witmer (chair, social impacts/project affected communities)</b> <b>Richard Taylor (chair, hydropower suppliers/consultants)</b> Jürgen Schuol (alternate, hydropower suppliers/consultants) Pedro Sirgado (alternate, hydropower operators/developers) Kimberly Lyon (TBC, financial institutions) Eddie Rich (ME) Kate Steel (ME) Joao Costa (ME) Alain Kilajian (ME)	Jiwari Abdullah (alternate, social impacts/project affected communities) James Dalton (alternate, environment/conservation organisations) Geir Hermansen (alternate, advanced economy country governments) Shi Guoqing (chair, emerging economy country governments) Sunil Poudel (alternate, emerging economy country governments) Ruth Tiffer-Sotomayor (TBC, financial institutions) Xiao Jiangliang (alternate, financial institutions)

Agenda Item	Minutes
HSGC 26.01   Welcome and apologies	The Chair opened the meeting as Chair of the meeting and acknowledged Vice Chair. The Chair confirmed that it was quorate.
HSGC 26.02   Agenda	The following agenda was approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of assessor guidance on Climate Change topic in HSAP [reference to Hydropower Climate Resilience Guide]</li> <li>• Review of proposed amendments to the good practice scoring statements on IP and discussion on feedback from Council and Accredited Lead Assessors</li> </ul>
HSGC 26.03   Assessor guidance on Climate Change topic in HSAP	The proposal for the assessment guidance to reference the climate resilience guide was discussed. <b>Action 1: The ME to add a sentence referencing the Hydropower Sector Climate Resilience Guide to the assessor guidance in the Climate Change topic of the HSAP, and send to the committee for approval.</b>

HSGC 26.04 | Proposed amendments to good practice scoring statements on Indigenous Peoples

ME summarised the feedback that had been received following the proposed language circulated after HSGC#25:

1. Proposed wording and general comments from the Accredited Lead Assessors (ALAs) (annexed)
2. Comments from the environmental chamber with specific concerns about the issue of proportionality and the insertion of “on track to be achieved”.

The Chair reminded the committee that the mandate of the FPIC WG had been to recommend criteria for the level of good practice in the sustainability tools (especially for the HESG because of its link with the CBI-related work), and it had been acknowledged in HSGC meeting #25 that level 5 (best practice) language in the HSAP would need to be reviewed after this. The Chair also noted that the matter had passed from the FPIC WG to the committee and it is now the role of the committee to decide on the matter by consensus.

**On the ALA’s concerns**, ME clarified that it was specifically the good practice scoring statement for the Indigenous Peoples topic that was being put forward for adoption and use in the HESG, not the revised HSAP or HGIIIP, which would need to be addressed once the good-practice text had been agreed.

After discussion it was proposed that the ME and the Chair of the FPIC WG should speak to the ALAs to explain in more detail exactly what was being proposed, and to discuss the concerns they had regarding consistency and practicalities of the proposed language.

**On the environmental chamber’s comments**, on the principle of proportionality, one of the representatives highlighted that the Environment/Conservation Organisations chamber was proposing that the legal principle be spelt out in the guidance text.

On the issue of consent being ‘on track to be achieved’ in the preparation-stage scoring statement, he proposed that it simply be deleted.

**General discussion:** The committee discussed options to finalise the good practice scoring statement text. However, it was proposed that the text should be further refined as a priority task by the ME taking into account the recent feedback and the clarifying discussion to be held with the ALAs.

It was also recognised that work needed to progress on proven best practice scoring statements (HSAP) and the topic’s assessor guidance (HSAP).

The Committee recognised the need to incorporate feedback from field usage of the revised statements. It was proposed that this would be done after a two-year period of use.

**Decision 2: The committee agreed:**

- a) **The ME to arrange a call with the Chair of the FPIC-WG and the ALAs that had been involved in drafting the original language.**
- b) **The ME to modify the good practice language in the HESG Tool in accordance with some of the feedback received from the ALAs where it related to practicalities of assessment, while noting that the HSGC supported the substance proposed.**
- c) **The HSGC to reconvene to consider and potentially approve the final text of the good practice scoring statement for the Indigenous Peoples topic.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) The finalised HESG tool to be sent to the CBI by the ME following approval by the HSGC.</li> <li>e) In consultation with the ALA representatives, the ME to propose revised proven best practice scoring statements (HSAP), propose new text for the topic's assessor guidance (HSAP), and revise the IP topic in the HGIIIP Guidelines.</li> <li>f) ME to bring forward plans for assessor training on the topic to ensure consistent application.</li> <li>g) HSGC to review experience from assessments including the IP topic within a two-year period.</li> </ul>
<p>HSGC 26.04   Next meeting</p>	<p>The committee agreed to have a call during the week commencing 7 October 2019, to finalise the good- practice scoring statement on Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p><b>Action 3: The ME to survey the committee regarding a suitable date during the week commencing 7 October, for the follow-up call.</b></p>