

MINUTES

HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING #22

12 March 2019, 12:30-14:30 (GMT)

Attendees	Apologies
Roger Gill (hydropower suppliers/consultants) Ken Adams (hydropower operators/developers) James Dalton (environment/conservation organisations) Daniel Menebhi (advanced economy country governments) Lesha Witmer (social impacts/project affected communities) Jürgen Schuol (hydropower suppliers/consultants) Jamie Skinner (social impacts/project affected communities) Dan Marlone (hydropower/operators/developers) Jian-hua Meng (environment/conservation organisations) Pierre Lorillou (financial institutions) Kimberly Lyon (financial institutions) Richard Taylor (CEO of IHAS Ltd and ME) Joao Costa (ME) Alain Kilajian (ME) Kate Steel (ME)	Geir Hermansen (advanced economy country governments)

Agenda Item	Minutes
HSGC 22.01 Welcome and apologies	The Chair verified attendance, offered apologies and then opened the meeting.
HSGC 22.02 Adoption of draft agenda	The agenda was adopted with no additional items.
HSGC 22.03 Minutes and Status of actions from last meeting	The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

<p>HSGC 22.04 Statutory documents</p>	<p>The Committee addressed the proposed changes to the Charter.</p> <p>A chamber representative raised a question on Article 3.3.1 point 2 of the Charter regarding the exact role of the HSGC in ensuring “that assessments constitute appropriate applications of the Sustainability Tools”. The concern was around how the HGSC could monitor this, as many of the assessments are confidential. It was also argued whether the role described in the Article would be better attributed to the ME.</p> <p>One of the chamber representatives commented that there had been little time to review the draft, and requested that members receive documents at least two weeks before meetings in the future. He then raised the question of broader responsibility of the Committee and Council regarding the governance of the HGIP Guidelines and HESG Tool. He requested clarification on the process about the scope of responsibilities being expanded to cover the derivatives of the HSAP.</p> <p>Several committee members reacted to this query. A chamber representative noted that his chamber was comfortable adopting the charter for the full suite of tools. The Chair added that in his opinion the Committee had decided on the expansion of the HSAP tool, including the HGIP and HESG. The ME remarked that the Committee had been working on the HSAP derivative tools for two years, and had been discussed in the Council meeting at the beginning of the process. He thought it surprising that a fundamental question of this nature would be raised after such an extended period of work involving all the Council’s chambers.</p> <p>It was agreed that HSGC members would be given additional time to review the Charter updates and provide feedback to the ME no later than the 5 April, 2019. If the changes are too substantial, the HSGC would reconvene for a special teleconference to address the points of contention.</p> <p>It was also noted that, moving forward, the ME should share relevant documents and information at least two weeks before meetings.</p> <p>Action 1: HSGC members to provide feedback on Charter updates to the ME no later than 5 April, 2019</p>
<p>HSGC 22.05 Status of sustainability tools</p>	<p>There were no comments on this agenda item.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.06 Council Membership</p>	<p>The ME proposed that the following items should be discussed during the Biennial Council General Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity Report (to be shared before the meeting) 2. Election results 3. Alternates to chairs for each chamber 4. Other business that council members would like to discuss and opportunities for feedback 5. Future issues and topics of interest/importance <p>This general agenda was discussed and agreed upon by the HSGC. A chamber representative highlighted importance of transparency and effective feedback processes as well as the need for roles and responsibilities of both the HSGC and the Council to be well understood. While it is important Council members are able to provide feedback/comments and give their input the ME noted that the Council is not a decision-making body the ME emphasised that this is the responsibility of the HSGC in which all Chambers are represented through their elected Chamber chairs. One of the chamber representatives proposed the option to have a virtual broadcast of the meeting for members who would not be able to attend. The Chair acknowledged the proposition as on notice.</p> <p>In addition, it was agreed that Council members will enjoy the same benefits as IHA members, or in other words, Council members will receive a 20% reduction off of both early bird prices and general ticket prices (early bird rates are only available until the 22nd March, 2019). The ME will email HSGC members to confirm the aforementioned points. HSGC Chairs will review and</p>

	<p>provide an update on the list of Council members included as an Annex to the Committee Briefing Document.</p> <p>Action 2: ME to share the Activity Report in advance of the Council meeting in May.</p> <p>Action 3: ME to send email to HSGC members confirming reduced rates for Council members.</p> <p>Action 4: HSGC Chairs to review list of Council members and provide an update on active/dormant members.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.07 Committee Membership</p>	<p>Currently, there are two meetings scheduled concerning the HSGC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outgoing Committee meeting on Monday 13th May from 10:00-12:00 2. General Council meeting on Monday 13th May from 18:00-20:00 <p>There is a need to schedule an additional meeting for the new Committee, which would start its mandate immediately after the Council meeting. It was proposed that the meeting be held on the morning of the second day, Tuesday 14 May, 2019.</p> <p>Action 5: The ME to schedule a meeting for the new HSGC during the Congress on the morning of Tuesday 14 May, 2019.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.08 Accredited Assessors</p>	<p>This agenda item was not discussed during the HSGC meeting #22.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.09 Application of the sustainability tools</p>	<p>This agenda item was not discussed during the HSGC meeting #22.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.10 Substantive work relating to the tools</p>	<p>The FPIC working group, its constituents, Terms of Reference (ToR), work to date, upcoming work and general schedule were discussed. A member raised a point about the need to include lawyers in the working group. The ME confirmed that three of the proposed working group members are lawyers. It was agreed that the FPIC working group will commence with immediate effect with a member potentially taking on the role of Chair.</p> <p>The ME informed that the expert group is currently working on a gap analysis; reviewing and providing feedback/comments on the HGIIP guidelines on Indigenous Peoples, which will be further discussed by the full working group.</p> <p>Having now been established, the FPIC working group will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the ToR and approve any updates/input previously provided (i.e. feedback from the Social NGOs Chamber); 2. Review task at hand; 3. Review gap analysis and feedback done by expert group; 4. Discuss gaps and identify recommendations; and 5. Submit recommendations or obstacles to identifying recommendations to HSGC for consideration. <p>It was also agreed that the FPIC working group will provide feedback (i.e. meeting minutes) to the HSGC after 1st meeting.</p> <p>Action 6: The FPIC working group to provide feedback (i.e. meeting minutes) to HSGC after each of its meetings.</p>
<p>HSGC 22.11 Report on the work of IHAS</p>	<p>A chamber representative raised a point that it would be rewarding to deliver more trainings in East Africa. The ME noted that trainings have been delivered in the region as part of a capacity building project in the Zambezi River Basin. He also agreed that more trainings in East Africa would indeed be useful and relevant, but this is dependent on donor funding.</p>

HSGC 22.12 Any other business	No other business was discussed.
HSGC 22.13 Summary of actions/decisions of the meeting	<p>Action 1: HSGC members to provide feedback on Charter updates to the ME no later than the 5 April, 2019.</p> <p>Action 2: The ME to share the Activity Report in advance of the Council meeting in May.</p> <p>Action 3: The ME to send email to HSGC members confirming reduced rates for Council members.</p> <p>Action 4: HSGC Chairs to review list of Council members and provide an update on active/dormant members.</p> <p>Action 5: The ME to schedule a meeting for the new HSGC during the Congress on the morning of Tuesday 14 May, 2019.</p> <p>Action 6: The FPIC working group to provide feedback (i.e. meeting minutes) to HSGC after each of its meetings.</p>
HSGC 22.14 Next meeting	The next HSGC meeting will be held on Monday 13 May from 10:00-12:00 during the Congress in Paris. ME to circulate logistics information as soon as possible.