

MINUTES
HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING #31 (video conference call)
14 December 2020 (12:00-14:00)

Attendees	Apologies
Roger Gill (Chair, hydropower owners/operators) Pedro Sirgado (alternate, hydropower owners/operators) Richard Taylor (Chair, hydropower suppliers/consultants) Jürgen Schuol (alternate, hydropower suppliers/consultants) Jian-hua Meng (Chair, environment/conservation organisations) James Dalton (alternate, environment/conservation organisations) Daniel Menebhi (Chair, advanced economy country governments) Sunil Poudel (alternate, emerging economy country governments) Llesha Witmer (Chair, social impacts/project affected communities) Jiwari Abdullah (alternate, social impacts/project affected communities) Ruth Tiffer-Sotomayor (Chair, financial institutions) Elisa Jianliang Xiao (alternate, financial institutions) Eddie Rich (ME) Joao Costa (ME) Alain Kilajian (ME) Amina Kadyrzhanova (ME)	Shi Guoqing (Chair, emerging economy country governments) Geir Hermansen (alternate, advanced economy country governments)

Agenda Item	Minutes
HSGC 31.1 Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcomed those attending and opened the meeting. The Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate.
31.2 Agenda	The agenda was accepted.
31.3 Status of actions from last meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and the status of outstanding actions were discussed.



<p>31.4 Launch of consultation paper on Hydropower Sustainability Standard</p>	<p>ME provided an overview of the launch of the consultation paper. Committee members were encouraged to support the ME in disseminating the consultation paper and the communication materials published on the website.</p> <p>Committee members were informed about an upcoming public webinar in January 2021. Further information and registration details would be shared with the HSGC by the end of the week on Basecamp.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the requirements and timeline for ISEAL certification, including potential adjustments needed to the governance structure. The Chair requested the ME to clarify the requirements and present a paper on the cost-benefits involved.</p> <p>Action 1: The ME to prepare a paper on the cost-benefits of full ISEAL certification for its next meeting.</p>
<p>31.5 Process and timetable for HSGC elections</p>	<p>ME introduced the process and timetable for HSGC elections. ME requested the environment, financial institutions, emerging country economies and industry chambers to send updated modus operandi.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the proposed nominations and voting process, as well as explored the option of allowing nominations by other chamber members. The updated process and timetable for HESG elections will be shared by circular.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that the IHA Board - as a body - would not be involved in the industry chambers' election and nominations process.</p> <p>Committee members agreed to follow the election process as set out in their modus operandi.</p> <p>Decision 1: The HSGC approved the process and timetable for HSGC elections following minor amendments.</p> <p>Action 2: The ME to update the process and timetable for HSGC elections following minor amendments and share by circular.</p> <p>Action 3: The Chambers which have not sent their updated modus operandi to send them to the ME.</p>
<p>31.6 Proposal on HSGC Chair</p>	<p>ME introduced the proposal to approve Ashok Khosla for the position of the HSGC Chair. Committee members agreed with the proposal and discussed the requirements for the role and remuneration. One of the members suggested to explore the opportunity of setting out a budget for the governance processes.</p> <p>Another committee member requested to clarify the responsibilities of the HSGC Vice Chair.</p> <p>Decision 2: The HSGC approved the appointment of Ashok Khosla as the HSGC Chair.</p> <p>Action 4: The ME to develop a paper on the supporting governance structures.</p>
<p>31.7 Guideline on Indigenous Peoples</p>	<p>ME introduced the Guideline on Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>A committee member requested further information on when and how Free, Prior and Informed Consent was triggered to be included in additional guidance for the topic, especially for accredited assessors.</p> <p>Another committee member requested elaboration on a sentence under the Assessment guidance. The member added that a dialogue with Indigenous Peoples should be</p>

	<p>conducted openly, independently documented, guided by local customs and culture with meaningful participation from all parties.</p> <p>A committee member noted that the guidelines should be aligned with the World Bank standards.</p> <p>Decision 3: The HSGC approved the update to the Hydropower Sustainability Good International Industry Guidelines (HGIIP) topic-specific guideline on Indigenous Peoples following minor amendments.</p>
31.8 French translation of HSAP and HESG	<p>Committee members approved the translations and agreed to include acknowledgements to Hydro-Quebec for providing the translations.</p> <p>Decision 4: The HSGC approved the French translation of Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAP) and Hydropower ESG Gap Analysis Tool (HESG).</p>
31.9 Council survey	<p>A committee member requested additional time for chamber chairs to review the survey and provide their feedback.</p> <p>Another member suggested that the survey be shared internally in each chamber and not distributed by the ME.</p> <p>Decision 5: The HSGC requested additional time to comment on the Council survey and confirm next steps for dissemination.</p> <p>Action 5: The ME to share the Council survey with the HSGC on Basecamp.</p>
31.10 Update on remote assessments	<p>Committee members were requested to provide comments on this agenda item in the meeting minutes.</p> <p>A committee member informed the Committee that a remote assessment was underway by Sarawak Energy. The document review and interviews were expected to be completed by 18 December.</p>
31.11 Any other business	None
31.12 Summary of decisions and actions	<p>Decision 1: The HSGC approved the process and timetable for HSGC elections following minor amendments.</p> <p>Decision 2: The HSGC approved the appointment of Ashok Khosla as the HSGC Chair.</p> <p>Decision 3: The HSGC approved the update to the Hydropower Sustainability Good International Industry Guidelines (HGIIP) topic-specific guideline on Indigenous Peoples following minor amendments.</p> <p>Decision 4: The HSGC approved the French translation of Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAP) and Hydropower ESG Gap Analysis Tool (HESG).</p> <p>Decision 5: The HSGC requested additional time to comment on the Council survey and confirm next steps for dissemination.</p> <p>Action 1: The ME to prepare a paper on the cost-benefits of full ISEAL certification for its next meeting.</p> <p>Action 2: The ME to update the process and timetable for HSGC elections following minor amendments and share by circular.</p>



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	Action 4: The ME to assess supporting governance structures.
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