

MINUTES

HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING #21

3 December 2018, 12:30-15:30 (GMT/UTC)

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

Agenda Item	Minutes
PGC 21.1) Welcome and apologies	The Chair verified attendance and then opened the meeting.
PGC 21.2) Adoption of draft agenda	The agenda was adopted with the following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A briefing was requested on the expected activities of the PGC at the World Hydropower Congress in Paris in May 2019. An update was requested on the progress of the CBI standard and its use of the ESG tool (to be discussed under agenda item 21.4).
PGC 21.3) The final topic for inclusion in the GIIP Guidelines is proposed for the PGCs approval: Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience	<p>The Chair reported that the external review of the guideline had nearly been completed. It had been circulated to the committee, and the Chair invited comments.</p> <p>Referring to the climate adaptation of a project, one of the chamber representatives noted that it was included in the first chapter of the guideline, but was not mentioned in sections 1.3 <i>stakeholder engagement</i> and 1.5: <i>outcomes</i>. Although it was acknowledged that the Protocol refers to climate adaptation at level 5, the committee agreed to the clearer inclusion of adaptation in the document.</p> <p>Action: By 31 December 2018, the ME to include language on adaption in the climate change mitigation and resilience guideline in sections 1.3 stakeholder engagement and 1.5 outcomes.</p>
	The ME explained to the committee that work had been going on with the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) to achieve hydropower's eligibility for green bonds. The ESG tool had been lined-up as the standard against which projects were to be measured, but a delay had been caused by a request to include <i>free prior and informed consent</i> (FPIC) as a minimum requirement in addition to the language defining good practice with indigenous people in the ESG Tool, which had been based on the Protocol's definition of 'basic good practice'. The proposed solution from

	<p>the CBI was to either include it in the ESG Tool or to add it in a bolt-on separate tool. The CBI had acknowledged that if FPIC was mandatory for the hydropower standard, it would have to be included in all of their standards whenever relevant and that currently none of their other standards had a methodology for checking FPIC. The ME proposed to form a working group with the aim of reaching a consensus around the language defining performance in relation to FPIC and the evidence needed to demonstrate it in an assessment. ME informed the committee that some consultants with experience of working with indigenous people had been identified, and he requested the mandate to engage them to share their experience of achieving and demonstrating consent. The importance of having representation of accredited assessors in the working group was also noted.</p> <p>A chamber representative urged that the issues relating to the assessment of Itaipu, which could lead to revision of the assessment methodology of older projects, should not be overlooked. The ME would look to advance a solution by taking all possible synergies from the work on FPIC.</p> <p>Action: The ME to prepare a draft Terms of Reference of the FPIC working group and invite participants by 8 January 2019.</p>
<p>PGC 21.5) Platform for communication between Council Chambers and the distribution of documents.</p>	<p>The ME reported that it was in the process of testing software called ‘Basecamp’, for its suitability to provide the committee and the Council chambers with a means to communicate internally and share documents.</p> <p>Action: The ME to investigate whether the ‘Basecamp’ software is accessible to all members of the GC by 18 January 2019.</p>
<p>PGC 21.6) Accredited Assessor update and future training dates</p>	<p>The ME reported that the Accredited Assessors licence agreements had been updated and training scheduled for 11-15 February 2019 in London.</p>
<p>PGC 21.7) Status of actions from last meeting</p>	<p>The Chair referred to the table of actions that had been circulated ahead of the meeting, and noted that they were either completed or satisfactorily in progress.</p>
<p>PGC 21.8) Next meeting</p>	<p>The Chair suggested a meeting by conference call in either February or March 2019, and requested that the ME survey the committee on suitable dates.</p> <p>Action: By the 18 January 2019, the ME to survey the committee on suitable dates for the next meeting.</p>
<p>PGC 21.9) Any other business</p>	<p>A chamber representative gave an update on the World Water Council meeting, including the election of a former President. She urged stronger attention to the work of the WWC, especially relating to hydropower.</p> <p>In relation to sustainability related activities around the 2019 World Hydropower Congress, the ME confirmed that a meeting of the outgoing committee would be convened on Monday 13 May (prior to the 2019 World Hydropower Congress) and that there would also be a Hydropower Sustainability Council meeting later the same day, during which the new Hydropower Sustainability Assessment (HSA) committee would begin its mandate.</p> <p>One of the chamber representatives updated the committee on their understanding on the UNESCO International Water Conference preceding the World Hydropower Congress. The ME agreed that information on the conference would be circulated with the minutes of the meeting, following further dialogue with UNESCO- IHP.</p> <p>Action: By 14 January, Central Office to circulate some information regarding the UN Water Conference.</p>