

Minutes of the IUCN Pakistan National Committee Meeting
held on October 24, 2017 at
IUCN Country Program Office, Karachi

The meeting of the National Committee of the IUCN Pakistan Members was held on October 24, 2017 at the IUCN Country Programme Office. The Pakistan National Committee (PNC) Chair, Mr. Amjad Rashid chaired the meeting.



global organization while fully meeting expectations of its members. Since IUCN Council is a very big body comprising 37 Members representing all the geographic regions, it used to be difficult to get decisions. Under the new arrangement the IUCN Council has established a Bureau composed of 11 Members, which shall act on behalf, and under the authority of the IUCN Council between meetings of the Council. He is also part of the Bureau.

The Council has formed various Task Forces to enable it to strengthen governance at all levels of society, which goes beyond what is possible for intergovernmental organizations, international NGOs, multilateral agencies or the private sector and partners of IUCN. These Task Forces are based on motions process; climate change; agriculture and environment; and urbanization to deal with issues pertaining to it and how to deal with them. It is for the first time that IUCN has taken on board the external experts to sit on its Task Forces to give their expert views so that the Council can take informed decisions in particular areas.

He briefed on _____ meeting held in China that was attended by Ms. Meher Noshirwani and himself. This meeting expressed activism of the Asia Regional Committee. All the National Committee Members of the Asia region participated in this meeting. The decisions taken in this meeting will go to the _____ governance system. The Governance process is practically implementing them.

Presently, the financial situation of IUCN is a big challenge. Its income was based on revenues through membership fee and unrestricted/framework funding. The framework funding is vanishing due to the way the world is shaping. Now the donors are keen to spend on programs/projects where they know where the money is being spent. There is a shift in the money spending model. IUCN is exploring innovative ways of funds generation. Recently it targeted high value individuals for alternative mode of financing. A meeting was organized in Monaco where a large number of individual from all over the world participated. The IUCN Director General was part of this event. A considerable amount was generated during this meeting. T



On a point pertaining to Thar coal mining, Ms. Amra Javed informed that the effects of Hub Narowal Coal Project have started manifesting in Punjab. The habitants of Narowal are complaining that their children and animals are dying due to air pollution and polluted water. She also pointed out that the Government of Punjab has cut down seventy years old trees in Gulberg area and replacing them with date trees. They are trying to make it Dubai. The public need to raise voice that we are planting trees and they are cutting them down.

Mr. Allah Nawaz inquired about the positioning of IUCN Pakistan and other environmental agencies in Pakistan on the issue of Thar coal mining which is a very large project. There are issues related to this that are also reflecting in media. On 25th of October a conference is being held on Thar coal mining. These developments will also affect indigenous people. We are facing the corporate sector that has got rapid knowledge and rapid knowledge base. It needs to be ascertained as how it is going to be linked with the profits and the corporate sector. IUCN has the niche and it can play a very effective role. Thar coal emissions need to be notified, once the emissions are notified that will reveal what type of technology is being used.

Ms. Afia Salam was of the view since the projects have been approved and setup the next step is to have oversight of the coal based plants. Block 2 of the project has been allocated to Engro Energy that has a good reputation. Their standards will be a bench mark for others to follow. She suggested that there is a need of a monitoring entity for keeping tap on operations of the coal mining projects.

Referring to minutes of the Asia Regional Members Committee meeting held in China, Mr. Mushtaq Gill emphasized on the 12000 KM CPEC route with the Chinese new concept of water and clean air. He said that there is an opportunity as how can we align the green growth projects with it. Having been to part of China from where the CPEC originated, he said that this area is growing tomatoes and exporting paste and pulp to the United States. He proposed Pakistan having the largest membership base in Asia aligned with the Billion Tree Tsunami project under the Task Force on Agriculture to contribute in these sectors and to develop export hubs for rest of the world. He also proposed projects on renewable energy and renewable water resources.

Mr. Mahmood Akthar Cheema, IUCN Country Representative, made a detailed presentation on the IUCN Pakistan Programme activities. He informed that Pakistan has the highest number of IUCN Members in Asia standing at 42.



engaging with Pakistan Navy in the mangroves plantation process that proved to be very fruitful. He also admired the commitment of the Pakistan Naval Chief for planting a million saplings of mangroves along The Sind Forest Department has also made contribution towards this target. He said that when he proposed Pakistan Navy to be part of the



Mr. Ali Nawaz of Thardeep recommended for developing a framework with tasks against each of the activity. He also said that there is need for technical persons from every zone for conducting analysis. There is need to quantify the impacts. Mr. Cheema elaborated further that we need to have a framework developed



The Asia Regional Office (ARO) has designated a focal point for CEESP in its regional office in Bangkok. There are also focal points for CEESP in the 10 country offices of Asia.

She said that we are seeking Commission Members and would encourage people to become CEESP member. She said that she would encourage the membership from Asia to participate in the International Conference on Communities Conservation & Livelihoods being held on 28-30 May 2018 at Halifax, Canada.

CEESP is looking for a high caliber Economist to be on its Steering Committee. If the members know the right person in the Region or Pakistan they can recommend his/her name.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chair, PNC.

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting of the IUCN Members of the Pakistan National Committee (PNC)

October 24, 2017

1000 – 1330 Hours

Venue: IUCN Country Office

1000-1330 hours

Agenda Item 1: Opening remarks by the IUCN Country Representative

Agenda Item 2: Welcome remarks by the Chair, PNC

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of the participants

Agenda Item 4: Approval of Agenda and previous Minutes of the Meetings

Agenda Item 5:
President and Regional Councillor, Asia by Mr. Malik Amin Aslam

Agenda Item 6: Update on IUCN Pakistan by Mr. Mahmood Akhtar Cheema, IUCN Country Representative

Agenda item 7: CPEC and proposed setups along the CPEC corridor

Agenda Item 8: Presentation on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) by Mr. Ghulam Mustafa of HANDS

Agenda Item 9: Presentation on Forestry Issues and sustainable forestry for viable solution to increase forest cover / South Punjab Forest Company model by Mr. Tahir Rasheed, CEO, South Punjab Forest Company / IUCN Commission Member.

Agenda Item 10: Update on the Asia Regional Mem in China
from 18-20 September 2017; and CEESP Activities in the Region - by Ms.

Annexure-A**List of the Participants**

S. No.	Name of Participant	Designation	Organization
1.	Mr. Amjad Rashid	CEO	Taraqee Foundation
2.	Mr. Malik Amin Aslam	Vice President	IUCN
3.	Mr. Naeem Ashraf Raja	Director Biodiversity Program	Ministry of Climate Change
4.	Ms. Meher M. Noshirwani	Technical Advisor	TCCR
5.	Dr. Hina Baig	Senior Research	National Institute of Oceanography
6.	Ms. Amra Javed	Executive Member	Shehri-CBE
7.	Dr. Babar Khan	RD (Sindh/Balochistan)	WWF-Pakistan
