



Minutes of the 10th Core Group Meeting:

Date: March 10, 2006

Venue: Plan International India Conference Room.

Progress as per Agenda items:

1. **WESNet registration –MoA Review and Suggestions:** The four Subcommittee on MoA preparation, Mr. Madhav, Mr. Saldhana Mr. Malvalan and Mr. Pruthi, submitted the draft to the core group. On discussion it was decided that the draft should be circulated to all core group members of WESNet via e-mail on 10th March. All the core group members will share the observation/ comments/ suggestion to AK on or before March, 17, 2006. AK will share consolidated document to all core group members on 17th March. After necessary amendments in the document, the final version will be presented to the core group on 3rd April 06 (Date for next core group meeting). After taking approval from the core group members, document will be shared with the general body for the feedback.
2. **Research Coordinaton update (Water Aid and UNDP).** Preeti Soni, UNDP updated the group that they have received about thirty-nine completed forms from the members and 10 more were submitted as hard copies from UNICEF. The forms list project wise research undertaken by various members across India. It was decided that UNDP and Water Aid, concerned members will meet on Tuesday afternoon (14/03/06) at 2 pm. At UNDP office for further action.
3. **Visioning Workshop:** Monica Raina project co-ordinator of WES Knowledge Management Project, UNDP took the core group through the steps involved in holding the visioning workshop in details.(Annex notes on : KMP Project- action groups and e-discussion procedures and WES –net list of queries). It is a 6 week process for building up to the one and half day Visioning workshop and followed by 20 week agenda for action. Suggestion were that water pricing of drinking water supply could be a subject for e-discussion.

The core group made a request to UNDP that they be allowed to attend a Visioning workshop scheduled for 7and 8th April by Solution Exchange project for another CoP. The request is being considered.
4. **AGM- Can we combine with Visioning workshop?** The need for a physical meeting as AGM was discussed. The agreement was since the main item to be discusses was the draft of the MoA, which was being circulated already, the idea of holding the AGM was postponed.
5. **E-News and Web design:** The e-news letter was long over due, so it was decided that one issue of e-news letter could be prepared and circulated and Mr. Paul Deveril, UNICEF will extend financial help for that. Web design was delayed due to problem in understanding the IRC CMS.

Further discussion of hosting it on the IRC server, led to conclusion that Plan International would explore the possibility of hiring a space locally to host the WESNet website. The expenditure is on Domain Name registration and a server that can allow simultaneous access to multiple users. This was based on suggestion made by Ms. Raina, UNDP who also has a soft ware background provided information on cost and feasibility of doing so. The revised deadline set to launch the website is 10th April, 06.

6. **WESNet staff vacancy and initiative:** Mr. Kalimuthu informed the group about progress so far the glitches and assured them that it is well on its way to appoint one project co-ordinator and one secretary cum web manager who will manage contents of the Web page.
7. **World water day:** each organization shared their plans for its celebrations, in local regional office. Wateraid plans culmination of its 'hand washing campaign' with a schoolchildren and partners meeting.
8. **Key events (IRC/WUF/...) and other upcoming events:** IRC plans to hold a June meeting on Knowledge Sharing initiative. World Urban Forum Chairperson, Mr. Michale Pearson is in Delhi and meets Mr. Kalimuthu on Monday, 13th March 2006. Change management meeting is scheduled on 10to 21 April by UNICEF, QIA in villages that have done change management is showcased. 27 to 29th March Conflict management meeting in Jaipur Rajasthan, by JBF was mentioned. GEF Small grants project, was mentioned by Ms. Preeti Soni at Agra on 8th April 2006 of the Asia Pacific Cluster.
9. **Miscellaneous:** It was suggested that at a calendar be displayed at the visioning workshop for participants to fill in such similar events through the year.

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Meeting Participants :

- Mr. Paul Deverill, UNICEF
- Mr. Jeremy Colin, WSP
- Mr. D.K. Manavalan, AFPRO
- Dr. Jyotsna Bapat, UNDP
- Ms. Preeti Soni, UNDP
- Dr. Anjal Prakash (in place of Ms. Shipra), WATERAID
- Mr. Madab Nayak, FODRA
- Mr. N.M. Prusty, Individual Member
- Mr. Vijay K. Sardana, SPWD
- Mr. Arumugam Kalimuthu, Plan International (India)

Special invitees

Ms. Ramya Gopalan, UNDP
Ms. Monica Raina, UNDP