



WES-Net India Eleventh WES-Net India Core Group Meeting

Date: 8 May 2006 Venue: India International Center, New Delhi.

Present:

1. Paul Deverill (PD), UNICEF
2. Arumugam Kalimuthu (AK), Plan International
3. Vijay Sardana (VS), SPWD
4. Jyotsna Bapat (JB)
5. A J James (AJJ), Pragmatix
6. Ramesh Sakthivel(RS)
7. Vinita Aggarwal(VA)

AK welcomed the core group members and introduced new team members –RS as National coordinator and VA as Web Administrator for WES-Net India. The discussions carried out are as given below;

Website and Newsletter:

1. AK informed that WES-Net with Plan staff assistance have finalised the contract for website development and the contents are being prepared once the layout and other discussions are complete the website can be launched.
2. AJJ suggested that photos related to WESNet events such as core group, general body meetings, DST workshop etc.. done till date can be posted on the website to provide the viewers authenticity and also enhance presentation (*RS/VA will contact UNICEF and other member organisation to get relevant photographs for the website*).
3. PD suggested that we should request all our members to submit the articles, papers, documents, training calendars in order to upload on new website. PD also mentioned that the based on the themes agreed at periodic intervals the members could send the documents they have for sharing with others (*WES-Net secretariat staff can collect the documents and classify it for inclusion in the website. Wherever possible links to members website can be provided for downloading the documents*).
4. PD also suggested that links to all the past events, meetings, presentations must also be provided on the website.
5. RS suggested that a page in website where data base of the members can be included which will have their area of work and expertise in WES will be provided for the benefit of members.
6. PD and AJJ suggested that in first eNewsletter, we should give half page summary of what has happen in happened till date and also to keep it simple for easy and quicker reading while maintaining good looks. Initially, eNewsletter will be released once in two months.
7. The next enews letter will be released on 1st June 2006 (*in order to understand the newsletter process, RS will contact Ms. Tejinder and Pagmatix team. Suggested RS & VA to contact general body members to gather information for the newsletter*).
8. A date set for launching the WES-Net India Website is on 14th June 2006 (*VA work closely with the designer to complete the task before the deadline*)

9. In the absence of AK (who will be away from Delhi from 13th of May to 11th of June, 2006), PD will review eNewsletter content drafted by WES-Net India secretariat staff and also review website quality before its launch.

Finalising MOA and discussion w.r.t. Process Registration:

1. It is decided that following two more positions will be created and stated in MOA as these are suggested.
 - i. Joint secretary
 - ii. Vice President
2. For registration, following documents are also required:
 - iii. Address proof
 - iv. NOC from owner

(AK need to follow up with Mr.Manavalan, AFPRO to get their consent for using their address for registration purposes). After making above changes in the MoA, the document will be forwarded to Mr. Mark to obtain legal opinion.

3. PD & AJJ recommended that WES-Net India should get registered as a National Society (not Delhi based). For completing the procedure, AJJ said that we might need at least 7 persons from 7 different states who have respective state's residential proof *(A.K said that this could be sorted out after discussions with the members of core group as they belong to different states for now).*
4. To answer AJJ query about the members of first governing body AK and VS informed that present core group/founder members would become a first governing body for the WESNet. Election through e-voting will be conducted to select a successive GB members.

Visioning workshop:

1. It was discussed that;

Either, WaterAid could conduct a Research Coordination Workshop to bring about the details collected on various topics

(or)

WaterAid can support a part of the visioning workshop and prior to the workshop, the information collected on research coordination can be analysed and the outcome of the research topics and the contents can be included as a base for discussion in the UNDP's Visioning workshop which could target more on research areas as already some portion of visioning has been completed for WES-Net. The workshop is scheduled for end of September 2006 *(PD to talk with UNDP and AK with Deepender of WA for support from WaterAid).*