



Minutes of AFACT Monthly Conference Call 2017-11-23, 9.30 UTC

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Participants:

Bangladesh: Mr. Ali Ashfak, Mr. Pabitra Mistry

India: Raj Kumar Arora

Chinese Taipei: Dr. Eva Yi-Yuan Yueh

Japan: Mr. Kanenori Kedoin, Mr. Hisanao Sugamata

Thailand: Mr. Supachok Jantarapatin

Agendas:

1. 2018 AFACT StC members
2. 2018 AFACT Bi-annual Yearbook
3. 2018 AFACT mid-term StC meeting organization in Bangladesh

This Concall meeting (held in 23 Nov 2017) was the first meeting held and moderated by 2018 AFACT Secretariat Bangladesh through web conference system and at the begging of the meeting Mr. Ali Ashfak, Chairperson of AFACT greeted and thanked all participants for attending the meeting. He informed that Mr. Pabitra Mistry is working as the Secretary of 2018 AFACT Secretariat Bangladesh and he will take care of conducting all official works in consultation with Chairperson, provide secretarial support and communicate with Permanent Secretariat in Iran and all AFACT family members.

Agenda wise discussion & decision:

Agenda-1: 2018 AFACT StC Members

Discussion:

-Dr. Eva suggested that 2018 AFACT Secretariat take immediate action to finalize 2018 AFACT StC Member list after discussion and consultation with all necessary, and ask regarding India's position to be host for 2019.

-Mr. Ali Ashfak said that 2018 Secretariat is trying to finalize the member list, but still India's confirmation was not found regarding becoming host country for 2019, but we are trying to communicate with India in this regard. He said that, decision of becoming host for 2019 is a factor for making finalize of all twelve members of 2018 StC List.

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-Mr. Sugamata suggested that the discussion on 2018 AFACT StC composition is very important. It's better to be done in F2F mid-term StC meeting in March at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. All existing StC members and HoDs will be invited to attend the meeting and join discussion.

-Mr. Ali informed that beyond holding monthly concall meeting and email communication we can be connected with all StC Members, HODs and all AFACT family members through social networking mobile apps for quick and instant communication of important information. In Whatsapp a group named "2018 AFACT Secretariat BD" was created with no. of +8801715864322 by Bangladesh Secretariat in this regard and he requested all to be connected with AFACT mobile group page.

Decision:

-AFACT Secretariat Bangladesh will try to communicate with India immediately to get concern of them for becoming host for 2019 and all will be updated immediately

-All AFACT family members are advised to be connected with Whatsapp group "2018 AFACT Secretariat BD" for instant communication.

Agenda-2: 2018 AFACT Bi-annual Yearbook

Discussion:

-Dr. Eva mentioned that publication of yearbook is an important work and she asked to be informed regarding any communication with Permanent Secretariat, Iran regarding Bi-Annual Yearbook publication in 2018

-Mr. Ali informed that, regarding this we shall communicate with all concerned specially with Iran

Decision:

-Regarding publication of 2018 bi-annual yearbook, Permanent Secretariat's involvement is required and AFACT Secretariat Bangladesh will communicate with Permanent Secretariat accordingly

Agenda-3: 2018 AFACT mid-term StC meeting organization in Bangladesh

Discussion:

Mr. Ali informed in the meeting that, we want to hold our AFACT's 2018 mid-term StC meeting at Cox's Bazar, which is a beautiful coastal area of Bangladesh and where the world's longest sea beach is available. Tentative time may be at the end of February or March or April 2018.

-Dr. Eva mentioned that, She will visit Singapore on 20-23 March 2018 to attend an important meeting, she suggested the date be fixed in at the end of March/2018 so she could possibly attend the mid-term StC meeting.

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-Sugamata San opined that, at the end of April, it is the pre-monsoon time in Bangladesh, so, should avoid month of April and if it is at end of March, no problem

-Mr. Ali presented some new options to add in the upcoming mid-term program like Sightseeing Tour arrangement and other innovative items in the program and proactive discussion with Bangladesh government is going on for approval. Mr. Ali asked Dr. Eva and Sugamata San to inform if there is any hindrance from AFACT rules to hold this kind of programs

- Dr. Eva mentioned that, actually AFACT will have no problem to arrange this kind of program and it may be a good option if it can be implemented

-Sugamata San told that we should think seriously to arrange this kind of program and if anything good can be added with AFACT, that would be fine

Decision:

-The time for next mid-term StC Meeting will be at the end of March 2018, tentative date will be 28-30 March, which will be finally confirmed by 2018 AFACT Secretariat after consultation with Bangladesh Government and all concerned AFACT family members

- Mr. Ali will talk with Bangladesh Government for funding the programs and need support from all regarding this

Next ConCall Meeting Date: 14 December, 2017 at 1330 PM Bangladesh Standard Time(0730 UTC Time)