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Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC)

Decisions and Action Points recorded at the 14th Session of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC)

The 14th Regular Meeting of the RWM Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC) was held at NEA Headquarters on 17-19 Sept. 2013. The resulting Decisions and Action Points were circulated to meeting participants and the FSC membership on 30 Sept. 2013.

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Decisions and Action Points recorded at FSC-14

The list of meeting participants was updated (with names and addresses, not emails) and placed on the password protected meeting website.

Please also wait for an email about formalizing your FSC membership.

2A Agenda

Adopted without significant change.

2B Summary Record of FSC-13

Adopted in principle. Additional comments that arrived in Sept 2013 after the deadline will be integrated.

5.a International Conferences and Project Meetings

Further meetings were identified: please send the information to the Secretariat by 04 October 2013. The updated list will be attached to the summary record of FSC-14.

5.b Approval for proposals to stimulate sharing and learning between meetings:

- On the FSC secure web space (members only access), we will post conferences and meetings that have a Stakeholder Confidence dimension.
- Members are invited to submit notes or mission reports from major conferences, even “anonymously” if preferred.
- Information will be shared there about opportunities to collaborate on projects by, for example, presenting FSC learning.
- To support this, an NEA/FSC PPT library will be stocked with materials: for instance, presentations that were made about our work at the RWMC, or the Glossary concepts presented by new members at this meeting.

6. Special Country Update (Czech Republic)

The Chair of the Czech Republic Working Group for dialogue on Site Selection Process, Ms Vajdova, asked for a message to deliver to the WG and to local people involved in the siting process, regarding the workshop and subsequent national events.

- The FSC cannot comment officially on the subsequent national events, especially if we have not heard all views.
- Regarding the workshop, the FSC asked Ms Vajdova to convey the message that the enthusiasm and active involvement of the national participants was highly appreciated by the international delegates. The WG is still an article of interest for the FSC community. We hope that the

impressive broad-based stakeholder participation and interest and authentic discussions experienced during the workshop can carry on.

See also a related decision under Item 20.

8. Special Country Update (Russian Federation)

As a result of this presentation, it was suggested that at FSC-15 we address *international reporting standards and guidance*, including stakeholder communication guidance. Let us examine their application in several country contexts to understand where these standards come from, and what these standards bring.

12. Refreshing Theme 7 “KNOWLEDGE CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSFER” – Discussion on FAQ

Several points were identified for consideration by the Core Group:

- Not all our members interpret in the same way the meaning given to certain words like “incentive, compensation”. We developed the Annotated Glossary to help new members identify quickly the FSC development and experience with several concepts, but not all terms are in the table of contents. The FSC did comment on term such as “incentive and compensation”, for instance in its publication [Stepwise Approach to Decision Making for Long-term Radioactive Waste Management](#) of 2004, and also in the lexicon provided in the context of the 2006 Hungary workshop.
- To potentially develop an FAQ, most promising at this stage may be to look at existing FAQ sets, e.g., at NRC and NWMO, to see which ones could potentially be exported. Links will circulated to the FSC. The FSC might “host” certain questions, referencing how they have been considered or answered in our work, or pointing to where they have been answered by national programs or research.
- Possibly we should single out overarching issues like those identified by the review of FSC workshops performed on request by Peter Andersson (Swedish National Council): Added Value, Monitoring, etc., for which the FSC could provide online information without interfering in the face-to-face relationship-building taking place in member countries.
- In sum, the Core Group will reflect further on the FAQ proposal, its potential audience, pertinence and utility. The CG will think about the differences between the existing Glossary and a proposed FAQ – what are the objectives for each? Do we want to give FSC replies or show how others have replied? How much work do we want to put into this?

13 Refreshing Theme 3

We are interested to continue looking into Social Media.

Jay Redgrove will start development of a questionnaire or another way of collecting some examples and experience from our members.

14 Transparency as a transversal theme

Suggestion from members that the Secretariat updates the Regulatory System and Functions table. Indeed, this is a RF initiative already.

The updated table is sent with these decisions to the FSC for information and use, and further checking and comment.

Suggestion that members read the 2005 paper by the RF, [The Regulatory Function and Radioactive Waste Management: International Overview](#).

Suggestion to form a group to look at the FSC transparency flyer, refining the definition of transparency and its application in our FSC context. Core Group and other FSC members can be part of this group. This update will use the input of the breakout groups and subsequent discussion; rapporteurs are asked to complete the notes taken.

15 Early Involvement (exploration under Theme 4)

Suggestion to improve and update the FSC Stakeholder Involvement Techniques booklet through review and inclusion of country examples, and consider completing it with 2 new chapters: the first on early involvement – framing the issues – and the last on compliance and assessment of whether there has been “enough” involvement. Both chapters could address the generic questions that have arisen in this session.

The FSC approves of a continuing exchange with the NEA Nuclear Law Committee on experience with Aarhus and Espoo conventions compliance.

The FSC agrees to receive more information on the process of building the initiatives to foster effective citizen participation on RWM in Europe, that is “E-TRACK” (jointly by DG ENER/JRC) and “TgBEPPa” (by ENEF), and to receive invitations for specific tasks.

Item 16 Proposals for 2014 National Workshop and Community Visit in Korea

The national workshop proposal by Republic of Korea is accepted in principle. A meeting will take place in Korea (Nov. 2013) between stakeholders gathered in a programme committee, the FSC Chair and NEA Secretariat.

The workshop concept is to create a neutral ground for dialogue. We cannot necessarily deliver everything that hosts desire. The decision process will continue on the level of Chair, Secretariat and Hosts, with advice from the Core Group, and all players will be kept informed.

With regard to maximizing participation, we considered whether the event should combine a regular FSC meeting with the workshop. Pragmatic considerations of funding arose. The Chair, Secretariat will consider how to best address this question.

For now the FSC workshop is slated to take place in June 2014. If a separate, regular FSC-15 meeting is to take place, the latter will be in October 2014 at the NEA Headquarters in Issy-les-Moulineaux.

17 Refreshing Theme 5 – Added Value and Visioning

Regarding the new experience in several countries on collaborative creation of added value, the 2007 booklet [Fostering a Durable Relationship between a Waste Management Facility and its Host Community](#) could now be updated 7 years later, respecting the usual FSC practice of indicating a wealth of approaches rather than a “best practice” prescription.

18 France Update

The link www.debatpublic-cigeo.org on the national debate in France is hereby distributed to the FSC.

As a result of the France update, the Core Group will consider whether a topical session on socio-economic evaluation of megaprojects could be programmed at a future meeting.

19 Monitoring, Memory and Stakeholder Confidence

Even where these are not an active point of conversation in early stages of a siting process, monitoring and RK&M preservation are most likely to form part of stakeholder expectations for performance by authorities and implementers. These are topics that will most likely arise as a siting or management process advances.

- The existing survey/interview study report is favorably viewed. Comments and updates to the study report are expected by mid-October.
- The FSC will keep a watching brief on monitoring and memory issues.
- Besides than to the FSC, monitoring is a topic of interest to the RK&M project and the IGSC. The FSC is open to future collaborations with these groups.

20 Modus Operandi

Czech Workshop: each participant should produce a 10-line or half page statement about what they learned and their personal recommendations if any. This work will be facilitated by circulation of the draft proceedings in the first part of October. An extract of these statements could be communicated to the WG on dialogue in the Czech Republic via the Czech representatives in the FSC.

The Core Group will take into consideration the various proposals regarding safe space, purpose of meetings, balance between presentations and discussion time, combination of regular meeting and national workshop. Individual members are free to input their particular concerns in writing.

The FSC will renew its practice of requesting country updates on items of FSC interest prior to each meeting. The Secretariat will propose a template. Information provided in writing will not need to be presented orally, thereby leaving more time for discussion.

21 Updating Identity and Workshop flyers

The Core Group will continue to work with Jose Cuadrado to revise the flyers and submit drafts to the membership.

22 Core group nominations

Confirmed.

Renewing members are:

- Ms. Holmfridur BJARNADOTTIR (Sweden) - *Chair*
- Ms. Jo-Ann FACELLA (Canada) – *Principal Vice Chair*
- Ms. Jay REDGROVE (UK)

New members are:

- Mr. Jose CUADRADO (USA)
- Ms. Martine HURAUT (France)
- Ms. Pascale KÜNZI (Switzerland)

Thanks are expressed to our former member who leaves the FSC and the CG in 2013:

- Mr. Sébastien FARIN (France)