

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT NWM WITH THE OFFICIALS FROM TISS ON 28-08-2015

A meeting was held in the Chamber of Dr. M. Satyanarayana, Adviser (C & M) NWM in the forenoon on 20-07-2015 and the follow up in the Chamber of Mr. Joginder Singh, Adviser (Tech.) in the afternoon, the same day. The following participated in the discussion:

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1. Dr. M. Satyanarayana, Adviser (C&M)
2. Shri , Joginder Singh, Adviser(Tech.)
3. Shri Ashok Gupta, Director
4. Dr. H. Chandrasekharan, Consultant
5. Dr. J.K Basin, Consultant
6. Shashi Kumar, Young Professional
7. Shri Ajit Kumar Pandey, Executive Assistant.

TISS

1. Sri Vatturi Srinivas, Senior Advisor
2. Sri Sudarshan Rodriguez, Senior Program Coordinator

The discussion centered on the following three issues vis-à-vis Action Framework for Operationalizing Sustainable River Basin Water Management System, submitted on 9th June 2015.

1. Progress on the NWM Hub / Office / Data Centre at TISS, Mumbai
2. Framework of guidelines for funding and sanctioning procedures
3. Framework for dynamic strategy on campaign and advocacy

After detailed deliberations regarding the deliverables for the 1st quarter as per the MOU, the following decisions were arrived at:

1. Progress on the NWM Hub / Office / Data Centre at TISS, Mumbai

The officials from TISS, Mumbai gave a brief account on the progress made in the development of website and presented specific contents already incorporated in their test site. TISS informed that a dedicated server has been earmarked at Mumbai and can be accessed from the Delhi office for uploading/updating contents made available from NWM. The website being developed in open source platform and shall have admin control for secured contents and the general public shall have access to all general information. The site will also be available for social networking through twitter, facebook, etc. The Adviser (C&M) desired that, after confirming the domain name of the TISS-NWM website, provision for a link between NWM portal and the TISS-NWM website be made. He added that the next review meeting may be held at the Delhi office of TISS. Adviser (Tech) suggested that a dedicated team should be in place for maintaining and updating TISS-NWM website.

2. Framework of guidelines for funding and sanctioning procedures

A detailed discussion was held on the framework of guidelines for funding and sanctioning procedures. TISS officials informed that they made the framework by collating information from different government sources besides the one available in MoWR website. The NWM suggested that the TISS may give reference that helped them to develop the framework. It was decided that, once the framework is finalized giving all references from Government sources, NWM may adopt the same after getting approval from IFD. Once this is done, these guidelines may be applied to implement a transparent process for empanelment NGOs for achieving some of the strategies of Goal 2, NWM.

3. Framework for dynamic strategy on campaign and advocacy:

The Adviser (Tech) suggested that publication materials developed by CWC, CGWB, NIH, NWDA may be used for campaign and advocacy at all places wherever training programs/workshops are held in which TISS participate. In this connection, it was decided that TISS may contact the above organization. It was also suggested that four region-wise workshops may be held in the next quarter for which necessary actions may be initiated by TISS.

Towards the end of the meeting, a brief discussion was held between TISS officials and the engineers from e-centric solutions, the vendor from NICSI, who are developing NWM portal. The adviser (Tech) desired that both of them, have a close co-operation to avoid duplication in NWM portal and NWM-TISS website. It was suggested that instead of implementing the programme on a large scale, four small watershed, one each in north, south, east and west be chosen and have a collaboration with the concerned organization for integrated basin water management.
