

NAGPI Conference Call (Audio)

Wednesday, 30 October 2002, 14 :00–16 :00

Minutes

1. Welcome

Jean Bilodeau, Chair

Scot Case

Russell Clark

Kevin Gallagher, replacing John Polak

Cameron Griffith

Robert Kerr

Rahumathulla Marikkar

Israel Nuñez Birrueta

Arthur Weissman

Diane Wood

Berenice Silva

Alicia Culver

CEC :

Chantal Line Carpentier

Jane Barr

Unable to attend :

John Polak

Lou Pagano

Betsy Taylor

Julie Shannon

Scot Case introduced Diane Wood, the new Executive Director of the Centre for a New American Dream, formerly Senior Vice President of World Wildlife Fund.

Israel Nuñez introduced Berenice Silva, Directora del Programa de Sistemas de Manejo Ambiental, and officer in charge of Semarnat's green procurement.

2. Approve agenda

The agenda was approved

3. Approve minutes of last meeting (18 September).

The minutes were approved, with minor corrections from Russell Clark, Israel Nuñez, and Jean Bilodeau. The CEC will have these minutes translated into French and Spanish and posted on the CEC web site. Israel Nuñez requested that he be sent the Spanish translation to check for proper language before they are made public.

4. Group Structure and Process

Each participant offered suggestions about the group's composition and structure. The discussion revolved around the nature of the 'clients,' including information-providers, service providers, funders, and government purchasers; the number of organizations that exist; the idea of an Advisory Group; a proposal for a structure similar to a 'trade association' model; the services to be supplied by NAGPI; and NAGPI's role (coordinating vs implementing). It was agreed that NAGPI is a network of networks.

Rahumathulla Marikkar and John Polak spoke about working on a universal protocol for purchasers and suggested that Dr. Lee may agree to start by looking at the tools that already exist and to identify the gaps and future directions.

Chantal Line Carpentier provided some information about the CEC's mandate regarding NAGPI, explaining that NAPGI should use the CEC's brokering power to help make its activities bigger than the sum of the national parts. One of the CEC's roles is to ensure transparency, so a process is needed by which to decide who can be part of NAGPI. The Secretariat can serve as facilitator and has hired a consultant, Jane Barr, to work with NAGPI.

It was agreed that Scot Case would prepare a draft definition of NAGPI, which he would send to Chantal Line Carpentier before circulating to the group, within a time frame of the following 2-3 weeks.

5. Progress report

Chantal Line Carpentier reported that a summary of the September 18 meeting was included in the report to the GSC, which it will receive at their meeting on the 12 and 13 November.

Chantal Line provided an update regarding the short-term goals highlighted at the last meeting:

- Kevin Brady of Five Winds was recommended as preparer of a report on "good stories." He will be calling all the participants to glean their ideas and stories. A draft outline is required by November 15, which the CEC will share with members. Suggestions and comments should then be sent back to the CEC to be compiled and returned to Kevin for revisions.
- Robert Kerr reported that the List Serve is operational. The domain name will eventually be changed so that it is not associated with ICLEI.
- Kevin Brady will incorporate the development of a business case as part of his report.
- Tom Shillington will be contracted to write up a communications plan.
- Jean Bilodeau will start a web site
- Chantal Line Carpentier, Jane Barr, and Jean Bilodeau will prepare a first draft of a timeline working back from the Fifth WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Cancun, 10 to 14 September 2003.

6. Capacity Building

It was agreed that a structure is needed for compiling the "good stories" and that Kevin Brady would communicate with Alicia Culver to help develop the model.

It was agreed that discussion of a workshop on life-cycle analysis next year be postponed to another meeting. Israel Nunez and Rahumathulla Marikkar agreed to work on this proposal.

7. Interim report to Alternate Representatives

It was agreed that a short description and update of NAGPI be submitted to the GSC at their upcoming November 12 and 13 meeting. Chantal Line Carpentier will prepare a one-page draft to be shared with the three government representatives in the group. Within two days, it should be returned to participants for approval.

8. Pollution prevention conference

In keeping with the idea of taking advantage of synergies with other CEC programs, Carpentier had sent the group members a copy of the call for speakers for the Pollution Prevention Conference to take place in Alberta on 11-12 June. It was agreed that the deadline is too close for NAGPI to send a representative to this meeting. Kevin Brady offered to provide NAGPI with a list of other events that the group may wish to be aware of.

9. Other business and next meeting

Jane Barr will communicate with the group to identify and confirm a date at the end of November. Jean Bilodeau confirmed that the webcasting would be set up for the next meeting.

Alicia Culver offered to keep the group posted about events and progress in waste prevention procurement, which could provide technical assistance. She mentioned a new report on environmentally sound cleaning products for health protection, which has generated lots of interest, and she offered to share the web site.

4:00 pm: End of Conference Call