



Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for Arab States in Egypt

Minutes of Steering Committee of the Center (SCC2)
16 January 2008, Cairo

Participants

Official Members	
Member Country	Representative Name
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Algeria	Mr. Karim Baba
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BCRC-Egypt	Prof. Dr. Mortada El-Aref Dr. Said Dahroug
Observers	
Bahrain	Mr. Abdel Mohsin Al Mohmoud

The meeting adopted the following Agenda

Eng. Adel opened the meeting and the following agenda was adopted

Agenda of the Meeting	
17:30-18:30	Endorsing the Finland funded project report for 2007 Agree on the recommendations of the MTR MoU with RAC/CP Discussion on financial strategy of the BCRC-Egypt and its stability
18: 30 – 19:00	Other issues and Decisions of the SCC-2
17:00	Date and venue of the next BCRC-Egypt Steering Committee Meeting (SCC-3)

The members agreed to have a short meeting after the exhaustive meeting of the MTR and PSC-3 and that most of the issue have been discussed extensively during the two preceded meetings.

Decisions:

- 1- The meeting endorses the Finland funded project report for 2007
- 2- The meeting approves the recommendations of the MTR.
- 3- The members approves the signature of the MoU with the RAC/CP

The financial strategy of the BCRC-Egypt was then discussed amply. Several issues raised and discussed;

- 1- BCRC-Egypt should invest in developing a financial strategy that aims at securing sustainability in providing training and technology transfer for capacity

- building to the member Arab states. Resources for developing this strategy can be secured from the Finland funded project.
- 2- Canada POPs fund could be pursued by the BCRC-Egypt; Eng. Adel will provide more details regarding this fund.
 - 3- Stockholm Convention should be targeted by BCRC-Egypt to finance regional projects under its umbrella.
 - 4- BCRC-Egypt director is delegated to negotiate and apply overhead fees to all activities contracted by any stakeholder.
 - 5- BCRC-Egypt through the League of Arab States should approach regional funding agencies like the Arab Bank in Kuwait, the Islamic Arabic Bank, and others. Projects of regional interests should be prepared beforehand.
 - 6- The third SCC meeting should be at the end of 2009.

Minutes of PSC-3 is attached as annex (1).

The meeting was closed at 17:00 o'clock.