

# PAKISTAN WATER OPERATORS PARTNERSHIP

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Bagh Langey Khan,  
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9. **MD WASA Quetta**  
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Near Nadra Head Office  
Quetta.
10. **DG, PDA Peshawar**  
PDA House commercial Complex  
Phase-V Hayatabad, Peshawar.

Subject: **Minutes of P-WOPs Partner Meeting held in Lahore**

Please find attached the minutes of subject meeting held on 19 December 2013 in the Urban Unit office at Lahore.

The minutes are issued with the approval of Chairman, P-WOPs.

With best regards,

  
(Fida Hussain)  
National Coordinator

Attachment: Minutes of Meeting

Copy to:

1. Mr. Shahid Sohail, Chairman P-WOPs Steering Committee, Islamabad.
2. Dr. Nasir Javed, CEO, the Urban Unit, Lahore.
3. Mr. Masroor Ahmad, W&S Specialist, WSP-SA, the World Bank, 20-A Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, G-5/, Islamabad.
4. Mr. Tauqeer Abassi, Manager Basic Services Unit, Level 5, Serena Business Complex, UN-Habitat Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. All focal persons of member utilities.

**Subject: MINUTES OF P-WOPs PARTNER MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013.**

A meeting of Pakistan Water Operators Partnership (P-WOPs) was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the office of The Urban Unit, at Lahore. This meeting was arranged as a follow-up of the decisions taken during the P-WOPs' 5<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee (SC) meeting held in WASA Rawalpindi office in Rawalpindi on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The following agenda points were discussed and decided about:

1. Setting of P-WOPs targets for 2014.
2. Possibility of P-WOPs participation in Pakistan Urban Forum 2014.
3. P-WOPs registration with SECP.
4. P-WOPs Secretariat in WASA Academy, Lahore
5. Any other item(s).

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shahid Sohail, the Chairman of P-WOPs and was attended by Dr. Nasir Javed, Chief Executive Officer, the Urban Unit, Mr. Muhammad Ayoob Shaikh, Chief Engineer of Karachi Water & Sewerage Board (KW&SB) and Mr. Fida Hussain National Coordinator, P-WOPs. Chairman thanked the participants for taking their time out to attend the meeting. The above agenda items were discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken:

**1. Setting of P-WOPs targets for 2014**

The participants were briefed about the SC meeting decision regarding P-WOPs targets for 2014. The participants were of the view that setting of targets is not an issue as P-WOPs has already some targets set out in its work plan 2012-14 (approved by the SC) to achieve but the finances need for activities to manage must be focused. However, there are some foreseen targets being focused to achieve in 2014 are:

- Shifting of P-WOPs Secretariat in WASA Academy by April 2014
- Possibility of a WOP between P-WOPs, PERPAMSI (Indonesia), and GWOPA
- Possibility of a WOP/partnership between P-WOPs and Japan Water Works Association (JWWA)
- JICA's plan for a twinning/training activity in Japan under P-WOPs through WASA academy project under the Urban Unit.

**2. Possibility of P-WOPs participation in Pakistan Urban Forum (PUF-2014)**

It was bring into notice of the CEO, Urban Unit that P-WOPs authorized KW&SB (during its last SC meeting) to represent P-WOPs in PUF 2014 as a focal utility. However, the Chief

Engineer of KW&SB and the Chairman P-WOPs suggested that the Urban Unit should take lead to look into the possibility of ensuring the P-WOPs participation. Resultantly, the CEO, Urban Unit offered that the Unit can make possible the P-WOPs' participation in the forum by arranging the following actions:

- P-WOPs' stall with some introductory material/publications,
- A presentation on P-WOPs (by the Chairman) may be arranged,
- P-WOPs inclusion in the Forum Declarations,
- Any other feasible activity if possible.

### **3. P-WOPs registration with SECP**

National Coordinator informed the participants that SECP has declined to register the P-WOPs as "Pakistan Water Operators Partnership" reason being that recommended name is closely matching with "Pakistan Water Partnership" that is already registered with SECP. The issue was discussed in detail and various options for selection of a suitable name were thought about to be considered for registration. Finally, it was agreed upon and decided that:

*"the Urban Unit will present to SECP a suitable name having resemblance with Pakistan Water Operators Partnership for registration that will be ratified by P-WOPs Steering Committee during its upcoming meeting".*

### **4. P-WOPs Secretariat in WASA Academy**

The matter of permanent housing of P-WOPs secretariat in WASA Academy building was argued in detail. Both options i.e. permanent station in Lahore WASA Academy or its rotation across the provinces were critically reviewed with regard to the most feasible option, P-WOPs sustainability, technical support, the mobilization of fully established setup and the utility (ies) willingness/capacity to host the P-WOPs secretariat. Meanwhile, the CEO of Urban Unit disclosed that since the WASA Academy has now been handed over to the Urban Unit for its smooth functioning, a room/space has already been allocated to P-WOPs, and therefore P-WOPs secretariat may be located permanently in the academy building under the Unit's extended technical guidance and continued support. Moreover, the CEO shared that he had also talked with JICA mission, during a meeting held on 18 Dec 2013 in Urban Unit, for P-WOPs support in this regard. After a lengthy debate, it was agreed upon and decided that *"the P-WOPs Secretariat will be permanently located and stationed in Lahore"*.

**5. Any other item(s):**

**i) P-WOPs Upcoming SC meeting**

The participants were informed that as per the last SC meeting held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in Rawalpindi, it was decided that the next SC meeting will be organized in Karachi that the Karachi Water & Sewerage Board (KW&SB) offered to host. Accordingly, it was discussed, proposed and decided that:


*“the upcoming SC meeting of P-WOPs may be organized during PUF 2014 to be held from 9-12 January 2014”.*

**ii) P-WOPs Logo**

The participants were of the view (based on the comments from various officials/organizations) that P-WOPs Logo should be re-designed as the present does not give good look. It was decided that:

*“the Urban Unit will design a new Logo for P-WOPs (with a few reasonable options) that will be submitted to the SC meeting for its approval”.*

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
(Shahid Sohail)  
Chairman