

Minutes of Meeting – Community of Practice on Energy Infrastructure Resilience (Virtual)

Date of Meeting: 06 November 2023

Attended by:

1. Belinda Hewitt, ADB
2. Anna Piwowarska, UNECE
3. Gianluca Sambucini, UNECE
4. Roberta Boscolo, WMO
5. Jinsun Lim, IEA
6. Amit Tripathi, CDRI
7. Aishwarya Pillai, CDRI
8. Avinash Venkata, CDRI

Points of Discussion:

- The main agenda of this meeting was to discuss the virtual workshops on the topic – “Building Climate Resilience in the Hydropower Sector through Early Warning Systems” on the DRI Connect Platform tentatively in February 2024 & April 2024. Additionally, the discussion also included cooperation towards publication of materials on the DRI Connect Platform.
- It was agreed that the first virtual workshop as part of the community of practice could be held in February 2024.
- The topic for panel discussion may also include adaptation measures from a modernization of EWS point of view, in addition to those that are already included.
- It was suggested that a joint report focusing on the outcomes of the workshop could be developed and launched at a separate event.
- WMO could focus on the specific water availability and glacier melt aspects and its impact on hydropower sector resilience.
- The promotion of the virtual workshop could also take place during and after the hydropower impact assessment report launch by IEA in April 2024.
- Potentially, the participation of Turkmenistan in the virtual workshop was suggested by UNECE. This could be in conjunction with an already finalized workshop on 13-14 February 2024
- UNECE would work in-principle with CDRI for the current engagements. It was also proposed that a formalized cooperation agreement could be signed at a later stage.
- WMO and IEA have been requested to share relevant materials to be published on DRI Connect platform, to be launched in the side event of the COP28. Run of show for the said session to be appropriately tweaked to include the launch of the DRI Connect Platform.
- UNECE has also agreed to share relevant materials to be published on DRI Connect platform.
- UNECE has also proposed meetings with Mr Dario Liguti, Director UNECE and the leadership team of CDRI at COP28.

Next Steps:

- CDRI to confirm meeting with Mr Dario Liguti, Director UNECE.
- UNECE to explore possibility of participation of Turkmenistan in the virtual workshop.
- UNECE to share focal point and contact information of UN ECLAC representative.
- Run of show to be tweaked to include launch of DRI Connect at COP28 side event.