



Minutes of the 13th Governing Council Meeting of NISE held on 1st December 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary MNRE.

The 13th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE was held on 1st December 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Bhupinder S. Bhalla, Secretary MNRE and President NISE. A list of members, who attended the meeting is given at **Annexure I**.

The following members, could not attend the meeting:

- i. Sh. V. S. Nanda Kumar, Director General, Central Power Research Institute
- ii. Sh. Narendra Nath Veluri, CEO, ANERT
- iii. Sh. Ashish Khanna, CEO & MD, Tata Power Solar Systems Limited
- iv. Dr. Dharmappa Barki, Vice President (Solar), Greenko Renewable, Hyderabad
- v. Dr. Ashish Garg, Professor, Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- vi. Prof. Hiranmay Saha, Visiting Professor, Centre of Excellence for Green Energy and Sensor Systems, IEST

2. At the outset, Sh. Lalit Bohra, Director General, NISE welcomed the Chairman and all members of the Governing Council. The meeting started with a formal introduction of the members of Governing Council.

3. Sh. Lalit Bohra, DG, NISE informed that the former Secretary, MNRE & President NISE Sh. Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi was superannuated on 31st October 2022. The Governing Council placed on record its deep appreciation of the contribution of former Secretary MNRE and President NISE, Sh. Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi. It was decided that a suitable communication may be sent to Sh. Chaturvedi in this regard.

4. The Chairman enquired about the requirement of the frequency of the GC meeting. Dr Chandan Banerjee, DDG NISE informed that as per By-Laws of NISE, the GC meeting should hold every six months. Accordingly, the Chairman suggested to have the next GC meeting during April-June 2023.

5. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman, Member Secretary presented Item-wise Agenda of the meeting to the members. Agenda item-wise discussions held and decisions taken are as follows:

Agenda Item No. 1.0	To grant leave of absence to the Members, not present in the meeting.
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The Governing Council was requested to grant leave of absence to the following members:

- i. Sh. V. S. Nanda Kumar, Director General, Central Power Research Institute
- ii. Sh. Narendra Nath Veluri, CEO, ANERT

- iii. Sh. Ashish Khanna, CEO & MD, Tata Power Solar Systems Limited
- iv. Dr. Dharmappa Barki, Vice President (Solar), Greenko Renewable, Hyderabad
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A total of 10 members were present in the meeting. Member Secretary mentioned that as per para 22 of By-Laws of NISE, a total of 06 members required to complete the quorum of the meeting. Accordingly, the Chairman gave consent to go ahead with the meeting.

Also, the Chairman suggested that in future, all meetings should be held in hybrid mode (Physical & Online) to ensure the maximum participation of the GC members, who are all eminent in their own fields and perhaps find it difficult to travel for the GC meeting, owing to their own commitments.

Decision

The Governing Council granted the leave of absence to the above members.

Agenda Item No. 2.0	Confirmation of minutes of 12th GC held on 3rd December 2021 on a virtual platform.
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Member Secretary, GC informed that the minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE held on 3rd December 2021 were circulated to all members and no comments were received.

Decision

The GC confirmed the minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 3rd December 2021.

Agenda Item No. 3.0	Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 10th Governing Council meeting held on 11th December 2020 & 12th Governing Council meeting held on 3rd December 2021.
Agenda Item No. 3.1: Re-designation of Posts of Office Secretary/Office Secretary-I to Finance/Accounts Officer and Sr. Accountants	

Member Secretary, GC informed that GC approved the proposal in its 10th meeting held on 11th December 2020 to re-designate 01 post of Office Secretary to Finance & Accounts Officer and 02 posts of Office Secretary-I to Assistant Accounts. Further, GC in its 12th meeting held on 3rd December 2021, recommended to hire consultants on temporary basis against the said posts for managing Finance & Accounts in NISE and directed that NISE will take quick action for surrender of existing posts and creation of new posts with a new set of RRs.

Member Secretary, GC informed that as per the directions, one Sr. Consultant and one Consultant have been engaged after due selection process through open advertisement for managing Finance & Accounts in NISE. Further, a proposal for surrender of existing posts of Office Secretary & Office Secretary-I as matching saving for creation of new posts of Finance & Account Officer & Assistant Account Officer with a new set of RRs has been submitted to Programme Division of MNRE for consideration & seeking approval of D/Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

Decision:

The GC noted the matter.

Agenda Item No. 4.0	Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 12th meeting of Governing Council held on 3rd December 2021.
Agenda Item No. 4.1: Submission of Audited Annual Accounts and draft Annual Report of NISE for the year 2020-21	

Member Secretary, GC informed that the GC accorded its approval to the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21. The draft Annual Report of NISE for 2020-21 was also approved subject to minor editorial and technical changes for being placed before the 5th AGM for adoption.

After adoption of Annual Report of NISE along with the Audited Accounts of the NISE for FY 2020-21 in 5th AGM held on 3rd December 2021, the same was laid on the table of both the houses of Parliament on 03.02.2022 (Lok Sabha) and 21.12.2021 (Rajya Sabha), respectively.

Decision:

The GC noted the matter.

Agenda Item No. 5.0	New Agenda Items for approval of Governing Council
Agenda Item No. 5.1	Submission of Audited Annual Accounts and draft Annual Report of NISE for the year 2021-22

GC was informed that the Finance and Accounts Committee of NISE has approved the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2021-22 in its 12th meeting held on 22.11.2022. The draft Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts of NISE for the year 2021-22 were placed before the GC for its approval and recommendation to AGM for adoption in its 6th meeting to be held on 01.12.2022.

During the presentation of Audited Annual Account, it was highlighted by the Chairman that a break-up of Capital Expenditure should be provided in future.

Decision

The GC accorded its approval to the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2021-22 and Annual Report of NISE for 2021-22 and recommended the same for placing before the 6th AGM for adoption. However, Governing Council advised that the auditor's observations (Annexure-A of audit report) should be addressed, suitably.

Agenda Item No. 5.2	Reconstitution of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of NISE, Gurugram
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Member Secretary, GC informed that as per para 40 (c) of the Bye-Laws of NISE, Governing Council will form and authorize Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consisting of three officers to examine and take decisions on behalf of the Governing Council in respect of matters which are not within the delegation of powers to the President and Director General. He also informed to the council that a re-constitution of RAC is needed as new officers have joined NISE.

Member Secretary proposed the following composition of the Research Advisory Committee for consideration of the Governing Council along with a list of subject expert so that Chairman of RAC may co-opt the concern subject expert/experts as and when required:

Director General, NISE	Chairman
DDG-I	Member
DDG-II	Member
DDG-III	Member
Subject Expert (External)*	Member

*List of External Subject Experts:

S. No.	Name of Expert	Area of Expertise	Affiliation
1.	Prof. L.M. Das	Green hydrogen	IIT Delhi
2.	Prof. Ashish Garg	Next generation solar cell (Perovskite, etc.)	IIT Kanpur
3.	Prof. Shaibal Sarkar	Next generation solar cell (Perovskite, etc.)	IIT Bombay
4.	Prof. Vamsi Krishna	High efficiency Si solar cell & modules	IIT Delhi
5.	Prof. Kishore Chatterjee	Solar PV, Power electronics, control, PV pumping	IIT Bombay
6.	Dr. Shushil Kumar	Testing & Standardization	NPL-CSIR
7.	Prof. Narendra Shiradkar	Solar PV Modules, Reliability, Testing & standardization	IIT Bombay
8.	Prof. S. C. Kaushik	Solar Thermal	IIT Delhi

Decision:

GC after perusing the "para 40 (c) of the Bye-Laws" of NISE observed that the constitution of RAC is not mandatory.

However, for the purpose of scientific and technical advice to the institution, GC approved re-constitution of RAC with following composition:

- (i) Director General, NISE – Chairman
- (ii) Any two Deputy Director General (DDG) of NISE nominated by DG, NISE as members.
- (iii) One scientist 'F' or equivalent officer from MNRE nominated by JS (Solar)
- (iv) One external subject expert, if required, as member nominated by Chairman

GC observed that the above-mentioned RAC shall not be construed to be constituted in accordance with para 40 (c) of the Bye-Laws of NISE and it is outside the ambit of afore-mentioned By-laws para. GC further deliberated that the list of subject experts proposed in the Agenda Item No. 5.2 is only indicative and not exhaustive.

Agenda Item No. 6.0	Agenda Items for information to Governing Council
Agenda Item No. 6.1	Status of the Court Cases

Member Secretary informed the GC that presently 05 cases are pending and 02 cases have been disposed during the year in the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh.

Decision:

GC noted the matter and directed for regular follow up of the court cases.

Agenda Item No. 6.2	Recruitment Status at NISE
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Member Secretary informed that there are 40 sanctioned posts at NISE, out of which 20 Technical/Scientific and 4 Administrative positions are filled and recruitment process is in progress for 13 posts (10 Technical/Scientific and 3 Administrative). Proposal for re-designation for 03 posts has been submitted to MNRE for further consideration and approval of D/Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

Decision:

GC noted the matter and directed to complete the process of recruitment including creation of new posts by surrendering existing posts as matching saving.

Agenda Item No. 6.3	Investment in Corpus Fund
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Member Secretary, GC informed that as per the guidelines for investment in Corpus Fund, NISE is investing to its corpus fund since FY 2018-19. DG, NISE also informed that NISE has created a Corpus Fund amounting Rs. 12.68 Cr. (including Rs. 8.33 Cr. To be invested after adoption of audited annual accounts by 6th AGM for the FY 2021-22) till 31st March 2022.

Decision:

GC noted the matter.

6. In addition to the deliberations on each Agenda Item, the Chairman and other committee members provided some general comments and suggestions which are mentioned below:

- I. All Action Taken Reports should be a part of single Agenda Item. Multiple Action Taken reports may be added as sub-Agenda Items. In addition, each new agenda item should be numbered, separately.
- II. After Action Taken Report, there should be a separate agenda item for presentation of NISE highlighting the key activities. The presentation should include but not limited to the Goals, current status and future activities of NISE.
- III. NISE should focus on increasing the technical activities, manpower and annual budget.
- IV. NISE activities should be in line with the requirement of Solar Industry and Country's need to achieve the goal of 270 - 300 GW of solar by 2030.

With no other agenda item to discuss, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members of the Council.



(Jai Prakash)
Member Secretary



(Bhupinder S. Bhalla)
Chairman & President NISE

Annexure-I

List of members who attended the 13th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE, held on 1st December 2022.

Sl. No.	Name, Designation & Organization	Status
1.	Sh. Bhupinder S. Bhalla Secretary, MNRE	President of the Society and Chairman (Ex-officio)
2.	Sh. Rajesh Singh	JS&FA, MNRE
3.	Sh. Lalit Bohra JS (Solar) & Director General, NISE	Member (Ex-officio)
4.	Sh. Dilip Nigam Advisor (Solar), MNRE	Member (Ex-officio)
5.	Ms. Suman Sharma Managing Director, SECI	Member
6.	Representative of Director General, HAREDA	Member
7.	Dr. Chandan Banerjee Dy. Director General-I, NISE	Member
8.	Dr. Sushil Kumar Sr. Principal Scientist, NPL	Member
9.	Dr. Shaibal K Sarkar Professor (Solar PV), IIT Bombay	Member
10.	Dr. Jai Prakash Dy. Director General-II, NISE	Member, Secretary

