

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORKING PROGRAMME (SDNP) HELD ON MARCH 28, 2000.

A special meeting of the Steering Committee for the Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP) took place on March 28, 2001 under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Chairperson, SDNP Steering Committee. The following other members were present:

1. Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah, DG, BIDS
Member, SDNP Steering Committee
2. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, RD, BIDS and PD, SDNP
Member-Secretary, SDNP Steering Committee
3. Mr. S. M. Al-Husainy
(Ex-Member, Planning Commission)
Member, SDNP Steering Committee
4. Dr. M. Aminul Islam
(Representative of UNDP),
Member, SDNP Steering Committee
5. Mr. Quamrul Islam Chowdhury
(Chairman, FEJB)
Member, SDNP Steering Committee and
6. Mr. Ranjit Kumar Roy
(Representative of Coalition of Environmental NGOs)
Member, SDNP Steering Committee.

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting. He then thanked BIDS for upholding the spirit of this important project despite the recent difficult situation.

Upon request from the Chair, PD, SDNP presented a brief on the minutes of the 2nd Steering Committee meeting (see attachment A) and then presented an integrated report (see attachment B) on the follow-up of the minutes of the second meeting and the progress of work so far made. Then he focussed on the main agenda of the special meeting of the Steering Committee.

The discussions and recommendations by the Steering Committee are described below:

1. Continuation of the project

For immediate survival of the project, the meeting requested BIDS to provide loan to the project for at least one more month. DG, BIDS agreed to the request.

2. Sustainability of the project

The meeting recommend that a concrete plan of action be prepared to make the programme sustainable as a not-for-profit project and put emphasis on continuation of activities of this component of SEMP, through all available means, including possible de-linking from SEMP.

3. Closure of the project

Regarding the possible closure and formulation of a consequent strategy, the meeting decided to discuss the issue in the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

As there were no other issues, the Chairperson thanked every body present and concluded the meeting.