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East Asia and the Pacific Infrastructure Regulatory Forum

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Building Credible and Independent Water Regulators and Reforming
Tariffs for Better Water Services

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About EAPIRF

- Regional network of infrastructure regulators in energy, water, telecommunications, and transport
- Structure and strategic plan currently in the process of being formalized

DRAFT MISSION

The mission of the East Asia and Pacific Infrastructure Regulatory Forum (EAPIRF) is to promote the development of effective and credible infrastructure regulators in the East Asia and Pacific region through the exchange of information and experiences and development of training programs.

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History

- 2003 – Bangkok meeting of regulators, governments and other stakeholders to discuss regulatory issues
 - Agreement to form network of infrastructure regulators for the region
- 2004 – Manila meeting of regulators and others
 - Discussion on establishment of network
- 2005 – Engaged Interim Secretariat to help set up EAPIRF

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Regional Forums

- South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR)
 - Established in 1999
 - Key focus is provision of Training Course on Infrastructure Regulation and Reform
- African Forum for Utility Regulation (AFUR)
 - Established as voluntary organization in 2002
- Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OCCUR)
 - Established in 2002

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Who are the Regulators?

- Many regulators have been established within the last 5 years
- There are more regulators in the electricity and telecommunications sectors than the water sector
- A number of regulators have been established as independent or autonomous regulators but many are still part of government Ministries

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Current Activities

- Preparing a medium term Strategic Plan
- Developing organizational structure and preparing decision making guidelines
- Developed the EAPIRF website (www.eapirf.org)
- Conducting a Training Needs and Opportunities Survey
- Organizing the 2005 EAPIRF Meeting (October 6-7)
- Hosting an On-line Discussion

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Who Can Join?

- Core Members
 - Autonomous Regulators
 - Ministry/Government departments with regulatory functions
- Sectors
 - Energy (Oil and Gas / Electricity)
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Telecommunications
 - Transport
- Affiliate Members – Universities, NGOs, Others

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East Asia and Pacific Region

- Australia
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Micronesia
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Timor-Leste
- Vanuatu
- Cambodia
- China
- Indonesia
- Korea
- Japan
- Lao
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Vietnam

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EAPIRF Goals

- Goal 1 – Promote the Exchange of Information and Sharing of Experience with Infrastructure Regulation
- Goal 2 – Facilitate the Development of Regulatory Training and Capacity Building

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Information & Experience Exchange

- Objective – Promoting Information Exchange
- Developing a website as the main channel for communication and information sharing
 - Hosting on-line discussion on regulatory topics
 - Providing an electronic discussion board and question forum
 - Preparing newsletters

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Information & Experience Exchange

Objective – Provide On-line Library and Research Service

- Developing an on-line library on regulation
- Providing information on key regulatory topics
- Developing research on regulatory topics

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Information & Experience Exchange

Objective – Meetings and other Events

- Host annual meeting
- Host other events on regulatory topics

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Training and Capacity Building

Objective – Facilitate Development of Training Opportunities

- Identify qualified training programs and courses
- Support development of regional training programs with qualified training partners
- Develop training certification program
- Developing training “exchange” or twinning arrangements

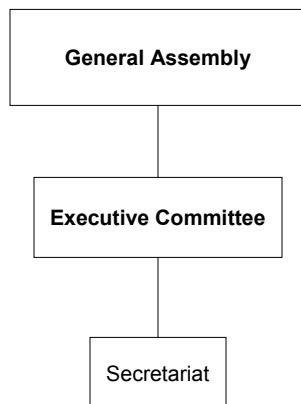
Objective – Offer Specialized Courses

- Offer specialized training courses

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Proposed Organizational Structure



- Policy making body
- All members
- Only Core Members May Vote
- Elect Executive Committee

- 7 Members – 3 from East Asia, 3 from Pacific, 1 member at large
- Governing body, responsible for ensuring program implementation

- Responsible for program implementation
- Day-to-day management
- Providing services to members

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Developing EAPIRF – Next Steps

- Adopting Strategic Plan
- Finalizing organizational structure and decision making process
- Building membership and network of partner institutions

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How to Get Involved?

- Regulators and eligible affiliates can join
 - Membership applications available on the website
 - No charge for membership in 2005
- Visit the Website
 - Regulatory developments in the region
 - EAPIRF activities

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Upcoming Events

- **On-Line Discussion**

Accountability in Infrastructure Regulation
September 5-16, 2005 @ www.eapirf.org

- **2005 EAPIRF Meeting – October 6-7 in Singapore**

- Day 1 – Focus on Promoting Accountability in Infrastructure Regulation
- Day 2 – Focus on EAPIRF Set-up

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