

1. Decisions of the nrg4SD General Assembly of Quebec regarding governance matters :

- a. Catalonia to exercise full co-chairmanship for the North until the end of the 3-year on-going mandate 2010-2013 (end of the joint co-chairmanship with Aragon)
- b. São Paulo was re-elected as Co-Chair for the South
- c. Volunteer candidacies shall remain the general rule for the nomination of Treasury. A call for candidatures for Treasury is to remain open amongst Steering Committee members for the next 2 months – until 1 November 2011. The Secretariat shall put forward proposals for the election of a Treasury in the cases where voluntary candidacies will not be possible. So far Aquitaine and Mbale have made preliminary expressions of interest
- d. New Statutes were adopted, substantially based on the proposal made by the Secretariat and with few amendments. Discussions on the Statutes ended in the agreement on:
 - Quorum for the General Assembly when it is constituted by 50% of members present and represented;
 - Allowing 2 delegations of vote on the same member for the General Assembly and 1 for the Steering Committee – Delegation of vote needs to be officially communicated but with no deadline
 - Consensus as the general rule for decision – If a vote is then needed, simple majority of members and associate members present and represented - Except for the exclusion of a member, the in-depth modification of statutes or the dissolution of the network, when a two-thirds of members present and represented majority is required;
 - Voting by a show of hands - Should one member or associate member request a secret vote, then it should be taken as such. For all votes regarding elected positions, the vote should be taken in secret;
 - A political bureau as an aid for political-decision making and recommendation;
 - A 3-year renewal mandate for the Secretary General;
 - The amount of financial assistance shall be fixed in advance on the basis of the technical recommendations from the Treasury and the Secretariat;
 - Standing rules to be elaborated within the end of 2011
- e. Welcome to new members - Buenos Aires, Hauts Bassins, Rhône-Alpes and Paraná. For information, since the General Assembly meeting in Quebec, the Moroccan region of Rabat and the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro have requested the official membership application forms from the Secretariat and announced their official signature in the coming weeks

2. Decisions of the nrg4SD General Assembly of Quebec regarding strategic and budgetary matters:

- f. Renewal of the contract of Ms Maruxa Cardama as nrg4SD Secretary General
- g. Commitment from Catalonia to employ the Secretary General with a Spanish law contract on behalf of nrg4SD and under the network's budget, in order to make savings for the budget of the network

- h. Establishment of a small team as an essential condition to consolidate the strategic positioning achieved so far and to improve services to members – Special attention should be given to the situation of Ms. Lucy Mathieson, who is currently providing full-time high-quality services to nrg4SD without a contract – The Basque Country will hire an Erasmus Entrepreneur on behalf of nrg4SD and top up the allowance provided by the EU
- i. The 2008-2014 Strategy to be updated to focus on the:
 - Consolidation of existing commitments
 - The increase of available resources and
 - The deepening of the involvement within key UN processes, namely climate change, biodiversity and Rio +20
- j. The level of resources available to the network shall be greatly expanded
- k. A regular evaluation process by members shall be established
- l. The largest possible support from current members shall be achieved
- m. New key members should be invited to join, especially federated states and regions from North America and the Global South
- n. The use of institutional or private contributions should be explored
- o. A communication plan for the network shall be developed
- p. All membership fees to be increased in 50% in 2012, compared to 2011 annual fees
- q. Crucial need to work intensively on enlarging the membership base and on exploring additional funding opportunities
- r. To include in the Standing Rules that the network shall keep a minimum of 60,000 € for the reserve fund
- s. To refine the assessment of partnership requests in order to ensure alignment with the network's objectives
- t. To deepen the collaboration with ORU-FOGAR and pursue the joint work towards the World Water Forum 2012
- u. To explore win-win scenarios for collaboration with ICLEI for UNFCCC and Rio +20
- v. The next General Assembly shall take place in São Paulo immediately before or around the dates of the Prep Committee for Rio +20 of late May 2012
- w. A special event (in line with a World Summit of Regions) to be organised in Rio de Janeiro, with the support of the State of Rio, around the dates of the Rio +20 Conference

3. Main strategic guidelines for the work of nrg4SD in climate change, biodiversity, water and Rio +20 matters are outlined in the respective resolutions