

**TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dead Sea, Jordan, 25-26 November 2013**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

1. A letter will be sent to the Minister of Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt urging Egypt to provide US\$5M for the investment budget as is being done by Iran, Israel, Jordan and Turkey.
2. All outstanding payments to the operational budget will 'remain on the books', and how to treat them will be decided once SESAME is operational, bearing in mind the circumstances when the debt was incurred. The Members concerned by this are Bahrain, Cyprus, Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
3. When a new Member joins SESAME, in the first year its contribution to the operational budget will be not less than 100% greater than it would normally be for the said year. The exact percentage will be decided upon later. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
4. If a Member has lost its right to vote due to non-payment of its contributions to the operational budget, the non-voting Member's vote will be removed from the number of votes to be considered in any issue put to a vote. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
5. Brazil's observer status with effect from 19 September 2013 is recorded. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
6. Following a decision taken at the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council, Israel had been invited to nominate a candidate for one of the positions of co-Vice President of the Council. The appointment of the candidate who had been nominated, Professor Eliezer Rabinovici, was approved. Professor Rabinovici, should normally take up this position immediately following the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Council. On his proposal, this is being delayed until after the next meeting of the Council so that in the intervening period Professor Seyed Mahmoud Reza Aghamiri (Iran), who was due to be rotated immediately following the 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, remain in this position until then and thus have added authority in his efforts to have Iran's outstanding contribution to the capital investment and operational budget transferred to SESAME. Accordingly, Professor Rabinovici will take up the position of co-Vice President of the Council immediately following the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)

7. The President of the Council will write to the delegates of Cyprus offering the next free position of co-Vice President to the SESAME Council to their country subject to Cyprus resuming its payments to the operational budget in 2014. Should it be unable to do so, the position will be taken up by Jordan and once Cyprus resumes payments it will be the first Member in line for the first position of co-Vice President that becomes vacant. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
8. Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith is elected President of the SESAME Council for a further term of two years with effect from November 2014. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
9. The position of Scientific Director will be offered to Dr Giorgio Paolucci (Italy) provided he takes up the position with effect from 1 January 2014 on a 50% basis, and that this increases to 100% of his time as from 1 June 2014. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
10. Dr Khalifeh Suleiman Mohd Abusaleem (Jordan) will be invited to become a member of the Training Advisory Committee (TrAC). *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
11. The budget and distribution of the budget for 2014 will provisionally be the same as that for 2013 pending efforts to be undertaken by Members to obtain approval by the end of January 2014 of the increased budgets for the three years 2014-2016 proposed in the Three-Year Budget Plan (TYBP II), or at least initially that for 2014. The proposed increased 2014 budget is US\$3,412,530 to be distributed as follows: Bahrain US\$301,739.18, Cyprus US\$301,739.18, Egypt US\$311,032.75, Iran US\$531,060.96, Israel US\$531,060.96, Jordan US\$301,739.18, Pakistan US\$531,060.96, and Turkey US\$531,060.96. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority, its contribution to the 2014 budget will be kept at US\$50,000.00.
12. One of the meeting rooms in the SESAME building will be named after the late Professor Gustav-Adolf (alias Gus) Voss in recognition of his great contribution to SESAME in the early years of the project. His photograph will be hung in this room.
13. The 24th meeting of the Council will be held at the Frascati National Laboratory (LNF) near Rome (Italy).