



6th World Forum on Energy Regulation process is gaining momentum.

First meetings of the Steering Committee and the International Program Committee were held in Istanbul on 7-8 October 2013, with the participation of 16 committee members in Istanbul and 3 committee members via conference call, who represented ARIAE, CAMPUT, CEER, ERRA, MEDREG, NARUC, OOCUR, RERA and EMRA.

The International Committee Meeting, held on 7 October 2013, started with the welcoming speech of the Hasan Köktaş, the president of EMRA. Mr. Köktaş iterated his trust in the 6th Forum to be an outstanding one through collaborative efforts of committee members and asked the committee members to put first bricks to the process.

WFER 6: "Bring the World of Energy Regulation"



The meeting was followed by the presentation made by the Executive Director of the 6th Forum, Ms. Gülelşan Demirbaş, who outlined the studies carried so far. Later on Mr. Fatih Kölmek and Mr. Türkey Doğan of EMRA presented the studies on the Concept Paper and results of the Survey conducted. Following the presentations, the International Program Committee reviewed the Concept Paper draft sentence by sentence and a new draft was produced. The Concept Paper was endorsed. The Concept Paper is defining the theme and topics to be covered. It is more or less a kind of annotated agenda. The theme of the 6th World Forum on Energy Regulation was decided as "Bring the World of Energy Regulation."

In the afternoon session of the meeting, Mr. Fakir Hüseyin Erdoğan of EMRA presented the Program Frame Proposal. The Program Frame was reshaped through active discussions of Committee members, and the Committee agreed on organizing 6 plenary sessions, including 2

special plenaries dedicated to "G20 Energy Ministers" and "Regulation in Developing Countries", and 18 concurrent sessions under 4 tracks (Balancing Interests, Benefiting from Change, Regulation & Sustainability, and Towards Smart Regulation). Moreover, ICER Awards were also mounted to the Program Frame.

The Steering Committee meeting was held on 8 October 2013. The Steering Committee was informed about the decisions taken by the International Program Committee, and reviewed the roadmap presented by the WFER6 Secretariat. Meanwhile, a List of Principals about the speakers and presentations was agreed on. The Committee asked the Secretariat for providing a template for speaker nominations, so that a pool of speakers will be established.

The committee members visited the conference venue, İstanbul Lütfi Kırdar Convention & Exhibition Centre, after the meetings.