

Initial point of discussion

- IPHE has succeeded in establishing an operational structure to facilitate international collaboration and networking among government officials, industry and science community.
- Functional cross-over of roles and redundancy in representation at SC and ILC Meetings led to discussions on organizational changes of the IPHE
- Common understanding for the need to reshape the IPHE in order to continue the successful work and adapt future challenges



IPHE strategic priorities

- Accelerating the market penetration and early adoption of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies and their supporting infrastructure
- Creating political and public awareness regarding the high potential of hydrogen and fuel cell technology and economy
- Preparing policy and regulatory actions to support widespread deployment
- Following hydrogen, fuel cell and complementary technology developments

Proposal to streamline the structure

- Consolidation of ILC and SC into one committee
- Stronger role for the secretariat (permanent?)
- A focused working agenda in alignment with the IPHE strategic priorities
 - e.g. working groups / task forces (temporarily)

Benefits of consolidation and streamlining

- Gain in working time
- Chance to focus more on an exchange of knowledge and experiences
- Capacity to strengthen the base for influencing governmental decisions

Focus of work

In alignment with the IPHE strategic priorities further activities should be channelled in working areas as follows:

- External and internal communication by distributing a regular IPHE Newsletter to IPHE members and a larger audience. Using the website more as a specific communication tool.
- Exchange of lessons learned by organizing up to three IPHE workshops per year. Topics will be defined to the demand of current political and industrial development.

Possible topics for 2010:

- o hydrogen infrastructure
- o global demonstration programs for hydrogen/fuel cell vehicles
- o residential power and heat supply with fuel cell systems

Policy framework

Holding a **Ministerial Meeting** by the end of 2011 and developing a declaration in preparation for the meeting. This has to be prepared by an analysis of policy and regulatory actions for the market introduction of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in the IPHE countries.

Two IPHE committee meetings per year seem to be sufficient to ensure a spirited discussion, exchange of knowledge and experience.

Conclusion

A more streamlined organizational structure and focusing on main working areas would add to the effective and successful work and strengthen the profile of the IPHE.

Next Steps

- January 2010 drafting a strategic paper taking into account the discussion in Washington. Submission to IPHE members for consideration and comments. (IPHE Secretariat)
- February/March 2010 final version of a strategic paper, taking into account comments. (IPHE Secretariat)
- Final decision (new structure, modifying the terms of reference) at SC in May 2010 in Essen, Germany.

Timetable

- February 2010 workshop on Hydrogen infrastructure, Lead USA
- May 14th 15th 2010 joint SC / ILC Meeting, Essen, Germany
- Autumn 2010 next IPHE Committee Meeting, location Shanghai, China
- Spring 2011 next IPHE Committee Meeting, location tbd.
- Autumn 2011 Ministerial Meeting, location tbd.



Thank you for your attention!



.... see you in Essen, Germany May 14 - 15, 2010

