

# UNDP/GEF Wind Energy Project & EU-Asia Training Workshop



**U**nited Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environment Facility (GEF) Wind Energy Project organized EUAsia Training Workshop on "Wind Project Development" at a local hotel from August 6 to 10, 2007.

The one-day conference was organized on Wind Energy Issues, Policy and Regulatory Issues, financial instruments to support wind projects in private sector in Pakistan.

The conference was aimed to review and focus on the issues explicitly affecting the Wind Energy development process in Pakistan.

Mr. Mujahid Sadiq, NPD-WEP presented the welcome remarks followed by opening remarks of Air Marshal (R) Shahid Hamid, Chairman AEDB and UNDP representative Mr. Arif Alauddin, ARR/Chief E&E unit, UNDP Pakistan.

Chief guest Mr. Saghir Ahmed, Minister for Environment and Alternate Energy, Government of Sindh gave the inaugural speech and started the actual conference.

During the two sessions of conference, the issues related to policy, regulatory and market reforms for wind power induction into energy mix, tariff, grid connection and financial support for wind projects were broadly presented by Brig. Naseem Akhtar, Secretary AEDB (RE Policy Aspects), Mr. Jaan Tepp, President Estonia Wind Energy Association (Market Regulatory Risks), Mr. Masood A. Sheikh, Technical Advisor, NEPRA (Tariff issues), Mr. Zamurrad K. Abbas, Director NTDC (PPAs/Grid Links), Mr. Pervaiz Naim, Country Director KfW Bank (Financial Instruments), representative of one

of IPP Green Power (Challenges & issues for WP sector) respectively.

Three days were allocated for a training workshop to cover the main aspects needs special consideration while developing wind power project. The training was conducted by Mr. John Tepp, President Wind Energy Association, Estonia, an experienced wind power developer.

He elaborated the process of development in length started with site identification, data measurement, pre feasibility study, site planning and layout design, micro siting and socio economic and environmental documentations etc. and tried to cover all pertinent issues which would affect the project in both positive and negative outcomes.

An overwhelming response was seen from relevant public and private sector to participate in the workshop. WEP sponsored about 25 government officials to attend the workshop while interested IPPs also nominated their representatives for training and appreciated the efforts made by WEP

in creating awareness among stakeholders as well as through media to promote WEP developments in Pakistan.

WEP also arranged media coverage to highlight the importance aspects of this workshop as a leading step to move ahead being part of its information dissemination efforts.

WEP also requested feedback from workshop participants on a special designed Evaluation Questionnaire about the workshop arrangement, course contents, material support, trainer capability and effectiveness of overall workshop. An introductory session was conducted on Wind PRO package, a wind farm development tool for developers and executioners.

WEP team together with GTZ arranged a visit of wind farm sites on August 10 for interested workshop participants mostly government officials in Jhimpir near Karachi. Few international personnel from EU-Asia/GTZ and Mr. Jaan Tepp also joined the team for field excursion..

