# GSCN Meeting 2019 GSC\_N0070.R5

#### Date/Time:

Thursday, 7 March 2019, 9:00-14:00 UTC+1

#### Location:

Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE) Drottning Kristinas väg 61, Stockholm, Sweden

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#### **Web Conference Login:**

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Access code: 923 970 658 Global call-in numbers

## Registration:

Attendees are requested to register attendance at the following link by by 20 February 2019:

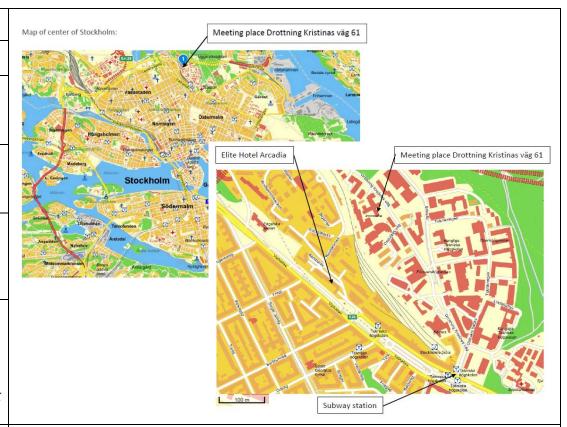
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37YHZD8

\* If the on-line registration form does not work for you, please contact manager@gscn.solar

### **Related Meetings:**

- CEN TC 312 WG 1 "Solar collectors"
- CEN TC 312 WG 2 "Factory made systems"
- IEA SHC Task 57 "Solar Standards & Certification"
- Solar Keymark Network Meeting

\*See Schedule for Meetings below for more information.



# **Recommended Lodging:**

Elite Hotel Arcadia (closest to RISE) Scandic Hotel Anglais – Stureplan Hotel Birger Jarl Mornington Hotel Stockholm City Clarion Collection Hotel Wellington Comfort Hotel Stockholm Körsbarsvägen 1 Humlegårdsgatan 23 Tulegatan 8 Nybrogatan 53 Storgaton 6 Kungbron 1

\*See SKN26\_Information about Hotels for Stockholm meeting.pdf for more information

	Decision Requested	Tania/Cantant/Dachancibla	Related documents / comments / details
		Short welcome and roll call of participants / HD	
		Start 9:10 AM	
		HD Welcomed attendees	
		Attendees introductions	
1		Approval of agenda /HD	
		HD summarized the schedule and noted that AK will provide a presentation re: Task 5	
		CT requested moving #18 before 11:30 AM	
		SM distributed Rev5.	
		HD provided a short introduction to GSCN	
		Minutes of last meeting / SM	
		Minutes from Meeting #6 in Madrid presented for approval.	GSC_N0068.R0- ReportMadrid.docx
		Approved unanimously.	
		Minutes of last board meeting /SM	
2		Composition of officers:	
		Manager: Shawn Martin	
		Chair: Harald Drück Vice Chair: Les Nelson	
		Treasurer: He Tao	
		SM reviewed meeting minutes. No changes. SM to post to website and distribute	

3	Remove TiSun as they are no longer operational  SS recommended adding the applicable certification scheme for each CB to the	http://gscn.solar/members/members.html http://gscn.solar/members/applicants.html
4	Board Membership / HD     Review of current board members	see table at end of document

**Quality Assurance Committee /SF** Review of current QAC membership /SM QAC Chair Election - Replace Shawn Martin /HD QAC Working Rules and Procedures /SF 4.2 Decision The QAC will confirm the validity of submitted information by simple majority of the QAC members within four weeks of receiving the application will submits its recommendation decision to the Board Officers and the manager, which will then give its decisionto the Manager. If the decision is positive, then the see table at end of document 5 Χ GSCN Manager will inform the Certification Body or Inspection Body and the recognized members will be updated in the GCSN Website. If the decision is not positive, the **Board QAC** will give the reasons, inform the Board and may ask for more information or may ask for an assessment. If the applicant agrees to an assessment, it will take place within a period of one month. Proposed changes approved unanimously.

		GSCN Finances	
		<ul> <li>Presentation of economy status</li> <li>Transfer of bank account</li> <li>Register the Global Solar Certification Network as a non-profit international association based on the current GSCN working rules? Discussion / Decision</li> </ul>	
		HD summarized the current account hosting information. Possible to potentially host the account with SHE, but unclear if this will be approved. Unclear if activities are considered commercial activities with tax implications.	
6	X	LN researched in 2014 and figured out how to register as non-profit in Belgium, which is fairly simple. Logistics of becoming an international non-profit are very complicated. HD indicates that rules have changed in meantime (per PD) and many additional structures and activities will be required.	GSC_N0065.R3_EconomyStatus
		HD noted that JE agreed to allow use of bank account through the end of the year, requesting 500 Euros annually, or 10% of balance. HD emphasized that this is a temporary solution. Seeking other solutions.	-2018-31-21
		HD proposed acceptance of JE's proposal for period of two years. LN proposed drafting a short agreement outlining the terms (payable at the end of the calendar year). Unanimously approved.	
		HD suggested avoiding registration as an organization that would increase overhead work with little benefit.	
		SM noted JE's payment of the website fees. SM proposed providing GSCN supporting membership in recognition. Unanimously approved.	

		GSCN Working Rules (main part)	
7		Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?  None	<u>GSC N0001.R27</u>
8	x	<ul> <li>GSCN Working Rules Annex A: Requirements for certification bodies, inspection bodies / inspectors and test labs</li> <li>Clarify requirements for "an updated list of qualified or approved inspectors" /SF</li> <li>Discuss the acceptance of inspection bodies approving inspectors under ISO 17065 and the relationship to ISO 17020 accreditation requiements /SM</li> <li>Add requirements for Industry Members and Supporting Members? /SM</li> <li>Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?</li> </ul> Where inspections are subcontracted to an external Inspection Body, a copy of its Accreditation Certificate according to ISO/IEC 17020, together with a list of qualified inspectors SS expressed support for providing the current information to assess inspector qualifications. No change proposed.	<u>GSC_N0001A.R9</u>
9		GSCN Working Rules Annex B1: Collector data sheet template  Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?  SFquestioned whether the document should be updated to 2017 version. Noted also changes to parameters. SM indicated that SRCC 100 still reference ISO 9806-2013 and will not be update to 2017 this year.  HD proposed using latest SKN datasheet and delete aperture area. Unanimously approved. To seek approval from SKN?	GSC N0001B1.R7

10		GSCN Working Rules Annex B2: Inspection report template  Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?	GSC_N0001B2.R5
11		GSCN Working Rules Annex C1: Requirements for factory production control  Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?	GSC_N0001C1.R5
12	x	Add language addressing the handling of non-payment of annual fees. /SM     Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?  HD and SM to draft language for non-payment for consideration  HD proposed continuation of 2019 fees through the end of 2020 at the same level. Unanimously approved.  GSCN Working Rules Annex F: GSCN Finance Policy  Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?	GSC_N0001D.R1  GSC_N0001F.R3
13	X	GSCN Working Rules Annex E: Template for signing up for the Global Solar Certification Network / SM  Rename from "Template" to "Application Form" and revise per DRAFTN001E.R3 Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?  Document accepted, split into three documents CB, IB, Labs and one for mfgs and one for supporters. Structure web page accordingly. SM to submit all documents to Board for approval prior to posting.	GSC_N0001E.R2

14		Proposals for revisions / Proposals for resolutions?  Include topic in future agendas "Misuse of the Mark" Members noting such misuse should report this to the chair or manager. LN proposed the development of procedures and a "Cease & Desist" letter. LN to develop first draft for consideration.	GSCN Mark
15	x	Add information on board members?     Current membership table has a name, but no contact information for the contact person. Continue in this way?     Other changes or additions to the website?  No contact information to be added for members. Not necessary to add board members or officers. No other changes proposed.	www.gscn.solar
16	x	Promotion of GSCN / HD  Co-operation with Bärbel Epp Webinar? /SM Case study? /SM "Easier Application" – especially for industry. Direct info about fees and link to application form (was Word file) GSCN Mailing list  HD indicated project not yet started.  HD proposed creating mailing list for interested parties. SM proposed creation of such a list using MailChimp, add link to website to opt-in, notify SKN members. First mailing – one-page document regarding the GSCN. HD to draft.  No objections.	

	Alliance between GSCN and Solar Heating Initiative (30 min)	
	<ul> <li>Presentation / SS, SA</li> <li>Discussion – could be connected to GSCN? /SS</li> </ul>	
17	Options  1. Leave it 2. Accept as-is 3. Develop common approach (slight majority)  SS: Possible to collect feedback to improve the system? HD possible to form a working group to discuss options and report back? Yes. Participants: HP, KK, SA, SS, SM, HD, TA (chair – SA) Assigned to SA for scheduling, etc.	GSC_N0072.R0-Alliance between GSCN and SHI

#### **Global Certification Schemes**

- Potential update and use of Annex I
- Opportunities for Alignment
  - o SRCC Standard 100 and 300 /SM
  - Saudi Arabian Certification Program /KK
  - o Others?

CT Saudi Arabian program application unclear since it requires the submission of information on performance per local weather data. Some certification schemes that are difficult to apply to are not currently members of the GSCN.

HP said that they are attempting to obtain this certification with TUV Rheinland, which is the only approved test lab at present.

HD recommends approaching the organization to invite participation in GSCN. HP indicates difficult to contact. SASO started in 8/2018. Difficulty with customs, but lack of awareness among other government bodies. Few external communications regarding the changes to the scheme.

PD indicated that they have members who have discussed and have written a formal letter to the organizations on the right to express concern regarding the online system and changes to the program. No answers received to date. Letter requests changes to the scheme to address the problems noted.

CT recommends sharing this letter with the members of the GSCN.

KK indicated that Fraunhoffer was previously accepted, but with the changes to the scheme, this was ended. KK noted SASO rules call for the execution of MRAs with other global CBs.

SM to send official letter to SASO to invite and to request a meeting. HP to provide contacts as well. Letter should inform SASO of the GSCN and invite a meeting.

HP has created a list of certification schemes globally and a summary of the requirements. HP to provide for distribution to members and addition/revision. ("Global List"). SM to compile comments, etc. To be internal document for the use of members only.

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## **SRCC Standard Project**

https://www.iccsafe.org/codestech-support/codes/codedevelopment-process/is-stsc/

## Saudi Organizations

Ministry of Commerce & Investment (MCI) Ministry of Energy, Industry & Mineral Resources (MEIM), Saudi Standards, Metrology & Quality Organization (SASO) Saudi Energy Efficiency Center (SEEC)

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		<ul> <li>Meetings 2019</li> <li>GSCN meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 13:00 (now)</li> <li>IEA SHC Task 57: ended 31/12/18 - hence no meeting</li> <li>ExCo meeting:</li> <li>ISES SWC and SHC, Santiago, Chile 0407.11.18</li> <li>Others ISO TC 180 – when and where</li> </ul>	
19		SM to schedule GSCN Board Meeting. When is the next ISO TC 180 meeting? Chile- 4/7 Next GSCN meeting 12 March Tunisia. Team up with SHAMCI. Full day meeting proposed.	
		<ul> <li>Meetings 2020</li> <li>SKN-Meeting: Mach 10 + 11, Tunis, Tunisia</li> <li>TC312-Meeting, March 11, afternoon, Tunis, Tunisia</li> <li>GSCN, March 12, Tunis, Tunisia</li> </ul>	
20		New Business  All participants encouraged to promote GSCN certification.	
	13:00	End of meeting  Note: A Task 57 follow-up meeting will take place in the afternoon	
13	3:00-14:00	Optional common lunch	

# **Board members:**

	Africa &					Central &
Continent	MENA	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	South America
						HD contacted
						Modulo
						(Mexico)
						SM to contact
						other Mexico
						companies
						and Marisol
					Jeremy Osborne	for more
					SM to seek	suggestions
					membership	SM to contact
		Xiaowen Zhou	Harald Poscharnig (Secretary)		information per	Colombian,
		(Beijing TUS)	(GoT)		category	Chile mfgs.
		Qingtai Jiao			SF to contact	
		(Sunrain)	Harry Michalopolus		Rheem	
		SF to contact for	(Sammler) - Candidate,		SM to contact	
Manufacturer		membership	approved unanimously	SM to seek US mfgs.	BOSS	
		Xiaochao Tong			Possible	
			Sören Scholz		candidate for	
Certification		SM to contact			Global Mark upon	
body		for membership	(DIN CERTO)	Les Nelson (Vice Chair)	approval	CONNLUW

	Lin Jiali (China General Cert. Center)		Shawn Martin (Manager)		
	He Tao (Treasurer) (CABR)	Harald Drück (Chair)		SM to contact ANTL	SM, HD to contact test labs in Mexico
Test lab	James Huang (Intertek)	Korbinian Kramer			

# Global Solar Certification Network Meeting



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New Treasurer to be elected (Shawn took over from Eileen, but he will be GSCN Manager from 1/1 2019)

# **QAC** members:

Continent	Africa & MENA	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	Central & South America
Certification				Shawn Martin <del>(Chair)</del>		
body			Sören Scholz	Les Nelson - Added		
		Zheng Ruicheng	Carsten Lampe			
Test lab		He Zinian	Stephan Fischer – Nominated as chair. Approved unanimously.			
			Stefan Mehnert			

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