



## Partnership for Advancing the Transition to Hydrogen

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### **Actions and Goals from PATH's 3rd Executive Meeting**

This list of actions and goals was developed by the attendees at PATH's 3rd Executive Meeting on 17 June 2008. The comments below these were given by PATH Board members Claude Derive (France) and Terry Kimmel (Canada), as well as PATH General Manager Jeff Serfass.

#### **ACTIONS**

##### **Communications:**

- **Provide access to databases on hydrogen programs and activities**
- **Identify contact points in countries**
- **Identify who is spending money on hydrogen activities**
- **Report on government funding opportunities for country associations and their members**
- **Identify routes to funding programs within member countries (R&D focus)**

**Comment:** PATH can provide databases in some key areas not being addressed by other databases (based on member input). Costs would be associated with mining for data, establishing the data bases and managing the website.

##### **Networking and conferences:**

- **Provide networking and tools**
- **Hold small meetings in individual countries/regions to raise profile**
- **Identify nations without hydrogen associations and link them to nations in the region that have associations**
- **Host online forums and bulletin boards for distribution of member announcements**
- **Host web-based seminars highlighting hydrogen activity in geographic regions**
- **Conduct and/or enhance 1-2 day workshops to bring visibility to specific hydrogen projects in countries or to identify solutions to regional problems.**

**Comment:** PATH could support some smaller countries with organization of regional meetings/conferences (1-2 days) that could build links with countries in that region. Costs

associated with organizational support and participation. Workshops and roundtable discussions may be developed to identify problems and/or solutions to regional implementation of hydrogen projects. Local programs and projects may be highlighted through online forums, web-based seminars, or similar venues.

### **Codes and Standards:**

- **Small companies can use PATH to influence codes and standards (bottom up approach needed to codes and standards development)**

**Comment:** There is ongoing debate on whether PATH should initiate a codes and standards-oriented group or take another approach. For example, Claude Derive of l'Association Française de l'Hydrogène notes that while there are several such task forces, there are still countries that lack regulations that facilitate the quick implementation of hydrogen projects. PATH member associations can help each other bring about change to speed up the implementation of such projects. PATH member representatives will be placed on the monthly distribution list to receive the *Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Safety Report* and are encouraged to forward it to their association members.

### **Operations of PATH:**

- **Alternate management functions with in-kind support (project management focus)**

## **GOALS**

### **Goals of PATH:**

- **Motivate national governments to commit more towards implementation of a hydrogen economy**
- **Strategy development**
- **International support and profile may be raised by growing the organization to over a dozen associations worldwide**
- **Provide certification**
- **Help articulate what is being requested from governments (i.e. financial support, incentives, etc.)**
- **Represent the international hydrogen industry; provide the voice for it**

**Comment:** PATH is still financially constrained. It requires the active support of all its members to identify industry sponsorship or contractual work that allows the organization to accomplish large scale projects and host meetings.