

Agenda for the Second Meeting of the
**WORKING GROUP ON 'IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IN THE STATES UNDER
 SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION' (WG-IDSST)**
 Tehran, Iran
 16 October 2011: 13.30-17.00 hours

Year of Establishment: 2009

Completion of the Mandate 2015

Mandate:

- to develop and strengthen the network among the countries of transition;
- to organize monitoring and evaluation of common problems in the States that belong to transition economy;
- to create database and exchange of information about changing situation in Irrigation and Drainage in these States and to attract global and national attention to existing trends affecting global and national food security and wellbeing of rural population;
- to summarize the experiences in overcoming negative tendencies in organizing public-private partnerships, implementation of IWRM and broad-basing of stakeholder;
- to monitor the ecological situation in the transition states, including problems of closed basin (Aral Sea, Caspian Sea), salinization and water logging, etc.;
- development of appropriate advance irrigation and drainage technology in transition states and its dissemination through capacity building; and
- to promote farmer's training to create awareness about irrigated and drainage agriculture.

Members: (1) VPH Prof. Peter Kovalenko, Chairman (Ukraine, 2009); (2) VPH Dr. Victor A. Dukhovny, Deputy Chairman (Uzbekistan, 2009); (3) Ms Kateryna Shatkovska, Secretary (Ukraine, 2010); (4) Mr. John Osterberg (USA, 2009); (5) Prof. Dr. N. Hacho (Japan, 2009); (6) Engr. M.S. Adamu (Nigeria, 2009); (7) Acad. Boris Kizyaev (Russia, 2009); (8) Mr. Ron W. Coley (Canada, 2009); (9) Mr. M. Falciai (Italy, 2009); (10) Mr. Bernard Vincent (France, 2009); and (11) Secretary General, ICID.

Permanent Observers/Observers: (i) Prof. Daene C. McKinney (IWRA); (ii) IPTRID/FAO Representative; and (iii) World Bank Representative.

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Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group held at Yogyakarta in October 2010 will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of the membership of the Working group

2.1 Nomination

No new nomination has been received by the Central Office for the membership of the group.

The nomination of Mr. Ernazarov Nazimjon (Uzbekistan) as an Observer was deferred at Yogyakarta (2010) meeting due to his non-attendance. The Central Office has requested (4 February 2011) Uzbekistan National Committee (UzNCID) to confirm the nomination for reconsideration at Tehran meeting or send a fresh nomination. Response from UzNCID is awaited.

Chairman may apprise the members.

2.2 Existing membership

During the Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, Chairman VPH Prof. Kovalenko proposed to involve all members who were in ST-ARAL to participate in the new group. During the meeting, Chairman also suggested to request for new nominations and proposed to use the ICID events for disseminating information of the group. It was proposed that the National Committees of Ukraine and Uzbekistan would prepare the necessary short information for publishing it in the ICID News and on the website of ICID.

The Central Office requested (21 April 2011) the National Committees of Ukraine and Uzbekistan to prepare a brief note towards inviting nominations for the membership of the group and circulate it among all NCs. Responses from them are awaited.

Item 3 : Develop and strengthen the network among the countries of transition

At Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, the group discussed and proposed the following actions for the implementation of possible actions in the frame of WG-IDSST activities to develop and strengthen the network among the countries of transition:

- Forming a core executive team of the WG with its base in the Ukrainian and Uzbek National Committees of ICID;
- Establishing permanent communications between the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary of the WG as well as with the most active members of the group for the strategic planning of WG activities;
- Establishing permanent communication links by email and an Internet portal (viz. LinkedIn) between the WG members and other interested parties;
- Exchanging information pertains to the field of activities of members' organizations (viz. projects, activities, publications);
- Analyzing and identification of common and specific problems in irrigation and drainage sphere by comparison of transformation processes and current situations in the countries which have already passed or still are under the influence of social-economic transformation processes. With that goal in view a questionnaire for monitoring and evaluation of the problems in the sphere of irrigation and drainage has been formulated (see item 4); and
- Developing a proposal for implementation of a small project with regard to the capacity building of the WG activities which is supposed to consist of an analytical information part and organization of WG workshop combined with one of the European ICID events in March or May 2011, when the 24th and 25th European Conferences of ICID will be held in France and in the Netherlands. The expected results of the project will be a consolidation of networking activities within the WG and drafting the proposal for a larger joint project.

In order to accomplish the above tasks, it was proposed to assign the duties and responsibilities among members of the WG. In this regard, the Central Office requested (21 April 2011) the Chairman to assign the duties and responsibilities among members of the WG so as to carry forward the agenda of the WG. Response is awaited.

The Central Office also requested (9 March 2011) Chairman VPH Prof. Kovalenko to finalize the project proposal for discussion during the Tehran meeting. In response, VPH Prof. Kovalenko informed the Central Office that the proposal has been submitted to the FAO project "To develop an integrated framework for adaptation of irrigated agriculture to the climate change and social-economical transformations in the countries under transition".

VPH Prof. Kovalenko also informed the Central Office that he has done some preparatory work during 25th European Regional Conference (May 2011) towards the Workshop of WG-IDSST.

Chairman will apprise further progress at Tehran meeting.

Item 4 : Monitoring and evaluation of common problems in States with transition economy

At Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, Chairman proposed two types of formats for monitoring and evaluation of the current situation in the member countries and identification of common and specific problems. During the meeting, Chairman circulated the draft formats and requested members for their remarks/ supplements/ corrections on the draft. After making a final version of the format of the document it will be circulated to all member countries for filling-up. After collecting and analyzing the filled in formats, a special document with the description of specified

common problems and features will be developed in the frame of a small WG project (see Item 3) and further presented at the WG workshop.

In March 2011, the Central Office informed the above to the Chairman and requested to finalize the draft format so that the same can be presented and discussed at WG workshop. In response, Chairman VPH Prof. Kovalenko informed that the document is being prepared on common and specific problems and their features in the countries under socio-economic transformation and will be presented at the workshop of WG-IDSST during 25th European Regional Conference (May 2011).

VPH Prof. Kovalenko may apprise further progress to the members at the meeting.

Item 5 : Create database on Irrigation and Drainage in the countries of transition

During the Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, it was proposed that for creating data and knowledge base, use the experience of the CAREWIP project and other international projects. It was also proposed that this task can be incorporated in the project proposal that will be developed in the frame of the small capacity building project.

Chairman may apprise further status at the meeting.

Item 6 : Develop public-private partnerships and implementation of IWRM

At Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, the group discussed about the good practices of public-private partnership in the sphere of irrigation and drainage and within the IWRM projects in different countries will be organized. The process of identification and analysis of the most efficient economical and organizational tools and approaches on PPP will be organized and used for the Guidelines or general WG publications later on. The experiences of developed and developing countries will be welcomed. For this purpose, the group proposed to get into contact with the other ICID Working Bodies.

Chairman may apprise further progress at the meeting.

Item 7 : Identify and monitor problems (ecological situation) of closed basins

During the Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, Chairman Prof. Kovalenko proposed to use the Aral basin countries' experience as background information for starting discussions on the problems in different closed basins which are the objects of national or international importance in different European and Asiatic countries. The above mentioned format of water management issues can help to indentify the possible hot spots and promote with the discussions on the ecological problems typical for the closed basins. Chairman proposed to use this format to start such a discussion. Later on, one could see whether we should organize a separate project for formulating policy messages on this subject or make some joint publications on this issue in frame of a separate small project. Chairman also informed that he has a great chance to cooperate with another big initiative at the European level called "Europe INBO".

Chairman may apprise further progress at the meeting.

Item 8 : Development of appropriate advanced irrigation and drainage technologies

At Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, the following strategic questions were proposed:

- innovations in water and energy saving technologies;
- integration of GIS, modeling and land survey in new type of DSS for water management in irrigation and drainage and evaluation of its efficiency;
- technologies for intensive and extensive irrigation; and
- advanced constructions, materials and technologies for irrigation.

Chairman proposed to get in contact with the other WGs of ICID to accumulate all available knowledge and experiences on development and implementation of innovations in the sphere of irrigation and drainage research and practical work. In this case, he would try to develop the matrix of innovative products that can be recommended for implementation in the countries in the course of different tasks solving.

Chairman may apprise further progress on the above at the meeting.

Item 9 : Create awareness about irrigated (drained) agriculture (capacity building)

At Yogyakarta (2010) meeting, the group discussed in detail to create awareness about irrigated (drained) agriculture (capacity building) among members. It was recommended to collect the information with regard to worldwide capacity building methodologies and tools: international and national dialogues, regional platforms, development of advisory services, role of NGOs, methodology on involving stakeholders, development of water governance, training facilities etc. during the meeting, Chair requested all members to provide such information as available in their country so that he can analyze and make suitable recommendations for increasing awareness and select the most suitable approaches for the conditions of the transition countries in view of their specific cultural and social- economic needs. The Central Office requested (28 April 2011) member NCs to provide the available information to VPH Prof. Kovalenko so that he can analyze and place the outcome for discussion during the Tehran meeting. Response is awaited.

During the Yogyakarta meeting, involvement of young professionals' and exchange of information in the WG activities was discussed. Chairman requested NCs to nominate one young professional from each NC to participate in the activities of the WG. Later the Chairman may try to organize an international summer school for the young professionals involved in the WG activities.

The Central Office requested (21 April 2011) all member National Committees (in WG-IDSST) to nominate a young professional and send their CV for consideration at the Tehran meeting. Response is awaited.

Chairman may apprise further progress at the meeting.

Item 10 : Any other business

Certificate of advance studies (CAS), 2011-2012, Switzerland

The Central Office circulated (9 December 2010) the announcement of the program of Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) on the topic "Integrated Water Resource Management in the context of Developing and Transition countries" to all members of the WG and requested to get in touch with Katja Zuber <wb.ahb@bfh.ch> or access their website <<http://www.ahb.bfh.ch/ahb/en/Weiterbildung/cas/> for more information>.
