

Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the  
**SPECIAL WORK TEAM ON LAKE CHAD BASIN (ST- LCB)**  
 Tehran, Iran  
 17 October 2011: 09.00-12.30 hours

**Year of Establishment: 2005**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2011**

**Mandate:**

- To assist in the establishment of broad based ICID National Committees in each of the Lake Chad Basin country;
- To obtain and disseminate information on the problems of Lake Chad Basin to other ICID member countries with similar problems;
- To organize national and international discussions on related scientific and technical issues in the basin; and
- To co-operate with other international organizations in related activities.

**Members:** (1) Vice President Hon. Engr. I.K. Musa, Chairman (Nigeria, 2007); (2) Engr. M.S. Adamu (Nigeria, 2005); (3) Dr. Sizwe Mkhize (South Africa, 2005); (4) Dr. H. Fahmy (Egypt, 2005); (5) Prof. Tom Franks (UK, 2005); (6) Vice President Hon. V.A. Dukhovny (Uzbekistan, 2005); (7) Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan, 2010); and (8) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID

**Permanent Observers:** (i) ARID-RAID Representative; (ii) LCBC Representative; (iii) FAO Representative; (iv) IPTRID Representative; and (v) World Bank Representative.

**Website:** <<http://www.st-lcb.icidonline.org>>

**Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Special Work Team held at Yogyakarta in October 2010**

The minutes of the last meeting held at Yogyakarta will be confirmed.

There has been no progress in the activities of the ST as the last three meetings (Yogyakarta, 2010; New Delhi, 2009; and Lahore, 2008) could not be effectively held due to non-attendance of the Chairman and majority of members. An interim meeting of the ST-LCB was also held at Sirte, Libya on the sidelines of the FAO High Level Conference on "Water for Agriculture and Energy in Africa: The Challenges of Climate Change" held in December 2008, the only one of some productive nature when most of the members were present due to Libyan support which also facilitates a pledge to move further on issues connected with LCB.

**Item 2 : Membership of the Special Work Team**

The nomination of Mr. Illiassou Mossi Maiga (Niger) for the membership of the team was deferred to Tehran meeting due to his non-attendance at the Lahore/ New Delhi / Yogyakarta meetings. The Central Office in April 2011 has written to the Niger National Committee (ANID) to inform Mr. Maiga to remain present at Tehran meeting.

**Item 3 : Tenure of the Work Team**

The ST is to complete its mandate by 2011.

At Yogyakarta, it was proposed to merge the team to AFRWG by transferring some of its key activities. The PCSO/ IEC recommended closing the ST by completing its major activities until Tehran meeting (2011). It was suggested that ST to concentrate on the issues brought out in the background paper circulated by Lake Chad Basin Commission and contribute effectively on "Climate Change and Irrigation" with an African focus. Members will decide the further line of action at the meeting.

**Item 4 : Formation of a broadbased ICID National Committee in each of the Lake Chad Basin countries**

The Lake Chad Basin Commission comprises of eight countries viz. Algeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, and Sudan. The ST recognized the need to have all stakeholder countries become members of ICID; and those who are member countries to organize broad basing of their National Committees. At Lahore meeting, Mr. Boubakari Mana had volunteered to interact with as many countries with interest in Lake Chad Basin management to induct them as members.

The ST at its Sirte meeting, called on Lake Chad Basin Commission to assist in the effort to reactivate or establish National Committees in the Chad Basin countries. The Central Office has written to National Committees of Algeria (CNAID), Libya (LICID) and Sudan (SUCID) for their reactivation. Response is awaited.

Applications of Chad and Cameroon for membership were accepted by IECs at previous meetings; however, both the countries are yet to pay their first subscription to formally effect their membership. Central Office in July 2010 has received a letter from the Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Cameroon indicating their interest to pay the first annual subscription. No further communication was received from Cameroon.

ST may like to discuss on the membership issue and suggest ways and means to reactivate the inactive NCs and enthuse countries of Chad and Cameroon to join ICID by paying their first membership subscription.

**Item 5 : Any other business**

• **14th World Lake Conference, Austin, Texas (USA) from 31 October to 4 November 2011**

At Yogyakarta, Dr. Watanabe volunteered to act as a liaison person between ICID and International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC) if agreed by ICID.

The International Lake Environment Committee (ILEC) and the River Systems Institute–Texas State University will co-sponsor the 14th World Lake Conference, to be held in Austin, Texas (USA) from 31 October to 4 November 2011. The conference provides an interactive international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experiences on important lake and reservoir science, management and governance issues. The conference is a biennial event with previous conferences having been convened in Argentina, China, Denmark, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, and the USA. The anticipated conference participants include international, national, and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic organizations, representatives of the private sector, and other water stakeholders from both developed and developing countries. Members are encouraged to participate in the conference. More information is available at <http://www.wlc14.org/>

Dr. Watanabe may like to apprise further updates of the Conference.

• **ICID's 3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Conference, Bamako, Mali, 2011**

The 3rd ICID African Regional Conference of ICID will be held from 29th November to 5th December 2011 at Bamako, Mali. The theme of the Conference is '*Food security in Africa and climate change: Improve Irrigation and drainage contribution*'. The main objectives of the Conference are - (i) To share documented experiences and knowledge on climate change and how to scale up experiences; (ii) To suggest strategies for improving water productivity; and (iii) To advise policy makers on how irrigation could contribute to food security in Africa. Following are the sub-themes: **Theme 1:** Effects of climate change on the development of irrigation and drainage in Africa. **Theme 2:** Policies and strategies to improve the contribution of irrigation and drainage to food security in Africa under climate change context. **Theme 3:** Water use productivity in agriculture and the challenges of climate change.

The "first announcement" of the 3rd AfRC was circulated by the Central Office to all National Committees and international organizations. All members are encouraged to participate in the conference. For more information about the conference sub-themes, key dates etc. please visit the conference website <<http://www.amid-mali.org>>.

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