

**AGENDA FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON MODERNIZATION OF IRRIGATION SERVICES (WG-MIS)
New Delhi, India
07 December 2009: 14.15-18.00 hours
Strategy Theme: Systems**

Year of Establishment: 2007

Completion of the Mandate: 2012

Mandate:

To provide a continuing focus in ICID for sustainable improvement of irrigation service delivery through progressive modernization of infrastructure, management and institution.

Members: (1) Dr. Ir. Maurits Ertsen, Chairman (The Netherlands, 2007); (2) Mr. Francois Brelle, Vice Chairman (France, 2007); (3) Dr. William F. Vlotman, Secretary (Australia, 2008); (4) Mr. Lee, Tsong-Hwei (Chinese Taipei, 2007); (5) Mr. Thomas E. Mitchell (USA, 2007); (6) Dr. Jiesheng Huang (China, 2007); (7) Dr. M.K. Siah (Iran, 2007); (8) Vice President Dr. Illahi B. Shaikh (Pakistan, 2007); (9) Mr. Ian William Makin (UK, 2008); (10) Mr. Sezar Ercan (Turkey, 2008); (11) Dr. Ashwani Kumar (India, 2008); (12) Ms. Marina Pintar (Slovenia, 2008); (13) Prof. Filali B. Abdelwahab (Morocco, 2008); (14) Dr. Masayoshi Satoh (Japan, 2008); (15) Dr. Lee, Yong-Jig (Korea, 2008); (16) Dr. José M. García-Asensio (Spain, 2008); (17) Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa, 2008); and (18) Secretary General, ICID.

Permanent Observers /Observers: (i) FAO representative; (ii) IPTRID representative; (iii) President Hon. Peter S. Lee (UK); and (iv) Mr. H. Plusquellec (USA/France).

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting held at Lahore

The minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group held at Lahore in October 2008 will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Membership of the Group

At Lahore, the Group decided to accept the nominations of Dr. William F. Vlotman (Australia); Mr. Ian William Makin (UK); Mr. Sezar Ercan (Turkey); Dr. Ashwani Kumar (India); Ms. Marina Pintar (Slovenia); Prof. Filali B. Abdelwahab (Morocco); Dr. Masayoshi Satoh (Japan); Dr. Lee, Yong-Jig (Korea); Dr. José M. García-Asensio (Spain); and Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa) as received from their respective National Committees, even though they were not present at the meeting. This decision was taken in view of the fact that the Group was new and needs to start the work soon and effectively. WG's proposal was also supported by the PCTA and approved by the IEC. The Central Office subsequently had informed all these nominees regarding acceptance of their membership and also to the concerned National Committees to advise them to attend the 3rd meeting of the Group at New Delhi. In response, Mr. Ian William Makin and Dr. José M. García-Asensio (Spain) have responded positively.

The Pakistan National Committee (PANCID) has nominated Engr. Syed Mansoob Ali Zaidi (in place of VP Dr. Illahi B. Shaikh) for the membership. CV of Engr. Ali Zaidi will be tabled for consideration at the meeting.

Attendance of members at the meetings held in 2007 and 2008 will be circulated at the meeting.

Item 3 : Webpage of the Group

The webpage is a tool to disseminate the latest updates, new, agenda, minutes, publications, links etc. related to group's activities. The Chairman Dr. Maurits Ertsen in July 2009 has set-up a webpage of the WG <www.misicid.citg.tudelft.nl> by posting key information like mandate, objective, membership and work plan of the Group. The Chairman had also provided a working space within the web based environment share-point which can be accessed through <<http://www.surfgroepen.nl/default.aspx>>. The Chairman had requested all members to

become a member of the web forum. The Chairman had also appealed members and other interested persons to contribute their ideas to improve and enrich the webpage.

All members are requested to access the WG website and provide their inputs.

Item 4 : Un-Water Task Force on Indicators–Monitoring-Reporting

The UN-Water has established a Task Force on “Indicators-Monitoring-Reporting” (IMR). The purpose of the Task Force was to prepare a working paper on “Common framework for global monitoring and reporting on water and sanitation through a defined set of domains and key indicators”. The coordinating organization of the Task Force is “World Water Assessment Program (WWAP)”. The TF-IMR was building upon the work of two previous UN-Water Task Forces (TF on monitoring, 2006; and TF on IWRM, 2007) and multiple partners’ initiatives on indicators selection, development, and data provision. It focuses on the selection of a minimum set of key indicators for reporting at global level on the water sector.

ICID was invited to contribute to the TF as one of the partner organizations of the UN-Water. In response, Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan, had suggested the name of Dr. Maurits Ertsen (with Dr. Hector Malano, Chair, PCTA as alternate) as ICID nominee to contribute to TF-IMR. Independently, the WWAP was supplied with a copy of the ICID position paper on ‘Benchmarking Irrigation and Drainage Projects’ as approved in IEC based on the work of the TF on the subject.

A copy of the status report of the TF-IMR, as received from the WWAP was forwarded to Dr. Ertsen requesting to provide his comments to the Coordinator. The interim report of the TF apparently was one of the items scheduled for discussions by UN Water during the Stockholm World Water Week in August 2009.

Details of the TF and related documents can be viewed at <<http://www.unwater.org>>

As a partner of the UN-Water, ICID is being invited from time to time to contribute, as appropriate for the World Water Reports. Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan, on invitation, joined a TAC that guided the preparatory process of WWDR3 (which was released in Istanbul).

The Chairman may like to explore ICID contribution to the proposed TF of UN-Water which handles the issue by mostly virtual discussions and occasional meetings, at short notice.

Item 5 : Internal Workshop of the WG

The Chairman has proposed to organize an internal workshop of the Group and was in the process of preparing a ‘Call for Papers’. It was planned to use a web based discussion platform to exchange ideas and documents prior to the workshop.

At Lahore, ICID jointly with FAO had planned an international workshop on “Service oriented management: Key to modernization”. The workshop was to be jointly organized by WG-MIS and FAO - Land and Water Management Division. However, due to absence of FAO at Lahore, it could not be held. Central Office in May has corresponded with FAO to explore the possibility of holding the workshop on the sidelines of the 60th IEC meeting at New Delhi. In response, Mr. Thierry Facon of the Regional Office for Asia Pacific of FAO informed that they were interested in organizing the event in partnership with the WG-MIS on the topic of “Irrigation Modernization”. Subsequently in June 2009, Mr. Thierry Facon reiterated FAO’s intention to hold workshop at New Delhi to introduce their FAO-IWMI initiative – the study on “Analysis of sustainable water resource use” (funded by the Government of Japan) spanning 4 participating countries, namely China, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia.

In the mean while, IWMI expressed their interest to introduce their study ‘Trends and Transitions in Asian Irrigation’ jointly with FAO and ADB. IWMI had requested the Indian National Committee (INCID) as well as ICID to provide them a slot on the sidelines of the 60th IEC meeting.

In view of the relevance of the FAO and IWMI studies to the Asian Region, INCID has provided a half-day slot on 10 December for a joint ICID-FAO-IWMI Special Session.

All members are encouraged to attend the special session.

Item 6 : Work Plan of the Group for the period 2009-2012

The WG' main objective is to facilitate improving irrigation service delivery through adoption of innovations in management, infrastructure and hardware and governance. At the Lahore meeting, the Chairman proposed the following work plan for the period 2009-2012:

- The WG, in close cooperation with the FAO and associated partners will apply the MASSCOTE approach to many irrigation schemes, so as to develop an appropriate comparative platform for further discussion.

The Chairman has requested each member of the Group to (i) study a system using MASSCOTE and report about the first results during the New Delhi meeting. The Chairman would finalize the analysis by April 2010 and will approach the editors of 'Irrigation and Drainage' to explore the possibility of publishing a special issue comprising selected papers based on this analysis. The Chairman will analyze the water system of the Delft and Water Board - which is the direct environment of his university and also the Rio Chile Irrigation System in Arequipa, Peru.

- The WG, in close cooperation with universities and other institutions and initiatives, including potential new workbodies of ICID will study various technological, legal and organizational aspects and options for improved irrigation service delivery.
- Modernization is not a new concept and has been contested often in the past. The WG, in cooperation with the WG-HIST will study the historical aspects of modernization, as appropriate.
- The WG, in cooperation with WG-YPF will endeavour to explore the training and capacity building needs in modernization.

The Chairman in July 2009 circulated a letter among WG members to provide their inputs on the above work plan.

The Chairman will brief the feedback received from members and his own updates on the work plan. The Group may like to further refine and firm up the draft work plan up to 2012.

Item 7 : Any other business
