

**AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE  
TASK FORCE FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ASIA (TF-LDCsAS)  
Sacramento, USA  
30 September 2007 : 09.00-12.00 hours**

**Members:** (1) Dr. Shigetaka Taniyama, Chairman (Japan); (2) Dr. Huh Yoo-Man, Vice President (South Korea); (3) Dr. Hector M. Malano (Australia); (4) Dr. Saeed Nairizi, Vice President Hon. (Iran); and (5) Prof. Cai Lingen (China); (6) Ir. Azhari bin Ghazalli Vice President (Malaysia); (7) Mr. S. Seyama, Secretary(Japan).

**Observer:** (i) Mr. Peter Lee, President, ICID (UK); (ii) Dr. Karim Shiati, Vice President (Iran); (iii) Engr. I.K. Musa, Vice President Hon. (Nigeria).

**Item 1 : Review of the Progress since the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, held on 10 September 2006**

Task Force for Least Developed Countries in Asia (TF-LDCsAS) carried out a questionnaire survey on “Development with Partnership - Avenues for Cooperation” in 2004 to 2005 concentrating mainly on the state of irrigation in LDCsAS. The TF-LDCsAS thereby realized one common feature of irrigation infrastructure in LDCsAS and was the dominance of small or minor schemes. The choice of the main theme for the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session was based on the recognition emerged from the Questionnaire Survey.

**Item 1.1 : Organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the Task Force**

The first Special Session (SS) was conducted at KL on 10 September 2006 based on the following main theme and exemplary areas:

**Main theme**

- Planning, implementation, and management of small or tertiary distribution schemes in LDCs and other countries in Asia.

**Exemplary areas**

- Capacity building for planning, designing, construction, and management of irrigation and drainage schemes.
- Practical research and development on planning, designing, construction, and management of irrigation and drainage schemes.
- Case studies of best administrative/ management practices, e.g., practical ways for cost sharing of infrastructure improvement and/or development; or mechanisms for efficiency and equity in water distribution, including those of traditional schemes.
- Comparative studies on the effectiveness of management/regulatory framework for sustainable management of water resources, including groundwater.
- Roles of governments and institutional arrangements for participatory irrigation and drainage development and management.
- Empowerment of women in decision-making for planning, implementation, and management of irrigation schemes.

Four (4) papers submitted were accepted for the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session:

- Hideyuki Kanamori, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), “Introduction of Practical Technologies for Minor Irrigation Schemes”.

- MD. Nurul Islam and Q.R. Islam, Bangladesh, “Local Stakeholders Participation for Small Scale Water Resources Management in Bangladesh: A Case Study”.
- S. Taniyama, Japan, “The Importance of Small-Scale Irrigation and Participatory Irrigation Management”.
- Makonnen Loulseged, Ethiopia, “Constraints of Small Scale Irrigation Management and Research in Ethiopia”.

Three papers out of the four papers accepted were presented, since the Ethiopian author was unable to attend in the 1<sup>st</sup> SS.

#### **Item 1.2 : Organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session of of the Task Force**

The main theme and exemplary areas selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SS during the time of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the TF based upon the presentations/deliberations taken place at KL, Malaysia on 10 September 2006 were:

##### **Main Theme**

- Affordable technology for the development and management of irrigation, drainage and flood control schemes in LDCs and other countries in Asia.

##### **Exemplary areas:**

- Water resources development, sharing and management, including ways to improve the efficiency and equity of water delivery by equipping large systems with secondary “in-system” storage facilities that serve as regulating/buffer ponds to settle the temporal and volumetric gaps between the water supply from the head works and the water demands of the farmers.
- Participatory irrigation management and the roles of governments.
- Capacity building / technology transfer and ICID.

Following five presentations were submitted and accepted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session :

- “Irrigation Improvement Management through Farmers Participation” by Dr. Saeed Nairizi (Iran).
- “The Government’s Role in Making Participatory Irrigation Management Successful” by Prof. Dr. Masayoshi Satoh (Japan).
- “Improvement of Participatory Approach for Irrigation Development in LDCs” by Mr. Yuji Sakamoto (Japan).
- “Affordable Technologies for Rain Water Conservation and Harvesting in Rainfed Agro Eco-System” by Mr. S.M. Taley (India).
- “Effectiveness of Small Reservoirs in or Near Irrigated Areas in Large Irrigation System” by Prof. Dr. Riota Nakamura.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SS of the TF-LDCsAS was held on 3 May 2007, on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference in Teheran, Iran.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> SS, Dr. Nairizi, Iran, Vice President Hon. presented “Irrigation improvement management through farmers participation”, and Prof. Dr. M Satoh, Japan and Ms. Tassanee, Thailand presented “The government role in making participatory irrigation management successful”.

#### **Item 1.3 : Fourth Meeting of the TF-LDCsAS held at Tehran, Iran**

As per the decision of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the TFLDCsAS held at KL on 10 September 2006, the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TF-LDCsAS of one hour duration was also held in Iran on 3 May 2007.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the first draft of the summary report of TF-LDCsAS was presented by the Chairman Dr. S. Taniyama (Japan), and discussed by participants, which included Mr. Peter Lee, President, ICID (UK), Dr. Karim Shiati, Vice President (Iran), Ir. Azhari bin Ghazalli Vice President (Malaysia), Dr. Huh Yoo-Man, Vice President (South Korea), Dr. Saeed Nairizi, Vice President Hon. (Iran) and Engr. I.K. Musa, Vice President Hon. (Nigeria).

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The discussions touched upon the priority issues of irrigation in LDCs and proposed actions that ICID should take for helping LDCs with their problems.

**Item 2 : Tasks Ahead**

**Item 2.1 : Organization of fifth meeting of the TF-LDCsAS at Sacramento**

The Task Force in its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting agreed that the TF would meet again on the occasion of the 58<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting to be held in September-October 2007 in USA and discuss the revised summary report. The revision would be made building on the comments received in the 2<sup>nd</sup> SS in Tehran and further comments to be received from the members of TF and VPH Musa, Chairman of TF-LDCs in Africa.

**Item 2.2 : Publication of documents of TF-LDCsAS**

Publication of the proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Sessions and the Task Force Report is in the action lists.

In the Sacramento meeting, the TF-LDCsAS may like to deliberate the matter regarding publications of the above mentioned documents alongwith proposed number of copies, targeted dates of publications and possibilities of availing external funds through various National Committees of ICID, if any.

**Item 3 : Winding-up of TF-LDCsAS**

The summary report is the output of TF-LDCsAS and it includes proposed actions that ICID should take for helping LDCs with their problems. In view of the finalization and impending submission of the summary report to the ICID higher authorities, the TF-LDCsAS would like to consider the winding-up of the task force.

**Item 4 : Any other business**

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