

CPSP News

CPSP – Preparatory Workshops in India and China

A Preparatory Workshop (PW) in brainstorming mode to throw up ideas and concepts for assisting ICID to conduct CPSP was held on 4-5 October 2002 at New Delhi. Preceding the workshop, a curtain raiser function of 'World Food Day' was arranged jointly with the Delhi State Centre of Institution of Engineers. The workshop was attended by more than 60 senior level professionals from water resources departments



Preparatory Workshop at New Delhi (4-5 October 2002)

of the Central and State Governments, NGOs, and academic institutions. A high level delegation from Ministry of Water Resources, China and Chinese National Committee (CNCID) and an expert from International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Sri Lanka who also represented IFPRI, participated in the workshop. Local representatives of the contributing organisations and the World Bank were amongst participants besides Dialogue participating organisation who were invited.

There were five key presentations viz. Constitutional provisions and country policy on water; PODIUM/IMPACT Models; Case study on treatment and recycling of wastewater; Farmers' perception on irrigated agriculture; Framework for restructuring water and sanitation sectors; and Integration of freshwater supply and demand for different sectors. The presentations were followed by discussion and pin-pointed suggestions from participants for framing up of CPSP.



Chinese delegates at Preparatory and PODIUM Orientation Workshop at New Delhi (4-11 October 2002)

The CPSP aims to conduct consultations at river basin and at national level, initially in China and India followed by Egypt, Mexico and Pakistan. ICID firmly believes that such consultations on assessment of water needs for food, people and nature and related policies can produce desired output only if they

are held in the context of scientifically developed Knowledge Base (KB). The consultation could then avoid becoming a talk shop as the debate could be focussed on the KB. ICID has initiated steps to avail and compile the existing KB in China and India. In addition, assessment for past, present and future water balance have been launched in two sample river basins in these 2 countries.



Preparatory Workshop at Beijing (11-12 November 2002)

The PW was followed by a 'Orientation Workshop on PODIUM' for professionals from CNCID and INCID/ CWC from 7-11 October 2002, under facilitation by Dr. Upali Amarasinghe from IWMI. The objective of the Orientation Workshop was to review status of application of PODIUM in India and China and possibility of further improvement in the model so as to make it as much realistic as possible.

The CNCID organized a CPSP Preparatory Workshop (PW) on 11-12 November 2002 at Beijing. More than fifty professionals from Government departments, academic and research institutions participated in the PW and launched sample basin studies. Now CNCID proposes to hold basin level consultations after completion of preliminary assessments in the selected basins.

CPSP – India Basin Consultations

The Central Office, ICID in close association with Indian National Committee (INCID) of India and with Chinese National Committee (CNCID) of China is coordinating the work of CPSP. Various apex National, State/Province level organisations/ agencies and NGOs related to three water sectors are being consulted in the assessment process.

After the Preparatory Workshop in October 2002, the CPSP picked up speed. In order to present the preliminary

findings of the water need assessment in the two selected basins of India, basin level consultations viz. Brahmani Basin at Bhubaneswar (Orissa State) and Sabarmati Basin at Ahmedabad (Gujarat State) were held on 16-17 January 2003 and 23-24 January 2003, respectively. Key presentations on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management (IWRDM), Rainfed Agriculture, Treatment and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater, and Water Needs of Forestry and Mangroves, besides presentation of past, present and future water availability/ need scenario were made and suggestions for policy interventions ascertained at each consultation. More than fifty-five professionals from Govt. Departments, prominent Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Consultants, and representatives of Contributing Organizations (COs) and Dialogue Participating Organizations (POs)

participated in each of the consultations. The comments/ suggestions received from the participants are being used by the study teams for reforming/ refining the assessments and framing policy support interventions. Papers based upon these developments will be presented on 19 March 2003 at the ICID Session in 3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto, Japan.



Brahmani Basin Consultation, Bhubaneswar (Orissa), India
16-17 January 2003



Sabarmati Basin Consultation, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), India
23-24 January 2003