

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
WORKING GROUP ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IN THE STATES UNDER  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (WG-IDSST)**

08 November 2016, 11.15-13.15 hours  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Year of Establishment: 2009**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2016**

**Mandate:** (1) To develop and strengthen the network among the countries of transition; (2) to organize monitoring and evaluation of common problems in the States that belong to transition economy; (3) 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; (4) to summarize the experiences in overcoming negative tendencies in organizing public-private partnerships, implementation of IWRM and broad-basing of stakeholder; (5) to monitor the ecological situation in the transition states, including problems of closed basin (Aral Sea, Caspian Sea), salinization and water logging, etc.; (6) development of appropriate advance irrigation and drainage technology in transition states and its dissemination through capacity building; (7) to promote farmer's training to create awareness about irrigated and drainage agriculture.

**Members Present:** (1) VPH Prof. Peter Kovalenko, Chairman (Ukraine); (2) Dr. Shukhrat Mukhamedjanov, Secretary (Uzbekistan); (3) Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan); (4) Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar represented Secretary General Avinash Tyagi.

**Observers:** (i) Dr. Sandor Szalai (Hungary); (ii) Dr. Liudmila Kireycheva (Russia); (iii) Dr. Irina Bondarik (Russia); (iv) Dr. Irina Glajunova (Russia); (v) Dr. Valezy Yashin (Russia); (vi) Mr. Bakhrom Gafozode (Tajikistan); (vii) Mr. Farkhad Abdurakhmanov (Tajikistan).

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by Chair**

1. Chairman VPH Dr. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine) presented the report on the actions taken on the various decisions/ proposals of the working group since Montpellier meeting. Chair briefed the members on the activities of the group viz. database of the group, preparation of closure report and scoping document.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 2: ICID Action Plan 2030 – Activities for development of the States under socio-economic transformation**

2. The Chairman Dr. Peter Kovalenko presented the draft Action Plan 2030 during the meeting. The group discussed and finalized the Action Plan 2030 as given in the **Annex**. The action plan includes activities such as publication, organization of workshops, compilation of database, training workshop, etc.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 3: Develop and strengthen the network among the countries**

3. The Chairman, while appreciating the past presentations from Hungary, Russia and Tajikistan, brought out the need to develop and strengthen the network among the countries and encouraged the members to accept the following actions:

- (a) To update information/ statistics on irrigation and drainage;
- (b) To publish/ disseminate the reports/ database through websites such as SIC-ICWC;
- (c) ICID Central Office to assist in the preparation of e-publication and its dissemination;
- (d) To organize regional meeting / workshop possibly before ICID Congress in 2017.

4. The members expressed their commitment to the actions as above.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 4: Monitoring and evaluation of common problems in states with economy in transition**

5. The Chair Peter Kovalenko presented a draft paper on Irrigation and Drainage in the States under Economic Transformation. The group accepted the paper after discussion and it was proposed to upload the paper on ICID website and update the same annually.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 5: Create database on irrigation and drainage in the countries of transition**

6. The WG was informed by the Chairman that a datasheet has already been circulated for creating the database on irrigation and drainage in the countries of transition. After discussion, the Working Group decided to synthesize/ compile the material/ data that is already available from a project report published in 2005 through the European Regional Working Group and new information available in 2016. Such database can then be uploaded on the ICID Website. Dr Mukhamedjanov (Uzbekistan) made a presentation on the paper titled "Water, Food and Energy NEXUS – is it possible?" which was authored by VPH Victor Dukhovny. The Chairman thanked Prof Dukhovny and accepted the paper after due discussion as an important contribution to the WG.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 6: Closure report and revised mandate of the Working Group**

7. The Chairman presented the 'Summary of activities' and 'Scoping Document' to the members. Members discussed and supplemented the renewed mandate of the WG after clarifications from the Chair. The revised mandate proposed is as follows:

- (a) to develop and strengthen the network among the countries of transition on the basis of establishment of monitoring and evaluation of common problems in the States and bring it to the attention of decision-makers in states;
- (b) 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; especially related to climate change and ability to adapt to it;
- (c) to promote implementation of IWRM and broad-basing of stakeholders by popularizing the case studies and best practices explaining the real content of IWRM principles;
- (d) to monitor the ecological situation in the transition states, including problems of closed basin (Aral Sea, Lake Chad, Lake Victoria, Caspian Sea), rivers deltas, salinization and water logging, land desertification etc.;
- (e) to collect appropriate advance irrigation and drainage technology for use in transition states and its dissemination through capacity building; to promote involvement young specialists as providers of these innovations; pay specific attention to use of RS technology in I&D;
- (f) to promote farmer's and WUAs training to create awareness about agricultural water management.
- (g) to increase the efficiency and functioning of the WG, intensify collaboration with other countries to share best practices and experience for development of irrigation and drainage in the States under socio-economic transformation.

8. The revised mandate as above was discussed and accepted by the members of the working group. As per procedure approved by the IEC for setting up of the new WGs, after submission of Scoping Document by the WG, it will be circulated to all NCs in order to ascertain their interest in the activities of the WG and their suggestions/ comments as well as for nominating members for the WG. Since the SD was not circulated to all NCs, it was proposed that the SD will be circulated to all NCs for their comments and nominations before finalization during the next meeting at Mexico City in 2017. Given the above, it was decided to request the PCSO/ IEC for extension of tenure and circulate the scoping document to all NCs, which was accepted in principle with the suggestion to further develop the scoping document for new WG.

**WG-IDSST Minutes Item 7: Any other business**

9. The meeting ended with thanks to the chairman.



## Annex [Appendix VII, Item 2]

**ICID ACTION PLAN VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES BY WORKBODIES**

**Name of the Chairman and members filling this questionnaire:** VPH Peter Kovalenko (Chair), VPH Viktor Dukhovny (Deputy Chair), Dr. Shukhrat Mukhamedjanov (Secretary)

**Date:** November 2016

Goals		Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
<b>Goal 2: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices</b>	2.1 Publication	Technical paper	Compilation of papers	First draft	Final draft of Technical paper		
<b>Goal 3: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology</b>	3.1 Develop and strengthen the network	Workshops	Organize workshop		Organize workshop		
	3.2 Database on irrigation and drainage in the countries of transition	Database	Compile database	First draft of database	Final draft of database		
<b>Goal 6: Facilitate capacity development</b>	Training Workshop	Training Workshop	Organize Training Workshop		Organize Training Workshop		



