

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IN THE STATES UNDER
SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (WG-IDSST)**

14 August 2018, 13.30-15.00 hours (Session I) and 15.30-17.00 hours (Session II)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Presented by the Chairman

Members Present: (1) Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan); (2) VP Irena G. Bondarik (Russia) represented Dr. Alexander Solovyev; (3) Dr. Keigo Noda (Japan); (4) Engr. Peter Yakube Manjuk (Nigeria); (5) Mr. Kimsanov Dilshod represented Mr. Baratov Rustam Okilovich (Tajikistan); (6) Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar (India) represented Secretary General Ashwin Pandya.

Observers: (i) Engr Christy Omeno Oduh (Nigeria); (ii) Umechukwu Job Chuba (Nigeria); (iii) Omata Ali (Nigeria); (iv) Bahkrom Gaforzoda (Tajikistan).

VP Irena G. Bondarik (Russia) conducted the informal meeting as Chair VPH Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine) was not available at Saskatoon.

WG-IDSST Minutes Item 1: Introduction of the new Working Group by the Chair

1. Chair welcomed the members and briefed about the mandate of the new Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in the States Under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST) as follows:

New mandate of the WG:

- (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.

2. The group reviewed the nominations of Mr. Rafaquat Ali (Pakistan), Dr. Hassan Abu Bashir (Sudan), VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba (Egypt), Dr. Andrii Shatkovskiy (Ukraine) and accepted them as Provisional Members as they were not present at the Saskatoon meeting. Membership status is given in **Annex 3 (page 51)**.

WG-IDSST Minutes Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Activities in the States under socioeconomic transformation

3. WG discussed and reviewed the activities listed in the action plan of Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 (refer **Annex**). After discussion, the WG approved the next working plan as follows:

- Organization of training in cooperation with Tajikistan and Chinese National Committees in 2018
- Organization and holding of the event in Tajikistan dedicated to the theme of 3rd World Irrigation Forum to be held in 2019.

4. Mr. Dilshod Kimsanov, Secretary, Tajikistan National Committee (TAJCID) made an interesting presentation and expressed views of TAJCID on the establishment of new WG and proposed topics for discussions.

WG-IDSST Minutes Item 3: Discuss and develop work plan based on new mandate

5. At Saskatoon meeting, members discussed and deliberated on the development of work plan based on the new mandate and ICID Vision 2030 -

- During the next meetings of the WG-IDSST, the National Committees on Irrigation and Drainage should provide information about the activities carried out by them annually within the framework of the National Commissions/ Committees.
- Each year, during the next meetings of the WG-IDSST, the National Committees should provide information about the on ongoing scientific research and the most important smart technologies used (if any).

WG-IDSST Minutes Item 4: Scoping document and membership for the new Working Group

6. The group discussed the revised Scoping Document submitted by the Chair VPH Peter Kovalekno and accepted by the participants to establish a new WG on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST) with the revised mandate. The new working group be approved as 10 NCs support its activities by way of sponsoring its experts to participate in the WG's activities. The Scoping Document for WG-IDSST will be presented to PCSO for approval.

WG-IDSST Minutes Item 5: Any other business

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Annex [Appendix IX, Item 2]

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023
Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology							
C1. Strategy: Providing Knowledge-sharing Platform for AWM Professionals	1.4 Organize workshop for IDSST	Workshops	Organize workshop		Organize workshop		
C4. Strategy: Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.18 Maintain an updated database on irrigation and drainage in the countries of transition	Database	Compile database	First draft of database	Final draft of database		
Goal F: Facilitate capacity development							
F3. Strategy: Technical Training of Young Professionals from Member Countries	3.6 Organize training Workshop	Training Workshop	Organize Training Workshop		Organize Training Workshop		

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)



