

Minutes of the Twenty-first Meeting of the  
**PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY PLANNING AND  
 ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (PCSPOA)**  
**(Renamed as Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO))**  
 Yogyakarta, Indonesia  
 13 October 2010 : 09.00-12.30 hours (Session – I)  
 13 October 2010 : 13.30-17.00 hours (Session – II)

**Year of Establishment: 1997**

**Members Present:** (1) Vice President Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany, Chairman (Indonesia, 2007); (2) Vice President Mr. Shinsuke Ota, Vice Chairman (Japan, 2008); (3) Vice President Hon. Prof. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine, 2007) (4) Vice President Dr. (Mrs.) Samia El-Guindy (Egypt, 2008); (5) Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy, 2008); (6) Vice President Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia, 2009); (7) Vice President Dr. László G. Hayde (Hungary, 2009); (8) Vice President Hon. Dr. Ing. Eiko Lübbe (Germany, 2006); (9) Vice President Hon. Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran, 2006) represented by VPH Dr. Saeed Nairizi and (10) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID.

**Apology:** Vice President Engr. A.K. Bajaj (India, 2009)

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** (i) Chairman, African Regional Working Group (AFRWG); (ii) Chairman, Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG) represented by Vice-Chairman Mr. Tai-Cheol Kim.

**Observers Present:** (i) Prof. Dr. Chandra A. Madramootoo, President, ICID (Canada); (ii) Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, President Hon., ICID (The Netherlands); (iii) Dr. Gao Zhanyi, Vice President Hon., ICID (China); (iv) Mr. Yaser Barghi (Iran); (v) Mr. Helvecio M. Saturnino (Brazil); (vi) Mr. Kunihiko Naito (Japan); (vii) Dr. S.A. Kulkarni, Executive Secretary, ICID Central Office.

**Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of PCSPOA held at New Delhi, India, 08 December 2009**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of PCSPOA held in New Delhi on 8 December 2009 were circulated and placed on the ICID website on 09 February 2010. Since no comments were received on the minutes, the Committee confirmed the minutes.

**A. CONTINUING ITEMS**

**Item 2 : Membership of PCSPOA and Workbodies**

**2.1** In terms of By-law 3.2.2(e), Vice Presidents Hon. Dr. Ing. Eiko Lübbe (Germany), Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran) and Ir. Mohd. Azhari bin Ghazalli (Malaysia) will retire from the membership of the Committee at the conclusion of the Yogyakarta events on completion of their 4-year tenure. The three new Vice Presidents who will be elected at the 61<sup>st</sup> IEC will join the Committee as members in their place.

**2.2** The following membership proposals were recommended to IEC for approval:

**African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

- Dr. Samia El-Guindy (Egypt)

**Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)**

- Ms. Kateryna Shatkovska (Ukraine)

**Special Work Team on Lake Chad Basin (ST-LCB)**

- Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan)

**Committee on Congresses /Conferences (C-CONGR)**

- Dr. Chris Bennett (Australia)

**Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)**

- Mr. Fabian Priandani (Indonesia)
- Dr. Yacob Beletse (South Africa)
- Mr. Yaser Barghi (Iran)
- Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan)
- Ms Hayati binti Zainal (Malaysia)

**American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)**

- Ing. Agr. Sergio Domingo de Agrela Vaccarezza (Uruguay)

**Item 3 : New Member Countries and Membership Drive**

**3.1** No new applications for ICID membership were received by the Central Office.

Fiji's and Cameroon's applications for ICID membership were accepted at the New Delhi IEC (2009) meeting. Fiji has paid its subscription to commence its membership while the first subscription from Cameroon was awaited. Central Office has communicated with the Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon and provided desired documents to formally effect their membership.

The National Committees of Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Jamaica, Mauritius, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Sao Tome & Principe and Yemen whose membership applications had been accepted by the IEC in the past were also requested to pay their first subscription to commence their membership formally. Response from them is awaited.

**3.2** Various countries in different regions that were approached to join ICID membership are as follows:

**Africa:** Botswana, Guinea, Mauritania, Namibia, Somalia, Swaziland and Togo.

**Americas:** Bolivia, Costa Rica, El-Salvador, Guatemala, Haití, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Puerto Rico and Trinidad & Tobago.

**Asia and Oceania:** Armenia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Georgia, Kuwait, Lao PDR, Oman and UAE.

**Europe:** Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova and Norway.

The Central Office has provided all the desired information required for the membership to these countries. In response, Central Office has received an affirmative response from Dr. Robert Salandy, Director (Land and Water Development Division) Republic of Trinidad & Tobago for becoming a member. Central Office has requested Dr. Salandy to send their formal application for membership. Response is awaited.

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**Item 4 : Active National Committees and Re-activation of Inactive National Committees (NCs)**

Region	Active	Deemed to be Inactive	Admitted but not paid subscription	Withdrawn	Total Network
Africa	08	15	05	-	28
Americas	07	09	01	01	18
Asia and Oceania	26	04	04	01	35
Europe	24	04	-	01	29
Total	65	32	10	03	110

Despite concession given during the 60<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting in New Delhi, based on the recommendation of the PFC that one can wait for one more year for dues to be received, these countries have not cleared their dues. As such, the Committee proposed to consider these countries deemed inactive after 2010 in case the dues are not cleared by the end of December 2010.

The inactive NCs in all the regions were requested to activate themselves. Vice Presidents of the concerned region were also requested to use their good offices for reactivation of such NCs.

ICID Central Office's efforts to reactivate the NCs in Africa, Europe and Americas were noted. The Central Office was asked to continue following up with these countries in 2011 also.

**Vice Presidents' reports on their efforts to strengthen regional cooperation and activities of NCs**

The Committee noted that Vice President Dr. W.F. Vlotman had made contacts with the Ministry of Agriculture, New Zealand and also talked to several representatives of the New Zealand Irrigation Industry and the New Zealand Research Community. He has informed that a number of Crown Research Institutes in water and agriculture research in New Zealand might be interested in ICID activities.

Dr. Vlotman has also communicated with the Vietnam National Committee for its reactivation and Yemen for commencing their ICID membership by payment of subscription.

Vice President Dr. László Hayde has made efforts to reactivate the NCs of Uganda and Bulgaria through his contacts.

Committee appreciated the efforts of VPs Dr. Vlotman and Dr. László Hayde and encouraged other VPs to assist Central Office in reactivation of inactive National Committees in their regions.

**Item 5 : Task Forces**

- **Task Force for Identifying Priority Issues for Least Developed Countries in Africa (TF-LDCsAF)**

The TF-LDCsAF has been closed. Final draft report was circulated in the meeting. The committee recommends uploading it on the ICID website for wider dissemination.

- **Task Force on Financing Water for Agriculture (TF-FIN)**

A workshop on "Country policies and strategies on financing and implementation of current water use charging systems in irrigation" was held in Yogyakarta. The Chairman reported at the PCTA meeting (refer page A-39).

**Item 6 : Strengthening and Broadbasing of NCs, Evolving / Revising Constitution of NCs**

The Central Office had in its record the Constitutions of 41 National Committees. Rest of the National Committees is being advised, from time to time to adopt and furnish a copy of their Constitution to the Central Office and also inform about modifications / revision, if any. As suggested at the New Delhi meeting, Central Office has provided sample 'Constitutions of National Committees' to all those National Committees who sought it.

## **B. REVIEW OF TENURES AND ACTIVITIES OF WORKBODIES**

### **Item 7 : African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

At the New Delhi meeting, the AFRWG nominated Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali) as the new Chairman and Mr. Andrew Senewe (South Africa) as the Vice Chairman. The 3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Conference is scheduled to be held in Mali in September or December 2011.

The Chairman, AFRWG presented his report at the meeting.

### **Item 8 : European Regional Working Group (ERWG)**

VPH Dr. Eiko Lübbe (Germany) who has been the Chairman of the ERWG since 2002, announced his desire to step down from the duties of chairmanship, and was substituted by the new Chairman, VP Dr. László G. Hayde (Hungary).

The Committee recorded its appreciation for VPH Dr. Eiko Lübbe (Germany) for his long term leadership to ERWG, and welcomed the new Chairman, VP Dr. László G. Hayde (Hungary).

The French National Committee will host the 24<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference on the theme “Groundwater Resource: An Essential Resource to be Saved and Managed” in Orleans, from 14-16 March 2011 while the 25<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference on the theme “Integrated Water Management for Multiple Land Use in Flat Coastal Areas” will be held from 16-20 May 2011 in Groningen, The Netherlands.

### **Item 9 : Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference will be held from 14-16 October 2010 on the theme “Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Efficiency through Participatory Irrigation Development and Management under the Small Land Holding Conditions.” The Australian National Committee will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference on the theme “Regional Cooperation for Water and Food Security” in Adelaide in June 2012 in conjunction with the 63<sup>rd</sup> IEC meeting as approved at New Delhi IEC.

### **Item 10 : American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)**

Since the AMRWG was unable to organize a workshop during the New Delhi events of ICID, it was decided to first consolidate the membership of the WG and then pursue the activities listed in the agenda. Ing. Agr. Sergio Domingo De Agrela Vaccarezza (Uruguay) presented a profile of the water use in Uruguay agriculture, and the profile will be sent to the Central Office of ICID.

Prof Lucio Ubertini presented a report on the three workshops on “Water: A Priority for Latin American Countries” organized by the Italian National Committee of ICID (ITAL-ICID) in cooperation with the Instituto Italo Latino Americano.

The National Committees of Brazil, Uruguay and Mexico will be exploring the possibility to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> American Regional Conference.

### **Item 11 : Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)**

The 60<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting held at New Delhi approved the proposal to rename the ‘Special Work Team on Aral Sea Basin (ST-ARAL)’ as the ‘Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)’ with a new mandate and action plan. The WG held its first meeting in Yogyakarta.

The Chair, WG-IDSST presented his report at the meeting.

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**Item 12 : Special Work Team on Lake Chad Basin (ST-LCB)**

The tenure of the ST was extended by two years (up to 2011) to complete its mandate. The ST would like to concentrate on the issues brought out in the background paper circulated by Lake Chad Basin Commission and to contribute effectively on “Climate Change and Irrigation” with a focus on Africa.

Due to the absence of the Chair and scarce attendance of members at Yogyakarta meeting, the agenda could not be transacted.

**Item 13 : Committee on Congresses / Conferences (C-CONGR)**

The Committee noted that the topics and subtopics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress had been finalized and the General Reporters and Panel of Experts were appointed. The Committee reviewed the preparations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Conference in Mali to be held in September or December 2011, 24<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference to be hosted in Orleans, France in March 2011, and 25<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference to be held in The Netherlands in May 2011.

**Item 14 : Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)**

The Committee noted that the young professionals have been increasingly playing an important role in ICID activities and urged all the National Committees to support and encourage young professionals to attend ICID events.

**Item 15 : New Workbodies**

Committee noted the establishment of two new Task Forces, viz. “Sedimentation of Reservoir”, and “Water for Bio-Energy and Food”.

Mr. Laurie Tollefson, Canada is the Chair of the TF-BIO-ENERGY. Nominations were invited from National Committees for the TF membership. The TF held its first meeting on 12 October at Yogyakarta.

Committee also noted the background paper ‘*Capacity Development for Irrigation and Drainage: The role for ICID*’ prepared by Prof. Tom Franks, former Chairman of erstwhile WG on Capacity Building, Training and Education (WG-CBTE). Prof. Franks has brought out that ICID needs to remain active in the field of capacity development for irrigation and drainage in partnership with others and support innovative and effective approaches to capacity development. He suggested that it may be appropriate for ICID to reconsider and re-engage with the topic.

The Committee also noted the workshop organized by UNW-DPC under the ‘Framework of Cooperation’ between ICID and UNW-DPC on 8-9 October, concurrently with the 6<sup>th</sup> ARC.

**Item 16 : Strategy for Communication and Cooperation between ICID and Other Organizations**

**(i) Lead International Organizations**

ICID has been in close cooperation with related International Organizations by attending their meetings and through communications. Some of the organizations with which ICID has close cooperation are - FAO, The World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), African Development Bank (AfDB) through AgWA initiative, World Water Council (WWC) / World Water Forum, Global Water Partnership (GWP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Third World Centre for Water Management (TWCWM), Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), UN-Water / UNW-DPC, IPTRID, UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), ISO, Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI), etc. ICID continues to host the International Water-related Associations’ Liaison Committee (IWALC) Secretariat in Central Office and the Secretary General renders coordinating support as its Secretary.

Committee was pleased to note developments in cooperation with international organizations like UNW-DPC, IFAD and FAO who have actively participated at Yogyakarta event.

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Mr. Ganesh Thapa, Regional Economist of Asia and the Pacific Division of IFAD made a presentation on “Small-scale irrigation and poverty reduction in Asia” during the 6<sup>th</sup> ARC. Dr. Pasquale Steduto of FAO participated in a roundtable discussion on strategy to work on ‘Water for Food’ for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum held on 12 October 2011 at Yogyakarta.

It was agreed that ICID should preferably continue, on a reciprocal basis, to invite the related international organizations as members or observers while endeavoring to join other international organizations as member or observer, when invited.

The Committee requested all members to explore more avenues for cooperation and communication with likeminded international water-related organizations. It was emphasized that, if sponsored projects with the financial support of donors could be undertaken with joint partnership of other global organizations, ICID’s value will enhance and also strengthen its finances.

#### **(ii) Farmers and other Water Users**

The importance to strengthen communication and cooperation between ICID and farmers and other water users was once again noted by the Committee.

The Committee encouraged all the National Committees to involve farmers / water user associations in their activities, prepare simple publications / booklets on current topics of irrigation, drainage and flood management in local language and distribute among farming community. The National Committees could also compile information on the irrigation / drainage equipments / products in their countries, manufacturers, prices, operation manuals, etc. and bring out catalogues for the benefit of farmers. National Committees may organize technical workshops focused on matters of interest to farmers, such as water rights / law, economic / financial aspects etc.

#### **(iii) Membership of International Organizations, Private Companies and Manufacturers**

On the membership of International Organizations, Private Companies and Manufacturers, PCSPOA has discussed the suggestion of the internal review of PFC and has principally agreed and recommended to carry out detailed internal analysis (providing benefits for the new membership categories, work out how it fits to our internal structure) and external market analysis on this.

PCSPOA recommends to work out the direct ICID membership possibility for those International Organizations, Private Companies and Manufacturers which are unable to obtain membership through a National Committee.

### **C. NEW ITEMS**

#### **Item 17 : 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF-6), Marseille, France, 16-22 March 2012**

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will be held in Marseille, France from 16-22 March 2012 on the theme “*Solutions for Water*”. President Hon. Bart Schultz, who spearheaded ICID contributions to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, will coordinate ICID inputs to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum through a Task Force constituted for this purpose by following the past practices. The first meeting of the Task Force was held on 12 October at Yogyakarta to chalk out framework of activities and a work plan.

Dr. Pasquale Steduto, Chief, Water services, Land and Water Division, FAO has participated in the round table meeting. FAO has oorganizedd the first informal meeting of key stakeholders at the World Water Week in Stockholm in September 2010. Following the positive experience of the last Forum (WWF5) in Istanbul, it is apparent that FAO sees ICID as a key partner in such global events and reinforce this relationship further.

#### **Item 18 : Any other business**

With regard to the possibility of adjusting the term of “PCSPOA” into a straight forward term related to its mandate, PCSPOA recommends to use the term “Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO)”.

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