

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the
**TASK FORCE FOR IDENTIFYING PRIORITY ISSUES FOR
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN AFRICA (TF-LDCs-AF)**
7 December 2009: 09.30-13.15 hours
New Delhi, India

Year of Establishment: 2005

Completion of the Mandate: 2009

Terms of Reference (ToR): The Task Force will create a knowledge base to understand the problems faced by Least Developed Countries in Africa (LDCs-AF), work out requirements of the LDCs, identify level and extent of support from ICID and explore the avenues for bilateral/multilateral cooperation.

Members: No members were present at the meeting. Dr. S.A. Kulkarni, Executive Secretary, representing Secretary General, ICID was present.

Observers: (i) Mr. Soong Dae Chol (South Africa); (ii) Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali); and (iii) Mr. Abdoulaye Dembele (Mali)

Note: No business was conducted due to non-attendance of the members. However, Dr. Kulkarni briefed the observers as follows:

- The final revised version of the Task Force Report by merging of the draft versions as prepared by Chairman Engr. I.K. Musa and Dr. Sizwe Mkhize, Chairman, AFRWG and comments provided by Mr. Louseged Makonne was circulated at the AFRWG meeting held on 6 December 2009. The AFRWG recommended to circulate the final version of the report among all members of the Task Force as well as the AFRWG for their concurrence/ final remarks. The report may then be published as appropriate. A copy of the final version of the report will be tabled at the PCSPOA meeting.

PCSPOA may like to provide its recommendations in finalizing the Task Force Report.

- The Task Force was established in 2005 with a mandate of completing its activities by November 2007 or latest by 2008 on the occasion of the Lahore Congress. However, due to scarce attendance of the members at Lahore, and also in view of the incomplete activities, specially the report of the Task Force, it was proposed to conclude the TF on the occasion of the 60th IEC. However, again in view of the non-attendance of the members, the meeting could not be held at New Delhi also.

PCSPOA may like to guide/ recommend further continuation of the Task Force.