

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ASIA (TF-LDCsAS)
Sacramento, USA
30 September 2007 : 09.00-12.00 hours

Members Present : (1) Vice President Hon. Dr. Shigetaka Taniyama, Chairman (Japan); (2) Vice President Dr. Huh Yoo-Man (South Korea) represented by Dr. Park Sang Hyun; (3) Vice President Hon. Dr. Hector M. Malano, (Australia) represented by Mr. Jolyon Burnett; (4) Vice President Hon., Dr. Saeed Nairizi (Iran); (5) Vice President Ir. Azhari bin Ghazalli (Malaysia); (6) Mr. S. Seyama, Secretary (Japan) and (7) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID.

Member Honoraire : Vice President and Chairman, ASRWG Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran).

Observers : (i) Mr. K.N. Sharma, Secretary, ICID CO; (ii) Mr. Laurie Tollefson (Canada); (iii) Dr. Kim, Tai Cheol (Korea); (iv) Mr. Ueda Kazumi (Japan); (v) Dr. Atsushi Marui (Japan); and (vi) Ms. Ellen Pyatt (USA).

Item 1 : Review of the progress since the 3rd meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, held on 10 September 2006

The Chairman apprised the TF regarding developments achieved (*since the 3rd meeting held in Kuala Lumpur in line with the Agenda notes*) on 1st Special Session held in Kuala Lumpur on 10 September 2006 and 2nd Special Session and 4th TF meeting held in Tehran on 3 May 2007.

Vice President Dr. Karim Shiati, Chairman, ASRWG in his opening remarks while appreciating the efforts carried out by the TF-LDCsAS mentioned that the TF-LDCsAS should report to PCSPOA about its accomplished activities and the intension of publication of TF Report based on the discussions and corresponding endorsement in ASRWG meeting.

Special Presentation:

The Chairman invited VPH R. Nakamura (Japan) to make a presentation on his paper contributed to the 2nd Special Session but could not present it in Tehran.

VPH Nakamura accordingly made presentation of his paper titled "Effectiveness of small reservoirs in or near irrigated areas in large irrigation system."

VPH Nakamura concluded by saying that in the irrigation systems where appropriate water head difference exists between the upstream and the downstream areas, intermediate reservoirs are very effective in :

- Reducing water conveyance losses in the main canal system; and
- Reducing the needs for delicate operations of canal water level.

There were comments on possible energy losses (Dr. Park), limiting factors related to installation (Mr. Sharma) and similar cases (called "in-system reservoirs") of several thousand CM in Australia (Mr. Burnett). VPH Nakamura explained that usually upper half part of these studied reservoirs is used for routine operations (lower part is used under drought conditions) and that design conditions should be studied further especially on the factors that may be common to the concept presented by Mr. Peter S. Lee, President, ICID about "On-Farm Reservoirs".

Item 2 : Tasks Ahead

Item 2.1 : Organization of fifth meeting of the TF-LDCsAS at Sacramento

The Chairman, VPH Taniyama introduced the comments sent by the Central Office, ICID on the revised summary report of TF to the TF members. The TF members discussed the major comments and decided which one to accept or not. The Chairman subsequently incorporated minor revisions/corrections in the TF Report. (*The revised version was prepared and circulated in the ASRWG meeting held in the afternoon of 30 September 2007*).

Item 2.2 : Publication of documents of TF-LDCsAS

The Chairman distributed to each attendee a copy of the Proceedings of TF including the contributed papers for the two Special Sessions as well as the summary report and other outputs of TF. The Chairman suggested that the Proceeding should be published as a product of ICID, if it is deemed to be worthy of such a publication and it would cost around US\$ 3,000 to print about 500-700 copies (*each copy numbering approximately 100 pages*).The projected printing cost will vary with the number of color pages used.

The suggestion was seconded by Vice President Karim Shiati (Iran) and offered that the Iranian National Committee would contribute US\$ 1,000, on condition that an acknowledgement of the contribution should appear on the back of the cover page assuming that the Japanese or any other National Committee(s) would bear the remaining cost. Mr. Burnett (Australia) announced that the Australian National Committee would also like to contribute US\$ 1,000 for the publication. Subsequently, it was decided that the National Committees of Iran, Australia, Japan and Chinese Taipei will contribute equally to the printing expenditure of the TF Report.

While deliberating the issue, it was suggested to form a team of independent editors to maintain the quality of the publication of TF-LDCsAS to that of a standard ICID publication. On response, Ms. Ellen Pyatt, USA and Mr. Jolyon Burnett, a representative from Australia expressed their willingness to become the editors. The offers were unanimously endorsed.

Item 3 : Winding-up of TF-LDCsAS

The Chairman announced that the TF-LDCsAS is winding up its activities as it successfully completed the mandated tasks given and will put forth concrete recommendations for the consideration of ICID to give more focus on the identified challenges in LDCs.

Dr. S. Nairizi, Vice President Hon., ICID (Iran) summarized in his concluding remarks that this meeting would be the end of TF-LDCsAS and beginning for the ICID members to contribute to the important issues of LDCs.

Item 4 : Any other business

Having settled all the business, the meeting adjourned with vote of thanks to the Chair.
