

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the  
**TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO WWF-5**  
**New Delhi, India**  
**06 December 2009 : 09:30-13:15 hours**

**Terms of Reference (ToR):**

- To liaise with 5th WWF Program Committee and other International Bodies.
- To provide overarching lead role on behalf of ICID for inputs to 5th WWF by liaising with –
  - National Committees for inputs to the themes and sub-themes of the 5th WWF, of direct relevance to ICID.
  - Coordinating with Workbodies on specific subjects related with 5th WWF.
- To liaise with Turkish National Committee (TUCID) for preparatory work of 5th WWF.
- To coordinate joint contributions with other water-related International Organizations.
- To suggest ICID inputs for 5th WWF for consideration in IEC.

**Members Present:** (1) Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, President Hon., ICID (The Netherlands), Coordinator, represented by Mr. Henri Tardieu, Vice President Hon., ICID (France); (2) Prof. Dr. Chandra A. Madramootoo, President, ICID (Canada); (3) Dr. Hector Malano, Vice President Hon., ICID (Australia); (4) Dr. Alain Vidal, Vice President Hon., ICID (France) represented by VPH Tardieu; (5) Mr. Hasan Basri Yuksel, Representative of Turkish National Committee of ICID (Turkey) and (6) Engr. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID (India).

**Member Honoraire Present:** VPH Dr. S. Nairizi (Iran).

**Observers Present:** (1) Mr. S.A. Assadollahi (Iran); (2) Dr. C. Venkata Reddy (India); (3) Mr. Mohammad Kiafar (Iran); (4) Mr. N. Venkataramakrishnan (India); (5) Mr. N. Kandavel (India); (6) Mr. Jaako Sierla (Finland); (7) Er. K.N. Sharma, Secretary, ICID (Central Office); (8) Mr. M. Rajendran (India); (9) Mr. M. Kolandasamy (India); (10) Mr. S. Sivalingam (India); (11) Mr. Prashant Jaiswal (India); (12) Mr. Praveen Kumar Jain (India); (13) Mr. Daniele La Porto (World Bank, Brazil); (14) Mr. Raman A.C. (India) and (15) Mr. V. Munaswamy (India).

**Initial Remarks:**

Chairman Aly Shady and the Coordinator Prof. Bart Schultz could not attend the meeting. Vice President Hon. Henri Tardieu chaired the meeting. Mr. K.N. Sharma, Secretary, ICID acted as the Secretary for the meeting.

**Item 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of TF at Lahore, Pakistan, 15 October 2008**

There being no comments from the members on the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the TF held in Lahore, the minutes were confirmed.

**Item 2 : Report on ICID Contributions to WWF-5 Themes and Topics, 16-22 March 2009, Istanbul, Turkey**

VPH H. Tardieu reported with satisfaction that the question of Water for Food was addressed properly in Istanbul. A detailed report on the ICID contributions has been covered in the agenda of the TF. On the suggestion of Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, Coordinator, the Central Office has prepared a CD-ROM containing the Synthesis Report of Topic 2.3. The Chair appreciated the efforts of the CO in bringing out the CD which was distributed to all members as well as observers present at the meeting. This CD also provides the PowerPoint presentations made at various sessions and the comments that were made during the presentations. Thus, it is a comprehensive report on the Topic 2.3 that was coordinated by ICID in WWF-5. It was noted that in addition to the presentations on Topic 2.3, ICID also contributed to Sessions 1.1.3, 1.2.3, 1.3.3, 2.2.1, 2.4.2, 3.2.3, 3.3.3, 3.3.4, 4.2.4, 5.1.4, 6.3.2, Topic 5.2, and Sessions on Drought, Water Management 2020, Mega disasters, and Irrigation. In the Session on Drought, VPH Dr. Saeed Nairizi, Iran, described activities related to drought, water scarcity and risk management undertaken by ICID.

It was noted that several participants from the ICID fraternity attended the Forum including President Chandra Madramootoo. The details are covered in the agenda of this TF.

At the meeting, Secretary K.N. Sharma mentioned that on the suggestion of President Hon. Schultz, the Central Office has prepared a CD containing the final synthesis report on Topic 2.3 of the WWF-5. VPH H. Tardieu went through various presentations made at the 4 sessions under Topic 2.3. He said that the final report as contained in the CD is now accepted.

The meeting proposed that this Synthesis Report could be disseminated through a CD-ROM that may be distributed to all the ICID NCs, OBs, WB Chairs within ICID family and to the members of Consortium as well as international organizations. The other alternative could be to disseminate this Synthesis Report through the ICID Website, if the costs involved in the preparation of the CD are substantially high. SG mentioned that the costs may not be very high for producing the CD-ROMs which will be a better mode of disseminating the report widely. ICID website also contains the Synthesis Report. VPH Tardieu suggested that the CD-ROM that is prepared by the CO should separately link all the sessions clearly and the presentations made at the sessions also be included.

(The Committee on PR&P later suggested that the summary of the Topic 2.3 conclusions and recommendations be brought out in printed form and the full report, together with the presentations made in various sessions with proper linkages on a CD-ROM kept in an attached cover with the printed document.)

**Item 3 : ICID inputs to 5<sup>th</sup> WWF through World Water Development Report 3 (World Water Assessment Programme – UNESCO) – Secretary General’s Report**

Secretary General Gopalakrishnan briefed the TF about the WWDR 3, Istanbul. The development of the WWDR 3 was a joint effort of 25 UN agencies and entities which include UN-Water, governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. The report is uploaded at <http://www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr/>.

**Item 4 : Formal closure of the TF**

The TF has completed its mandate. It was decided to close the present TF to Guide Inputs to WWF-5, noting that the TF had done an excellent work and its contributions were very valuable. The TF recorded its heartfelt thanks to the Chair, PH Aly Shady, PH Bart Schultz, Coordinator for Topic 2.3, VPH Tardieu, Secretary General Gopalakrishnan and Central Office for all their work and efforts.

**Item 5 : Any Other Business (with the permission of the Chair)**

VPH Tardieu suggested that the ICID needed to continue to provide its inputs to the future Forums as well. Thus, there will be a need to create a new TF to provide ICID inputs to WWF-6 which will be held in Marseilles, France in 2012. SG Gopalakrishnan mentioned that there will be some ICID members at the time of the kick-off meeting for WWF-6 in Marseilles in March 2010. As understood presently, the theme of this Forum relates to “Urban Urgency” to focus on fresh water for urban areas and related issues. Depending upon the exact nature of the theme and various topics under it, the MB can take a view to decide the possible composition of new TF to provide ICID inputs to WWF-6. This could be by virtual meetings.

Dr. S. Nairizi mentioned that rainfed agriculture was an important issue, rainfall being an important resource for food security but recognized that this issue is difficult to be considered by the World Water Forum which is more focused on water than food. He mentioned that urban agriculture was also getting importance in some regions.

Dr. Hector Malano mentioned that the subject of multiple uses of water was becoming increasingly important in the light of water scarcity. Environmental management was also having priority over other uses in many parts of the world such as Australia.

VPH Tardieu mentioned that biodiversity and environmental flows were important aspects that needed consideration as they have now higher priority than food production in many developed countries. Thus joint management of water resources was necessary.

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SG Gopalakrishnan mentioned that the members of ICID fraternity who will be available at the kick-off meeting of WWF-6 in Marseilles in March 2010 will take up these issues and see where and how these can fit in as ICID contributions to the theme decided for the WWF-6.

VPH Tardieu suggested to approach IWA to see how to continue our efforts for a better involvement of our international professional organizations in the preparation of the WWF with the World Water Council.

The meeting was closed with thanks to the Chair of the meeting, VPH Tardieu.

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