

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO WWF-5  
Sacramento, USA  
01 October 2007: 14.00-17.00 hours**

**Members Present :** (1) Mr. Aly M. Shady, President Hon. ICID (Canada), Chairman; (2) Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, President Hon., ICID (The Netherlands), Coordinator; (3) Mr. Peter S. Lee, President, ICID (UK); (4) VPH Alain Vidal, Chair, PCSPOA (France); (5) Prof. Riota Nakamura, Vice President Hon., ICID (Japan); (6) Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Shaden Abdel Gawad (Egypt); (7) Mr. Hasan Basri Yuksel, Representative of Turkish National Committee of ICID (Turkey) and (8) Engr. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID (India).

**Observers :** (1) VPH Henri Tardieu (France), (2) Ir. Paul van Hofwegen (WWC), (3) Mr. L. Tollefson (Canada), (4) Mr. Hiroshi Ikeura (Japan); (5) Mr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan), (6) Mr. Yong Jig Lee (Korea) and (7) Mr. B.S. Ahuja (India).

**Item 1 : Introductory remarks by Chairman and Coordinator**

The Chair made a quick review of ICID contribution to the WWF-4 in Mexico. He outlined that ICID could even do better at the WWF-5 aiming at increasing visibility and impact of the main issues related to food, feed, fiber and fuels, which depend on agriculture.

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is planned to take place in Istanbul, Turkey from 15-22 March 2009. A suggested approach from ICID is broadening its participation through the contribution of WGs, Regional Working Groups (RWGs) and National Committees (NCs) in the various activities of the Forum.

President Peter Lee outlined the new partnership agreement between ICID and WWC and his participation in the preparatory meetings for WWF-5. He stressed the need for ICID to organize its input in collaboration with other leading organizations active in the sector at the global, regional and national level. Formation of consortia will be the essential vehicle to present cases in a form of panels; debates and discussions open to all.

Ir. Paul van Hofwegen made a presentation on the planned thematic aspects of the WWF-5 highlighting the main theme: "Bridging Divides: Water for Sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> Century". The theme will be presented in two aspects covering: (i) Providing water for sustainable development and (ii) Enabling mechanisms for development. Each aspect will be covering a number of related topics.

PH Prof. dr. Bart Schultz presented a concept note on Agriculture, Food and Water. He identified that the future food gap was getting wider and prices were getting higher for LDCs. This was driven by higher rates of population growth and lack of development and investment in agriculture and water development in the past few decades. He identified a number of potential members of consortium for cooperation on Water for Agriculture related topics. Among these are: FAO, IWMI, IFPRI, EU, WB, AsDB, AfDB, Farmers and Producers Associations.

Mr. Hasan Basri Yuksel confirmed the thematic approach presented and added that several preparatory meetings were planned including a number of regional meetings, aiming at organizing the input of the various stakeholders towards the Forum itself. This will be done in parallel with political process as well.

Discussions took place among participants to identify ICID's role and contribution.

It was agreed that:

- ICID will take the lead in identifying key questions with greater focus on contemporary issues related to Water and Agriculture and Future Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These questions are to be addressed through background papers, discussions and debates involving major stakeholders with focus on the most vulnerable world population groups. Attention would be paid to a number of emerging issues such as climate change, rise in bio fuels production and impact of energy crises on demand for water and agricultural products.

- ICID shall seek partnership arrangements with major stakeholders and knowledge-based organizations to formulate background papers, design sessions and presentations at the WWF-5. These partners will be drawn from among sister professional associations (members of IWALC), UN organizations, CGIAR system centres, NGOs active in farming and agricultural producers, private sector industries of agricultural inputs, international food trade, retailers, agricultural credit and financial institutions.
- ICID shall mobilize Working Group members, Regional Working Groups and National Committees to make contribution to the thematic, regional and political processes.
- Participation in the preparatory process of WWF-5 shall be divided among Office Bearers after taking into consideration their availability and proximity to the venue.
- Central Office will act as the focal point for contact, coordination and facilitation of the process.

**Item 2 : Offers for contribution from ICID National Committees and Workbodies**

- The Task Force prepared a list of recommended involvement of WGs in relevant topics of the Thematic Process of WWF-5. The list is given in the **Annex**. Based on the feed back from PCTA, several WGs expressed desire to make contributions towards WWF5.
- In addition, a number of NCs expressed their support as also several RWGs.

**Item 3 : Any Other Business (with the permission of the Chair)**

No other business was transacted.

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## WWF5 PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

The WWF5 Programme Framework aims to address the overarching theme on ‘Bridging Divides: Water for Sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> Century’ under two main issues with themes, as follows:

**Note: Particular topics of interests for ICID are underlined and Workbody indicated where known.**

**WWF5 Theme: “Bridging Divides: Water for Sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

### (I) PROVIDING WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### Theme 1: Global changes & risk management

- Adapting to climate change: understanding the impact of climate change, vulnerability assessments and adaptation measures
  - **WG-CLIMATE in consortium with WMO, Asian RWG**
- Water, changing land uses and mitigating impacts of migration and human settlements
- Water related hazards and water in disaster areas –mitigating impacts
  - **WG-CAFM – WG-IADWS – WG-SDTA**

#### Theme 2: Advancing human development and the MDGs

- Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all – ensuring adequate infrastructure, protecting public health in the near term.
- Water for energy and energy for water
  - **Consumption of water for bio-fuel**
  - **Consumption of energy for pumping water for irrigation /drainage!!**
- Water and agriculture for alleviating poverty and hunger.
  - **Bio-fuels increase competition for land and water**
  - **TF-POVERTY, special group on bio-fuels?**
  - **Special TF for Water,-Food and Agriculture**
- Optimizing multiple uses of water systems e.g. water supply and irrigation.
  - **WG-MIS, ASRWG**
  - **WG-PQW**

#### Theme 3: Managing and protecting water resources to meet human and environmental needs

- Basin management and trans-boundary water cooperation: institutional frameworks and benefit sharing.
- Ensuring adequate water resources and storage infrastructure to meet rural, urban and energy needs.
  - **Through IWALC Secretariat at CO ICID, WG-MIS**
- Preserving natural ecosystems in catchments and coastal zones.
- Managing and protecting surface, ground and rain waters.

## (II) ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR DEVELOPMENT

### Theme 4: Governance and management

- Implementing the right to water and sanitation for improved access.
- Improving performance of water service provision through regulatory approaches.
  - **WG-MIS.**
- Elevating ethics, transparency, and empowerment of stakeholders in water services management.
  - **Erstwhile TF3** : Developing Position Paper on Socio-economic Sustainability of Services Provided by Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Schemes in Water Resources Sector
- Optimizing public and private roles in water services.
  - **Erstwhile TF3**
- Institutional arrangements for efficient and effective water management
  - **Erstwhile TF3**

### Theme 5: Finance

- Sustainable means of financing local water authorities and systems.
  - **TF-FIN**
- Pricing strategies to ensure fairness and sustainability in water service delivery.
  - **Erstwhile TF3**
- Pro-poor financing policies and strategies to enhance access to water and sanitation.
  - **TF-FIN**

### Theme 6: Education, knowledge and capacity building

- Education and capacity-building strategies for sustainable water use and service provision.
    - **WG-CBTE**
  - Water science and technology: appropriate and innovative solutions for the 21st Century.
    - **Through IWALC Secretariat at CO, IPTRID/WG-TRUE.**
  - Using professional networks and associations to strengthen the water sector.
    - **Through IWALC Secretariat at CO, IPTRID /WG-TRUE and WG-YPF**
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