APPENDIX XXV [PCTA Item 3.3.1]

Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the
WORKING GROUP ON MODERNIZATION OF IRRIGATION SERVICES (WG-MIS)
25 June 2012: Time: 15.30-17.30 hours at Adelaide, Australia

Strategy Theme: Systems

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2007 **Completion of the Mandate: 2012**

Mandate: To provide a continuing focus in ICID for sustainable improvement of irrigation service delivery through progressive modernization of infrastructure, management and institution.

Item 1 : Membership of the Group

The existing membership of the Group and their attendance at last two meetings is given in the **Annex 1**. The following new nominations have been received for the membership –

- Dr. Özlem Şenol in place of Mr. Sezar Ercan (Turkey), and also Ms. Remziye Yildiz Gülağaci (Turkey)
- Mr. R.K. Gupta in place of Dr. Ashwani Kumar (India)
- Mr. Uttam Raj Timilisina (Nepal)

Since both the nominees of TUCID are above 40 years, the Central Office has requested TUCID to nominate only one person in the WG. Response from TUCID is awaited.

However, since the extended mandate (6 years) of the WG expires in Adelaide no new members can be admitted. For similar reasons although some members have neither attended the last 2 meetings nor contributed/ communicated with the Chair the application of By-law 3.2 need not be considered for application.

Item 2 : Website of the Group

Chairman has requested all members to send the reports/ documents on modernization of irrigation services so that the same could be uploaded on the WG website <http://wg-mis.icidonline.org/>.

Item 3 : Work Plan of the Group towards closure

3.1 Session on irrigation modernization at Adelaide

At Tehran meeting the WG has proposed to co-organize a session on 'Modernization of irrigation' (of the 7th Asian Regional Conference) in Adelaide with shared responsibilities of the Australian team and the WG-MIS. Mr. Ian Atkinson, CEO, Irrigation Australia Limited has provided a list of papers (23 nos.) received for the modernization session to Mr. Francois Brelle and requested for his suggestions.

Mr. Francois Brelle may like to provide updates. All members are encouraged to attend the 'Modernization Session' scheduled to be held during 26 to 28 June.

3.2 Proposing mandate and tenure of the new working group

Chairman Dr. Ertsen has proposed to bring out a final product of the WG-MIS as the WG will be winding up/ concluding its mandate at the Adelaide meeting. WG will firm up the type and format of the final document as an outcome of the WG. Details like editorial team, financial arrangement for printing and the time schedule to complete the document will be decided.

Suggestions were also sought from the members - as how the issue of modernization should be continued. Should a new workbody with a new mandate be established? Could modernization as a theme be replaced by terms like Sustainable Improvements in Irrigation Management (SIIM)? The WG will present a concept note on the new working group while recommending the continuation of the WG in a new form, clearly bringing out the workplan. The outline of the scoping document for the WG is attached as **Annex 2**.

During the Tehran meeting, Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani (Iran) made a proposal for producing a new book on "Construction of Irrigation Canal". He also informed the WG that IRNCID is willing to prepare the first draft of the book and then to work with volunteers to expand and refine for publication as a WG-MIS publication. The Central Office contacted Mr. Ehsani and informed that since the tenure of the WG is only till 2012, IRNCID may like to prepare a draft annotated contents of the document for presentation in Adelaide. This activity could also be the part of the new workbody. Response from Mr. Ehsani is awaited. In case such a proposal finds favour, the WG may consider proposing to set up a Task Force to work on such or similar publication.

Item 4 : Internal Workshop of the WG

At Tehran meeting, the following volunteered to make presentation on MASSCOTE at Adelaide meeting:

- Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani (Iran) in the Dez Irrigation System, Iran,
- Ms. Robina Wahaj (FAO), in case the FAO participates in Adelaide event,
- Mr. Mohd Yazid Abdullah (Malaysia) of the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) as extension to previous application in Malaysian schemes,
- Dr Perrot (CIRADD, AIT) – an irrigation system in Pakistan.

The Central Office contacted the above professionals and requested to firm up their presentation in consultation with the Chair Dr. Ertsen or Vice Chair Francois Brelle. In response, Mohd Yazid Abdullah has confirmed his presentation.

Item 5 : Any other business

Annex 1 [Appendix XXV, Item 1]

WORKING GROUP ON MODERNIZATION OF IRRIGATION SERVICES (WG-MIS)

Members and their attendance at 2010 and 2011 Meetings

Sl. No.	Members	Member from	2010		2011		Remarks
			Self	Contributed by mail	Self	Contributed by mail	
1.	Dr. Maurits Ertsen, Chairman (The Netherlands)	2007		•		•	
2.	Mr. Francois Brelle, Vice Chairman (France)	2007	•		•		
3.	Mr. Ian Moorhouse, Secretary (Australia)	2010	•		#[1]		
4.	Mr. Lee, Tsong-Hwei (Chinese Taipei)	2007	•		#		
5.	Mr. Thomas E. Mitchel (USA)	2007	#				
6.	Dr. Jiesheng Huang (China)	2007	•				
7.	Mr. Ian William Makin (UK)	2008			•		
8.	Mr. Sezar Ercan (Turkey)	2008					
9.	Dr. Ashwani Kumar (India)	2008	#				
10.	Ms. Marina Pintar (Slovenia)	2008					
11.	Dr. Masayoshi Satoh (Japan)	2008	•		•		
12.	Dr. Lee, Yong-Jig (Korea)	2008					
13.	Dr. Jose M. Garcia-Asensio (Spain)	2008					
14.	Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa)	2008	•				
15.	Engr. Syed Mansoob Ali Zaidi (Pakistan)	2009	•				
16.	Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani (Iran)	2011			•		
17.	Mr. Mohammud Yazd bin Abdullah (Malaysia)	2011			•		
18.	Secretary General, ICID						
	Permanent observers						
(i)	FAO Representative				•		
(ii)	IPTRID Representative						
(iii)	PH Peter S. Lee (UK)						
(iv)	Mr. H. Plusquellec (USA/France)						

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 # Through Representation

Annex 2 [Appendix XXV, Item 3.2]

DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES

A Working Group (WG) or a Task Force (TF) can be established in one of the following four ways:

(i) Recommendation of the Strategy Theme Leader,
(ii) Proposed by the National Committee(s),
(iii) Proposed by an existing Working Group, or
(iv) Proposed by one of the collaborative partners/ International Organizations

If the Strategy Theme leader identifies a gap in one of the thematic areas and considers that the topic needs to be given attention and ICID has the niche to provide leadership therein, the Theme leader, after discussions with some experts in that area call upon a small (2-4) 'Core Group' to develop the Concept/scoping document.

In case one of the NCs feels the necessity of a WG/ TF, in consultation with other two more NCs, they should prepare the Concept. These NCs should assume the responsibility of steering through the outputs from the WG/TF.

If one of the existing WGs wants to extend its tenure for the second term or wants to reorient its activities and take a new shape, it should in the last year of its present period, after establishing a Core Group to develop the Concept/scoping document. In such a case the existing WG should also provide a review of its activities and how would these outputs contribute to the work of the new WG/TF. A WG may like to sponsor a TF on specific issue.

In case one of the collaborative partners (e.g., FAO, IFAD, WMO, IWMI, ICOLD, UNDP) propose a WG for collaborating with ICID on one of their programmes, the leader of the Thematic Area should establish a small group of experts, who in collaboration with the sponsoring partner should develop the scoping document.

This scoping document is essential to be prepared and submitted to the PCTA before the proposal is considered by the Committee. It should be submitted at least two or three months in advance of the PCTA meeting where the decision to establish the new WG/TF is to be taken.

Framework for the scoping document

The scoping document shall cover at least the following sections answering some of the questions mentioned therein, but not limited to them.

A Objectives

- Relevance of the Working Group/ Task Force
- How is the WG relevant to the scope of the Thematic Area
- What existing gap will the WG/TF fill

B State of knowledge on the topic

- Which other International Organisations are working on the subject
- What niche will ICID fill in this area
- How will the WG collaborate with them

C Work Plan

- Outputs
- Scope
- Target Audience
- Timelines
- Collaborators and dissemination strategy