AGENDA FOR THE 7TH MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE ON FINANCING WATER FOR AGRICULTURE (TF-FIN)
03 October 2013: 09.00-10.30 hours
Mardin, Turkey
Strategy Theme: Systems
Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2007
Completion of the Mandate: 2013

Mandate: The focus of TF-FIN is to get a better understanding and assessment of (i) the required investments and beneficiaries of those investments in agricultural water, (ii) the presently available financing mechanism and constraints for maintaining or improving physical irrigation capacity; and (iii) the expected changes and innovations for more appropriate financing mechanisms to enable sustainable water use for food production.

TF-FIN Agenda Item 1: Overview of Activities by Chairperson

1. The TF-FIN organized a workshop on “Country case studies on water use charging systems and available financing of irrigation” during Adelaide meeting (2012). Three country case studies from South Africa, France and Japan were presented.

2. It was decided by TF that the presenters would provide their final write-up of the country case studies to Central Office and Chairman for preparing the final report of the TF. In response, Dr. Sylvain Perret has submitted his revised write up on “What needs and options for financing irrigation for rice production in Thailand? An investigation of irrigation supply costs, use value, and commodity chain economics in a case study scheme” to the Chairman of the TF. Dr Backeberg completed a write-up of the presentation during the 2012 meeting in Adelaide on “Financing of raising Clanwilliam dam for flood safety and irrigation expansion in the Lower Olifants River WUA”. The final write-up of other one study is awaited. Further, Dr. Brain Davidson (Australia) has also submitted (2013) a paper titled “Water user charging systems and financing of irrigation development in Australia: A case study of Goulburn Murray Water”.

3. The summary of past activities, workshops held and presentations made by concerned members of TF is given in Annex 1.

TF-FIN Agenda Item 2: Publications of the TF-FIN

4. The TF will approve the final report at this meeting and submit to PCTA/IEC for its consideration.

5. The TF may keep in mind the country reports and case studies presented on the subject during its tenure as shown in Annex 2.

TF-FIN Agenda Item 3: Conclusion of activities of the Task Force

6. The TF-FIN will conclude and recommend for winding it up during this meeting of the TF. The final editing work on the draft report will be carried out electronically.

TF-FIN Agenda Item 4: Any other business

Notes for Chairperson:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Mardin after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the TF report to PCTA meeting on 04 October 2013.
SUMMARY OF PAST ACTIVITIES OF TF-FIN

Existing Members: (1) Vice President Dr. Gerhard R. Backeberg, Chairman (South Africa, 2009); (2) Prof. Dr. Kazumi Yamaoka, Vice-Chairman (Japan, 2009); (3) Dr. Sylvain-Roger Perret, Secretary (France, 2010); (4) Mr. E. Farhadi (Iran, 2009); (5) Mr. V.K. Chawla (India, 2009); and (6) Dr. Brian Davidson (Australia, 2009).

Year 2007-2008

The newly created Task Force on Financing Water for Agriculture (TF-FIN) was established and its first meeting held on 30 September 2007 at Sacramento, USA. The mandate / objectives and work plan was discussed. It was suggested that the mandate should focus on getting better understanding and insight of the demand side of financing water for agriculture and the need for more appropriate financing mechanisms because of the fast changing environment of the agriculture sector due to increasing demands for food.

Year 2008-2009

At Lahore (Pakistan), the TF had agreed to focus on (i) exploring a better understanding and gaining an insight on the demand side of financing water for agriculture; (ii) the need for an appropriate financing mechanisms in the fast changing environment of the agricultural sector due to increasing demands for food (population growth and diet change), more competition also from agro-fuels; (iii) the consequent increases in market prices of staple agro-produce; and (iv) the need for climate change adaptation. TF prepared a framework document for the whole range of activities including guidelines for the case studies. TF prepared a draft paper to allow financing institutions (e.g. Global Exchange for Social Investment), donors and other relevant institutions, national committees to provide feedback and additional contributions.

Year 2009-2010

Dr. G.R. Backeberg (South Africa), Mr. Eric Viala (USA), Dr. Sylvain-Roger Perret (France) were elected as the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the TF, respectively. The other members were from France, Iran, Japan, India and Australia.

An internal workshop of TF titled “Development and financing of irrigation scheme” was organized. Dr. Backeberg presented his opening paper and stressed that the development and operation of a public funded irrigation schemes involve many actors, with the Government as a key driver in the process. Dr. Sylvain Perret also presented an assessment of an irrigation scheme in South Africa. TF members agreed to redefine the aims of the TF in line with those presented in the background papers and to focus on extensive area of user charges and its associated economic influences. The TF was expected to organize a set of workshops during ICID annual meetings. The members of TF were encouraged to present on the methods of imposing user charges in their countries during its meeting held in October 2010.

2010-2011

TF-FIN organized another internal workshop on “Country policies and strategies on financing and implementation of current water user charging systems in irrigation” during the TF meeting. Presentations were made by – Dr. G.R. Backeberg, Chairman, TF-FIN – “Policy and strategies for financing irrigation development in South Africa”, (ii) Dr. Sylvain Perret (France) – “Policy and strategies for financing irrigation operation and development in Thailand: past and present, (iii) Prof. Dr. Kazumi Yamaoka (Japan) – “Policies and Strategies on Irrigation Charging Systems for Rice Paddies in Japan and the Asian Monsoon Region”, and (iv) Dr. Brian Davidson (Australia) – “Policy and strategies on Financing and Implementation of Current Water User Charging Systems in Irrigation in Australia”.

2011-2012

A full-day workshop on “Water Use Charging Systems and Available Financing of Irrigation: Case Studies for Cross-Country Comparisons” was planned but not held due to insufficient contributions committed to by TF members at Tehran, Iran in October 2011. The TF agreed to conclude its activities by bringing out a report on papers presented during Workshops, with the possibility to publish papers from the report.
2012-2013

The TF has collected case studies from Australia, Iran, Japan, South Africa, Thailand, Pakistan and India. An internal workshop titled "Country case studies of water use charging systems and available financing of irrigation" was organized on 25 June 2012 at Adelaide, Australia. Three country case studies were presented, namely: ‘Financing of raising Clanwilliam dam for flood safety and irrigation expansion in the Lower Olifants River WUA’ by VP Dr. G. Backeberg (South Africa); ‘Case studies on the economics of irrigated rice in Thailand: what options for financing irrigation?’ by Dr. Sylvain-Roget Perret (France); and ‘Policies and Strategies on Irrigation Charging Systems for Rice Paddies in Japan and the Asian Monsoon Region’ by Prof. Dr. Kazumi Yamaoka (Japan).

The draft report was handed to members during the 2012 meeting held in Adelaide. It was agreed to allow a final opportunity for contribution of case studies by TF members on the two themes addressed during the 2010 and 2012 workshops. Finally a request was submitted to PCTA to extend the term of the TF with one year to 2013.

During 2013 Dr. Brain Davidson (Australia) and Dr. Sylvain R. Perret (France) have submitted their revised report on “Water user charging systems and financing of irrigation development in Australia: A case study of Goulburn Murray Water” and “What needs and options for financing irrigation for rice production in Thailand?”, respectively. Dr Backeberg completed a write-up of the presentation during the 2012 meeting in Adelaide on "Financing of raising Clanwilliam dam for flood safety and irrigation expansion in the Lower Olifants River WUA".

Based on the workshop papers on country case studies, the TF will complete a report titled "Water Use Charging Systems and Available Financing of Irrigation: Case Studies and Cross-Country Comparison".

The TF-FIN will be completing its mandate in October 2013 at Mardin, Turkey after bringing out its final TF report.

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**LIST OF PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS MADE DURING WORKSHOPS IN 2009-2012**

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