

Agenda for the Second Meeting of the
**WORKING GROUP ON ROLE OF IRRIGATION IN POVERTY
 ALLEVIATION AND LIVELIHOODS (WG-POVERTY)**
 Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 13 October 2010 : 13.30-17.00 hours
Strategy Theme: Systems

Year of Establishment: 2008

Completion of the Mandate: 2013

Mandate:

- Synthesize specific knowledge and experience from the irrigation sector, to design pro-poor actions in a wider understanding of irrigation along the whole rainfed-irrigated continuum (aka agriculture water management),
- Look for technical solutions that work within a clearly defined socio-economic context, so that they can be mobilized in a case specific approach,
- Emphasize multiple-use (mus) of irrigation systems as a specific approach to alleviate poverty in this context,
- Increasing opportunities for greater and more open participation by the poor, in the development of systems and in the value chain,
- Building accountability mechanisms that give longer term support and commitment to poverty alleviation initiatives, and
- Guidelines supported by case studies on how to enhance the poverty alleviation and livelihood improvement impacts of new and existing projects.

Members: (1) VPH. Dr. Alain Vidal, Chairman (France, 2007); (2) Mr. R.C. Jha, Vice Chairman (India, 2009); (3) Dr. Dennis Wichelns (USA, 2008); (4) PH Peter S. Lee (UK, 2008); (4) Prof. Linden Vincent (The Netherlands, 2008); (6) Mr. Enayal Farhani (Iran, 2009); (7) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan, 2009); (8) Mr. Hassan Javaid Afridi (Pakistan, 2009); (9) Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa, 2009); (10) Mr. Laurie Tollefson (Canada, 2009); (11) Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali, 2009), and (12) Secretary General, ICID.

Website: <<http://www.wg-poverty.icidonline.org>>

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting of WG-POVERTY held at New Delhi on 6 December 2009

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group held on 6 December 2010 at New Delhi will be confirmed.

Item 2 : To review membership of the Working Group

The Central Office had invited new nominations for the WG-POVERTY from the National Committees. In response, the U.S. National Committee (USCID) has nominated Ms. Laura Schroeder for the membership of the Group. CV of the nominee will be tabled for consideration at the meeting.

Item 3 : Objectives of the Working Group

At the New Delhi meeting, the Working Group suggested to keep in view the following concerns/ issues while proposing its activities:

- Improvements in livelihoods as well as productivity,
- Services to the poor, not just farmers,

- Different manifestations of poverty and their definition,
- Affordability of food, not just its cost,
- Wider access to services and opportunities for participation in the value chain,
- Participatory approaches that listen to the poor and are open to ideas (aka accountability),
- Extension of agricultural water management to nominally rainfed areas and general “landcare”,
- Multiple use of farm storage, not just of public systems (eg for aquaculture),
- Greater awareness of health impacts and the actions needed, and
- Need for guidelines, case studies and country actions.

The WG may like to allocate the above topics among members with a view to prepare a draft concept note and key activities to be included in the work plan of the Group.

Item 4 : Selection/ nomination of Chair and Secretary of the WG

At New Delhi meeting, the Group elected Dr. Alain Vidal (in absentia) for the Chairmanship; while Mr. R.C. Jha (India) was selected as Vice Chairman. However, Dr. Vidal vide his e-mail of 20 May 2010 conveyed that he will not be in a position to act as the Chairman of the Group owing to his heavy occupation in his present position as the Director, CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food, based at Sri Lanka. Nevertheless, he would like to participate in WG activities as an Observer. Dr. Vidal has informed that he would attend the WG meeting at Yogyakarta.

Subsequently, the Secretary General, ICID requested PH Peter Lee to lead the WG by chairing its meeting at Yogyakarta. In response PH Lee has kindly agreed to the request.

The Group will firm up the Chairmanship position and may also select/ nominate a Secretary for the WG at the meeting.

Item 5 : Work Plan of the Group

A three-year work plan (2010-2012) as proposed by the Group at its 1st meeting held at New Delhi is shown as **Annex**. WG will discuss various preparations towards carrying out of the activities/ task as shown in the work plan and also to update it.

As per the work plan, an internal workshop will be held within the slot of the WG meeting at Yogyakarta. Following presentations were proposed to be made at the workshop:

Name of the speaker	Topic
Prof. Linden Vincent (The Netherlands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition of poverty; and ▪ Opportunities for the poor in the value chain (supply and processing).
Mr. R.C. Jha (India)	Poverty alleviation initiatives; case studies from India.
Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa)	Multiple uses of farm storages.
President Hon. Peter S. Lee (UK)	Employment opportunities for the landless poor.
Winrock International (<i>Speaker to be identified.</i>)	Measuring benefits of irrigation

The Group also suggested that some National Committees (e.g. India and Iran) may set-up their own workbodies to focus on poverty alleviation, in parallel with the international efforts.

The Central Office has requested all the concerned members/ speakers to provide their contribution for presentation at the 2nd meeting.

The members will make presentations at the meeting

Item 6 : Website of the Group

As advised by the Group the Central Office has set-up a link with the webpage of the erstwhile TF-POVERTY (<http://afeid.montpellier.cemagref.fr/Poverty/TF-POVERTY.htm> hosted by the AFEID. The new webpage can be viewed at <www.wg-poverty.icidonline.org>.

Recently, UNDP jointly with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative has developed a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI). The MPI is an innovative new measure that gives a vivid “multidimensional” picture of people living in poverty and goes beyond a traditional focus on income to reflect the deprivations that a poor person faces all at once with respect to education, health and living standard. It assesses poverty at the individual level, with poor persons being those who are multiply deprived.

The MPI will be featured in the 20th Anniversary edition of the UNDP Human Development Report. Further information can be accessed at <http://www.ophi.org.uk/policy/multidimensional-poverty-index/>

Members are requested to contribute to the website by providing web resources/ document links, brief reports, global events, etc related to the WG mandate for posting on the webpage.

Item 7 : Any other business

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Three-Year Work Plan (2010-2012)

2010	2011	2012
<p>An internal workshop at Yogyakarta with the following presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of poverty – Prof. Linden Vincent • Case studies from countries of poverty alleviation initiatives – Mr. R.C. Jha • Opportunities for the poor in the value chain (supply and processing) – Prof. Linden Vincent • Multiple use of farm storages (South Africa) – Mr. Andre Roux • Employment opportunities for the landless poor – PH Peter Lee • Measuring benefits (Winrock?) etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies of irrigation/water management poverty alleviation by region at the 3rd African Regional Conference in Mali. • Paper(s) on poverty alleviation addressing the issues to be raised at the 21st ICID Congress in Tehran, particularly question 56.1 (Water and Land productivities: Concepts, Indices, Schemes and Targets) and the Special Session on Modernization of Water Management. 	<p>Update the concept note from the Istanbul WWF5, as an ICID position paper to complete the WG-POVERTY mandate in 2013.</p>