

**AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE ON INTER-BASIN WATER TRANSFERS (TF-IBWT)
Sacramento, USA
02 October 2007 : 09.00-12.00 hours**

Members : (1) Prof. dr. ir. Bart Schultz, President Hon. ICID, Chairman (The Netherlands), (2) Vice President Hon. José A. Ortiz Fdz.-Urrutia (Spain), (3) Mr. Maurice Roos (USA), (4) Prof. dr. Takeshi Hata (Japan), (5) Prof. Zhu Ruixiang (China), (6) Dr. Frank Quinn (Canada), (7) Mr. Syed Jamait Ali Shah (Pakistan), (8) Mr. R.K. Sharma (India), (9) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID, (10) Mrs. Jancy Vijayan, Joint Director, ICID Central Office (Coordinator).

Permanent Observers : (i) Dr. C.D. Thatte, ICOLD representative; (ii) Dr. Stephen Maxwell Donkor, UN Water/Africa Section/Ethiopia.

Item 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Task Force held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12 September 2006

No comments received. The minutes may be considered for confirmation.

Item 2 : Review of the Membership

In the 3rd meeting the nomination of Mr. R.K. Sharma received from the Indian National Committee (INCID) was accepted. INCID has nominated Mr. A.D.Bhardwaj in place of Mr. R.K. Sharma for membership consideration in TF-IBWT.

The CV of Mr. A. D. Bhardwaj, India will be placed before the fourth meeting for consideration.

Item 3 : Preparation of the Task Force Report

Central Office (CO) has collected a substantial amount of additional material. In close cooperation with the Chairman a revised draft report has been prepared. This was disseminated amongst the National Committees of ICID, Members and Permanent Observers.

The draft has also been placed on the ICID web site.

The revised draft report will be mailed to the members about a month before the 4th meeting and will be presented and discussed during the meeting.

Item 4 : Progress Achieved for Upgradation of Task Force Report

It was agreed in the third meeting that the final report would be based on the following criteria for Inter Basin Water Transfers (IBWT) to be taken into account:

- The diverted flow does not return to the stream of origin, or to the same basin, or sub-basin downstream;
- The mean annual diverted flow is not less than 1 m³/s (30 Mcu m/yr).

It was reported during the 3rd meeting that there are a few existing/proposed IBWTs to be covered. These schemes are in Congo – Lake Chad Basin, Great Britain, Korea, Lybia, Nigeria, Nepal and Turkey.

Chairman TF-IBWT exchanged his views with Mrs. Jancy Vijayan, Coordinator, TF-IBWT after hearing her presentation on IBWT during his visit to the Central Office, immediately after the third meeting of the TF-IBWT held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The CO has accordingly added the information on existing and proposed projects in Congo – Lake Chad Basin, Great Britain, Korea, Lybia, Nigeria, Nepal and Turkey. The overall text, tables and annexures provided under various chapters of the draft report are now upgraded.

The upgraded report circulated amongst to all the National Committees of ICID for their views and supplementary information, if any, had resulted in a few more observations. During the time of finalization of the agenda items, the CO received responses from USA, Spain, The Netherlands, South Africa, Iran, Great Britain, Czech Republic, Chinese Taipei Committee, Japan and India. The finalized draft is likely to be ready by the end of July and will then be circulated to all the Members and Permanent Observers of TF-IBWT in August 2007.

Item 5 : Cooperation with other International Organizations

Dr. Stephen Maxwell Donkor, Coordinator, UN Water/Africa Secretariat, Ethiopia requested the Chairman, TF-IBWT to present the outcome of the 3rd meeting of the TF-IBWT held on 12 September 2006 (either by Chairman, TF-IBWT or a member of TF-IBWT) at their workshop on “Developing Guidelines for Inter Basin Water Transfers (IBWT) Projects for Policy Makers” scheduled to be held at Accra, Ghana from 25-29 September 2006. The invitation was accepted. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach Engr. Musa (Nigeria) to give a presentation in Accra.

Accordingly the Chairman approached Engr. Musa and requested a presentation on IBWT Global compilation. The output generated as a result of deliberations at Accra, Ghana have been considered, while framing the draft recommendations highlighted under Chapter 6 of the draft publication of ICID on “Global Experiences on Inter Basin Water Transfers for Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Management”.

Item 6 : Time Schedule of Task Force Report Publication

In the 3rd meeting of the TF-IBWT held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, It was proposed that the draft final report would be prepared during the coming year and that the Task Force would have its final meeting in Sacramento, USA. At that time it was also expected that shortly after the Sacramento meeting, the report could be published.

Item 7 : Exchange of Information on Inter Basin Water Transfer Projects

During the 3rd meeting short presentations were given on IBWTs in Japan, China, Congo - Lake Chad, Korea, Pakistan and USA.

While deliberating on the various issues and aspects on IBWT in its third meeting, it was proposed to make a presentation by the Chairman, TF-IBWT during the occasion of 4th meeting and invite comments/views from the participants for further updating/incorporation, if any, needed to upgrade the value of ICID publication on IBWT.

Members and observers are invited to give short presentations on recent developments with respect to Inter Basin Water Transfers in their country.

Item 8 : Any other Business
