

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the
TASK FORCE ON WATER FOR BIO-ENERGY AND FOOD (TF- BIO-ENERGY)
 Tehran, Iran
 16 October 2011: 09:00 – 12:30 hours

Year of Establishment: 2009

Terms of Reference: Evolve "ICID's position on Water for Bio-Energy and Food"

Members Present: (1) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID (2) Mr. Sanjay Belsare (India, 2010)

Observers: (i) Mary Lou Smith (USA); (ii) Dr. Andrew Sanewe (South Africa); (iii) Mr. Karim Akmal (Uzbekistan); (iv) Mr. Ezzatollah Farhadi (Iran); (v) Dr. Suhas Wani (India); (vi) Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar (ICID) (vii) Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa); (viii) Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China); (ix) Mr. Noriyosi Konzo (Japan); (x) Mr. Mukhamedjanov Shukhzat (Uzbekistan); (xi) Mr. Balgabaev Murlan (Kazakhstan); (xii) Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina (Nepal)

Note: The SG, ICID chaired the first part of the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Mr. Laurie Tollefson (Canada, 2010). Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa) was nominated as Vice Chair and took over the Chair from the SG.

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 1st meeting of TF-BIO-ENERGY held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia

The minutes could not be approved as none of the attendees in Yogyakarta were present.

Item 2 : Review of membership of the Task Force

ICID.UK nominated Mr. Simon Howarth for the membership of this TF, but his nomination could not be discussed as he was not present. Secretary General requested the attendees to volunteer to become members of Task Force and their names would then be submitted to their National Committees for ratification. The attendees who had shown interest were (i) Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa); (ii) Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China); (iii) Mr. Noriyosi Konzo (Japan); (iv) Mr. Mukhamedjanov Shukhzat (Uzbekistan); (v) Mr. Balgabaev Murlan (Kazakhstan); (vi) Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina (Nepal).

Item 3 : Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Task Force was defined as follows:

Develop an ICID position paper on the topic taking into account:

- The possible conflict between food production and the production of bio-fuel crops
- The use of agricultural water to produce bio-fuel crops
- Rain-fed crops
- The use of non-food crops to produce bio-fuels
- The use of marginal water/soils for the production of bio-fuel crops
- The use of recycled water for the production of bio-fuel crops
- The contribution of the production of bio-fuel crops to the local/rural economy
- The technical requirements to ensure viable production of bio-fuel crops without government financial support
- The use of agricultural waste for the production of bio-fuel crops

Item 4 : Presentations by country representatives

It was decided that a recommendation would be made to the International Executive Council to have a workshop to discuss member country policies and developments during the 2012 Adelaide Conference.

The following countries committed to present their country policies and developments at the proposed workshop:

- India Dr. Sanjay Belsare
- China Dr. Gao Zhanyi (to find suitable presenter)
- South Africa Dr. Andrew Sanewe / Mr. Andre Roux

To ensure a balanced viewpoint on the subject, it was decided that the following countries/regions should be approached to make a presentation:

- USA, Canada, Brazil, Europe and Central Asia

Item 5 : Time frame for the Task Force

The time frame for the compilation of the ICID position paper was agreed upon as follows:

- 2011 Discussions in Tehran, strengthen membership for the TF and arrange for presentations at the proposed 2012 Adelaide workshop
- 2012 Workshop during the Adelaide Conference (2012)
- 2013 Finalize the ICID position paper

Item 6 : Any other business

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
