

MINUTES
of the working meeting of the IWRM-FV Project

Tashkent

March 2, 2012

In attendance were: Dukhovny, V.A., Umarov, Kh.U., Sokolov, V.I., Horst, M.G., Mirzaev, N.N., Ergashev, I., Muminov, Sh., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., Zikriyaev, Ch., Solodkiy, G.F., Rakhimdjano, D., and Galustyan, A.

The meeting was conducted under the leadership of Director of SIC ICWC Prof. V.A. Dukhovny with the participation of project specialists from SIC ICWC.

At the beginning, Prof. Dukhovny noted that Project Phase 5 works were completed on 29 February, and the next 10-month phase was launched from 3 March. It is mainly aimed at the completion of the overall project activities. At present, all the project documents for that period are in the process of coordination with SDC.

Today's meeting is last within Phase 5. Therefore, it is necessary to immediately complete and submit all reports related to the Plan Positions as well as the final operational; report for the entire period of the activities within this phase.

Then at the meeting, they considered the progress in the main positions of the Overall Schedule of Works as of March 2.

Position A.1.1. Complete the establishment of basic institutional arrangements for IWRM structures and strengthen their organizational capacities at three lower levels with focus on resources management and water delivery including the STTs.

Summary report on Positions A1.1.1., A1.1.2., A1.1.3 (person in charge is Mirzaev, N.N., SIC ICWC) will be submitted for consideration by the project managers from SIC ICWC on March 5.

Position A2.1. Develop (after preliminary testing) and recommend to the governments measures aimed at strengthening financial viability of IWRM structures at all water hierarchy levels.

Summary report on Positions A2.1.1., A2.1.2., A2.1.3, A2.1.4 (persons in charge are Horst, M.G., Muminov, Sh., Pnhasov, M.A., Zikriyaev, Ch., SIC ICWC) is approved by the project managers from SIC ICWC, given for translation into English in order to give to IWMI. The Russian version of the report will also be sent to IWMI.

Position A2.2. Strengthen IWRM management mechanism viability.

Summary report on Positions A2.2.1., A2.2. (persons in charge are Horst, M.G., Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., SIC ICWC) will be submitted for consideration by the project managers from SIC ICWC on March 5.

Position B1.1. Elaborate a user-friendly water governance manual based on SDC's IWRM approach.

User-friendly IWRM manuals have been prepared by SIC ICWC:

- Volume 1. "IWRM Implementation (Institutional Aspects)",
 - Volume 2. "IWRM Implementation: water management in irrigation systems",
 - Volume 3. "Water management in Water Users' Associations (WUA)" (for WUA specialists)
- have been translated into English and sent to SDC and IWMI.

Position B2. Comprehensive FV hydrographic study is completed.

The Report "Comprehensive hydrographic study of the Fergana Valley" improved in accordance with SDC comments as well as the summary with answers to the comments were submitted to SDC on 17 January 2012.

Position B3.1 Elaborate in collaboration with governments and Donors, visions, at national levels, on ways and means to integrate the new IWRM organisations in the existing water management structures.

The Vision of the Integrated Water Resources Management based on the IWRM-FV Project experience in Tajikistan has been translated into English and submitted to SDC and IWMI.

IWMI should also speed up the works related to the completion and submission of relevant reports on Positions A1.1.4 – A 1.1.7. and Manual on Position B1.1.1.

Further, Prof. V.A. Dukhovny considered the execution of the decisions of the previous working meeting (of 31 January), in particular:

- scheduled workshop on the subject “Improvement of the CWC performance” (in Osh) was held; the report will be submitted;
- preparation of WUA budgets for 2012 has been accomplished with the assistance of project specialists (Muminov, Sh., Zikriyaev, Ch.);
- it is necessary to continue the works related to the involvement of makhalla committees in collection of the payment for the services of water supply to the community; a letter to the Government must be prepared concerning the establishment of certain order of payment and issue of a relevant order on the responsibility of makhalla committees;
- project specialists (Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh.) must take under their control the process of the preparation of WUA water use plans for 2012.

Sh. Muminov shall give the information to the project management regarding the immediate required measures aimed at starting providing WUAs with the software “Financial planning and accounting for WUAs” within the next project activities.

N.N. Mirzaev shall give the information about his participation in bilateral consultations at the national level (in Bishkek) concerning the institutional aspects of joint governance of transboundary water in the Khodjabakirgansay river basin which was held between the Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan NCSG members.

The meeting participants noted that the IWMI specialists, who participate in the project under the leadership of the Project Co-Director from IWMI Mr. K.Wegerich, denied participating in the monthly regional meeting for the second time within the recent two months pleading their being busy. Such a situation is not in line with the conditions of partnership between the Association members and does not contribute to successful implementation of the project. This is aggravated by the fact that IWMI throughout the last year fell considerably behind the coordinated schedule of works and to date has not yet accomplished the following positions of the Plan.

1.1.4 Finalize the establishment of System Water Committees (SWCs) in the Kyrgyz and Uzbek parts of pilot STTs (Shakhimardansay and Khojabakirgansay).

1.1.5 Build/strengthen the capacities of established Unions of System Water Users (USWUs), SWCs and System Operation Units at each riparian side of STTs (need-based).

1.1.6 Facilitate the official cooperation and dialogue between riparian sides of two pilot STTs.

1.1.7. Elaborate donor action plan for Khojabakirgan River and coordinate with GTZ , SDC and relevant Ministries of the 2 countries.

The meeting decided to inform the managers of the SDC Regional Office, IWMI Headquarters, and SDC Headquarters about this situation.

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