

**MINUTES**  
**of the working meeting of the IWRM-FV Project**

**Tashkent**

Time: 15:00 – 16:00

**April 30, 2012**

In attendance were: Dukhovny, V.A., Sokolov, V.I., Kai Wegerich, Umarov, Kh.U., Yakubov, M., Kazbekov, Zh., Horst, M.G., Mirzaev, N.N., Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., and Galustyan, A.

At the beginning of the meeting the C-Director of the IWRM-FV Project from IWMI Mr. Kai Wegerich made a request to revise the schedule of the (monthly) joint working meetings of the Project because of being short in time provided for the current phase in the IWMI budget for the project management and coordination. In particular, he proposed to carry out coordination between the Association members through their Co-Directors as a matter of routine procedure (via e-mail or telephone) and meet only as appropriate. Also, he noted that the meetings should be conducted for the discussion of important thematic issues rather than just consider the work schedule and put check marks, then the joint meetings would be more beneficial for solving the project tasks.

The following issues were considered at the meeting:

1. Preparation of the actions plan for the current phase had been completed. That day the document will be submitted (by IWMI) to SDC for approval. Mr. Sokolov mentioned that SDC might request project impact assessment details and indicators, for the acquisition of which funds are not provided according to the SDC's order to stop any pilot activity. He also noted that we had to keep collecting necessary information wherever possible and be always ready. Mr. Wegerich proposed carry out such an evaluation in the course of trainings, namely assess the benchmark or input situation before a training through quick testing and after the training to evaluate the skills acquired.
2. Agreement of Association (SIC ICWC/IWMI) for the current phase. Agreement on the execution of joint works and separation of functions and responsibilities between the partners will be documented in the form of minutes or memorandum of the working meeting. The minutes signed between SIC (Mukhamedjanov, Sh.) and IWMI (M. Junna) under the WPI Project was offered to be taken as a sample. The parties agreed that taking into account that the previous agreement on behalf of IWMI was signed by its Director General, Mr. Wegerich would familiarize himself with details of the minutes and clarify from the IWMI Headquarters concerning the his competence to sign such minutes as a Project Co-Director.

Further the working meeting chaired by the Project Co-Director from SIC ICWC Mr. Sokolov considered the progress in the key positions of the Overall Schedule as of 30 April 2012.

▪ **SIC ICWC's activity under the Project as of 30 April:**

***Output A1: Non-pilot WUAs in the project area are upgraded to meet the minimum managerial capacity requirements (up to 22 WUAs are equipped)***

*Position A1.1. Procurement of the PC sets for WUAs - who better respond to training (innovations) (Artemyev, N., March to mid-May):* on 18 April, the first receipt of funds (advance payment) within the Project Phase 6 took place. At present, replacement of failed and transfer of new computer equipment to the WUAs in Uzbekistan is in progress. The next stage is purchase of equipment and equipping the Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan WUAs with it.

**Output A2: Basic level institutions and respective water management authorities are provided with updated tools and knowledge aimed to strengthen functionality of – and communication between – the institutions (up to 43 WUAs covered).**

*Position A2.2. Conduct training dealing with the WUA's financial and bookkeeping issues for selected WUAs. (Muminov, Sh., Zikriyaev, Ch., March-October).*

*A2.2.1 The first training stage (March-April).* In accordance with the work schedule for the current phase, the IWRM-FV Project was given software with automated system for financial accounting and bookkeeping for WUAs, developed within the RESP II Project. In the course of the study of the software for the purpose of adapting it to the IWRM-FV Project conditions, the Project specialists found out that the software can work only in the off-line mode for each WUA, i.e. without collecting and analyzing the showings of each WUA. Further improvement of the SDC software is required.

From 25 April through 5 May trainings for the operators and accountants of the selected WUAs in the Andijan and Fergana provinces were conducted to train them in the use of the software that allows automating the planning and accounting process in the WUA.

*Position A2.4a. Conduct training in the water use and water distribution within WUA contours. (Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., March-October).*

*A2.4a.1 The first training stage (March-April):* The training (23-29 Aprils) for WUA operators and accountants (8 in the Andijan province and 16 in the Fergana province) finished.

*Position A2.5. Complete practical testing and debugging of the software for water delivery control in the WUA "Akbarabad". (Solodkiy, G.F., Alimdjanov, A., April-September):* The work related to the translation of the software interface into the Uzbek language has been completed. The translation has been introduced in the DB and connected to the software. The translation of standard scenarios into the Uzbek language is about to be finished. The initial information on the WUA "Akbarabad" has been fully introduced in the DB. The works are going on. Trial testing is to start in early May.

**Output A3: Basic institutional arrangements for IWRM structures are established.**

*Position A3.1: Complete the certification of WUAs (Mirzaev, N.N., Malikov, T., Ergashev, I., July-October):* currently the collection of materials is going on. All the project zone WUAs are to be covered.

**Output B1: The consolidated and documented project experience is approved by an editorial commission. (Mirzaev, N.N.):** the first version of the brochures, instructions, collection of training materials prepared on all the positions within this Output will be submitted to experts for review. According to their comments, those submitted will be improved. Then these materials are to be submitted to NCSG members for consideration and improved according to their comments as appropriate.

**Mr. Mirzaev, N.N.** asked the Project Management from SIC ICWC why it was him who was assigned to execute Position B1.5, while he was responsible only for the institutional aspects of the project but not financial, especially since he was neither financial specialist nor economist.

He was explained that since the issues of financing the established structures, such as UCWU and CWC, were the subjects of the previous phases, the Project Management decided that logically the coordination of those issues remains with the Component Leader N.N. Mirzaev with the involvement of the Economists Muminov and Zikriyaev.

▪ **IWMI's activity under the Project as of 30 April:**

IWMI has postponed its activity, including planned workshops and meetings on STTs to the early May because of late starting financing of its project works.

As for Position A3.2, IWMI will continue the bilateral consultation works. It was noted that GTZ was not willing to cooperate in the STT Khodjabakirgansay, also SDC's position was not clear. Nevertheless, it was decided to go on with the development of the bilateral water cooperation through informal working groups by elaborating actions plans.

Mr. Wegerich mentioned that it was necessary to demonstrate the results of the works on the STT Shakhimardansay since nobody there but us was working there and that SDC was planning to include only Khodjabakirgansay without Shakhimardansay in the project for 2013. IWMI would coordinate and inform Mr. N.N. Mirzaev about the STT related activities and was already working with Mr. Umarov on the STT Shakhimardansay.

As to Position A3.3, Prof. Dukhovny mentioned that IWMI should speed up the development of the manual on STT which was deemed as the Output of the previous phase. He noted that during the recent meeting Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan touched upon the issue of the STT Khodjabakirgansay influence zone variability and marked the importance of the inclusion of the mixed zone related issues. IWMI noted that in accordance with the actions plan for the current year the STT Manual needs to be updated in terms of several points associated with the institutional arrangement of the river-wise structure allowing for the results for the bilateral consultations on each STT planned for the year.

In conclusion, Prof. Dukhovny noted that it was necessary to speed up the works related to the improvement of the Vision of the Integrated Water Resources Management based on the IWRM-FV Project experience in Uzbekistan in compliance with the SDC's comments. It was necessary to immediately invite Mr. Djalalov for the coordination of further actions.

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