

UNEP- Dams and Development Project

Ninth Steering Committee Meeting, Nairobi, 5 and 7 October 2005

Draft Summary Minutes

The ninth meeting of the DDP Steering Committee held deliberations during two days, October 5 and 7, 2005, bracketing the 4th Dams and development Forum Meeting. It followed the proposed draft agenda that was approved by the members. Mr. Donald Kaniaru, Special Senior Legal Advisor to UNEP, facilitated the meeting and made the opening remarks.

Steering Committee Members:

Mr. Refaat Abdel-Malek, Montgomery Watson Harza, USA
Mr. Peter Bosshard, IRN, USA
Ms. Joan Carling, Cordillera Peoples Alliance, The Philippines
Mr. Willie Croucamp, DWAF, South Africa (GACG, Africa)
Mr. Roger Gill, IHA, Australia
Mr. Øivind Johansen, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (GACG, Europe and NA)
Mr. Veliparampil Kamalanathan Jyothi, Central Water Commission, India (GACG, Asia)
Mr. Stephen Karekezi, AFREPREN/FWD, Kenya
Mr. Janak Lal Karmacharya, Nepal Electricity Authority, Nepal
Mr. Manfred Konukiewitz, BMZ, Germany
Mr. Mathew McCartney, IWMI, Sri Lanka
Mr. Alessandro Palmieri, World Bank, USA
Mr. Gopal Siwakoti (CHITAN), (WAFED) Nepal
Ms. Veerle Vanderweerd, UNEP (DEPI OiC), The Netherlands

Alternates:

Ms. Dipti Bhatnagar, NBA, India
Mr. Teodoro Sanchez Campos, ITDG, UK (2nd Session, 7 October 2005)
Dr. Hans Peter Schiffer, HEA, Germany
Anne Schuster, GTZ, Germany

Absent with apologies:

Ms. Joji Carino, Tebteba Foundation, UK
Mr. Ger Berkampt, IUCN, Switzerland
Mr. Richard Taylor, IHA, UK

Facilitator

Mr. Donald Kaniaru, UNEP, Kenya

DDP Secretariat:

Mr. Alberto T. Calcagno, DDP Co-ordinator
Mr. Thomas Chiramba, Senior Project officer (2nd Session, 7 October 2005)
Ms. Wanjiku Kaniaru, Associate Expert
Ms. Liazzat Rabbiosi, Associate project Officer (2nd Session, 7 October 2005)

Notes:

Ms. Marcia Camargo, Coordinator, Integrated Committee for Electric Sector Undertakings, Brazil and Felipe Ignacio Arreguín-Cortés, General Technical Deputy Director, National Water Commission, Mexico, accompanied by the Permanent Representatives of their respective countries to UNEP, attended and made introductory remarks at the first session on Wednesday 5 October 2005. (GACG, LAC)

Mr. Teferra Beyene Asfaw, Ministry of Water Resources, Ethiopia, attended as observer the second session of the SC meeting on Friday 7 October 2005 (GACG, Africa)

These summary minutes reflect the decisions taken and the action points for further follow up arising from the deliberations under each agenda item, without detailing the arguments during the discussions or the range of issues addressed.

FIRST SESSION – Wednesday 5 October 2005

1. Welcoming Remarks

1. Mr. Donald Kaniaru, Facilitator opened the 9th SC meeting and Ms. Veerle Vanderweerd, (OIC) DEPI, UNEP delivered opening remarks. The agenda was adopted. DDP Secretariat was requested to distribute to the participants the list of GACG members, the list of SC members and the draft terms of reference for the GACG¹.

2. Workshop on Gaining Public Acceptance - Review

2. The DDP Coordinator provided a general description of the workshop and the activities carried out during the meeting. It was agreed that once finalised the draft outcomes of the workshop would be distributed during the 4th DD Forum meeting to all participants.

3. Finalisation of 4th DD Forum Meeting Agenda (Document A)

3. Following diverse considerations regarding the agenda of the 4th DD Forum meeting, the following arrangements were agreed:

Opening Session: Mr. Manfred Konukiewicz accepted to deliver opening remarks on behalf of the SC

Session 2: In addition to the meetings included in the agenda, the SC members from the floor will table the following issues and international events: EU Directive on Greenhouse Allowance Emissions Trading; African Conference on Hydropower and sustainable Development (February 2006, South Africa); International Conference on Renewable Energies (Beijing, November 2005); African River Network meeting recently held in Nairobi.

Session 4: Anne Schuster, Reefat Abdel-Malek, Willie Croucamp and Gopal Siwakoti accepted to chair the break out sessions.

Closing Session: Alessandro Palmieri and Peter Bosshard accepted to deliver closing remarks.

SECOND SESSION – Friday 7 October 2005

4. The session started with the presentation of the new staff members namely, Mr. Thomas Chiramba, Zimbabwe (Senior Project officer L-4) and Ms. Liazzat Rabbiosi, Kazakhstan (Associate

¹ These materials were distributed by DDP Secretariat at the second session on Friday 7 October 2005.

Project officer L-2). Ms Rabbiosi joined the team on 4 October 2005 while Mr. Chiramba will do so on 1 November 2005.

5. Minutes of Eighth Steering Committee Meeting at Geneva (Document B)

5. The revised draft minutes of the 8th SC meeting were approved with the addition to para. 66 of the substantive elements included in the email sent by Mr. Konukiewitz in response to SC queries raised at the meeting. It was agreed that DDP Secretariat should, for the sake of brevity, produce minutes focused on results limiting its contents to the conclusions, agreements and actions for follow up from the consideration of the different agenda items.

6. Dams and Development Forum

Review of Fourth Forum meeting

6. The SC members agreed on a positive note emerging from the 4th DD Forum meeting in terms of participation, quality of discussions, constructiveness of dialogue, exchange of information and learning opportunities. It was considered that a step forward had been given in the dams' debate moving the discussions from whether to build dams to how to build good dams. The linkage to other meetings was considered positive. The country reports were considered very useful. It was recommended that DDP could carry out a monitoring function concerning activities done worldwide relating to its mandate (e.g national sectoral dialogue process, developments around dams) and the relevant international conferences. It was recommended to improve the coordination of the breakout sessions briefing in advance the participants and the involved SC members aiming to clarify the process and providing orientation. A general sense emerged from the deliberations about the need for the DDP Secretariat to make better use of the SC in terms of getting advice from its members and for the SC members to be more responsive to DDP Secretariat consultations.

Forum membership

7. It was agreed that, independently of the continuity of the DD Forum meetings beyond the Phase 2, opportunity should be given to organisations interested in joining the DD Forum to become members filling empty slots or substituting inactive members. DDP Secretariat will circulate a note listing current vacant positions and Forum members considered inactive and will submit for the consideration of the SC members new organisations that might be invited to join the Forum.

Goals and date of the next meeting

8. DDP Secretariat proposed to carry out the 5th DD Forum meeting in October 2006. Consideration was given to venues such Netherlands, Italy or Thailand, in addition to Nairobi. The need to consolidate the achievements of the last meeting and adding value through further facilitating a constructive dialogue was shared. There was consensus on the need to devote more time to the presentation and discussion of national dialogues, country processes and specific experiences that could be identified in the context of the monitoring function formerly discussed. Being the last meeting of Phase 2 it was considered that a summary of project achievements as well as the exit strategy should be part of the Forum agenda.

7. Progress report (Document C)

9. DDP Secretariat referred the participants to the progress report distributed with the Briefing Document of the 4th DD Forum meetings and the financial report included in the Briefing Document of the 9th SC meeting.

8. Promoting Dialogue

National/regional dialogue initiatives

10. Main elements highlighted in the discussions included that DDP should adhere strictly to a facilitating role, intervene in response to requests and contribute to build a free discussion and atmosphere where stakeholders should decide on the issues to discuss.

Second Phase 2 issue-based workshop

11. Not all SC members were in favour of convening a second issue-based workshop or sticking to a workshop format for the meeting. Several themes were suggested (e.g. outstanding social issues, compliance in a specific situation, conflicts in river basins, international water management). It was also suggested to wait until the Compendium reached a more advanced stage and could provide some good examples to deal with in the meeting. Not having reached consensus on the issue it was agreed to leave it open for consideration at the 10th SC meeting.

9. Practical Tools (Document A, Annex C)

Inventory of policy normative frameworks

12. A recommendation to add a search engine to the system was tabled.

Compendium (Document E; Document A Annexes D, E)

13. There was agreement on the need to ensure that the Compendium was non judgmental and focused on positive or broadly supported examples avoiding those raising negative views by relevant groups. Accordingly it was suggested that a section on controversial issues and examples might eventually be added. In about one month the DDP Secretariat will share with SC members a draft methodology addressing the operational aspects of the elaboration of the Compendium. The possibility of selecting one issue to be developed as a pilot case was suggested.

Database of relevant practices and lessons learnt (Document F)

14. It was recommended to limit the initiative to establishing links between websites and to avoid entering into partnership arrangements.

10. International meetings

15. It was recommended that DDP organise side events at the 4th World Water Forum (March 06) and CSD14 (April 2006). DDP had already submitted a proposal for a session at the WWF4. Participation in the African Ministerial Conference on Hydropower and Sustainable Development was also encouraged. Being DWAF a member of the local organising committee, Mr. Croucamp undertook to seek information on the programme and liaise with DDP. The Beijing meeting on Renewable Energies was also considered. DDP had not been invited to participate and time was short for preparing a meaningful intervention. It was highlighted in this regard that the project makes consistent presentations and is careful in the management of resources.

11. Any other business

16. The lack of participation of IUCN in the last meetings was tabled. It was agreed that DDP Secretariat would contact the IUCN member suggesting that in case IUCN would be unable to nominate an alternate, such position could be filled with a representative of another organisation willing to participate that would be identified through consultation with the DD Forum members of the corresponding stakeholder group (International non Governmental Organisations).

17. Accepting an offer from Ms. Vanderweerd, it was agreed that the 10th SC meeting takes place on 16-17 February 2006 in UNEP-GPA office in The Hague, Netherlands.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.00 hours.