



**Agreed Minutes of the governing Board (GB) Meeting of
RCUWM-Tehran
Dated May 18th 2002**

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In accordance to Paragraph 5 of Article II of the agreement signed between UNESCO and Islamic Republic of Iran, the first session of the Governing Board of the center was held on May 18th 2002 in the city of Muscat, Oman.

Mr H. Bitaraf, Minister of Energy and the Chairperson of RCUWM's Governing Board and Mr Szollosi-Nagy, the representative of Director General of UNESCO attended the meeting. Mr Bitaraf chaired the meeting and the following agenda was adopted:

1. Membership criteria for acceptance of Members States and regional international organizations in the Governing Board and the relevant invitation procedure
2. Preparation and formulation of the Governing Board rules of procedure
3. Scheduling of Planning Conference
4. Defining projects to start the activation phase of Center
5. Other issues

Following decisions were made after intensive discussion:

1. **Membership criteria for acceptance of Member States and regional international organizations in the Governing Board and the relevant invitation procedure**

Considering the GB's emphasis on priority of preparation of descriptive and qualitative criteria, the three following actions were to be conducted:

- ◆ IHP secretariat, consulting with the Director of RCUWM, will prepare the criteria and announce them to the IHP Member States in the region and also to the governmental and non-governmental organizations, requesting their contribution to the Center's activities.

The decision to issue invitations will be made after examining the responses in the Governing Board.

- ◆ A delegation of the Center with support of UNESCO and RCUWM will conduct a mission to countries in the region and main offices of regional and international organizations. In this regard the delegates will inform them about the establishment of RCUWM and the importance of its objectives and functions. They will also assess the willingness of the countries or organizations to contribute and participate in the Governing Board.

The invitations to selected countries and organizations will be carried out based on the mission report of the delegation.



2. Preparation and formulation of the Governing Board rules of procedure

According to the signed agreement, the Governing Board should prepare and formulate its rules of procedures. Draft rules of procedures will be prepared as soon as possible with the collaboration of the IHP secretariat.

3. Schedule of Planning conference

The Governing board agreed on that the Planning Conference will be held by the end of 2002.

The details as follows will be discussed during the mission of Dr Ardakanian to the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2002.

- ◆ Selecting countries, regional and international organizations (IGOs and NGOs),
- ◆ The procedure of invitation
- ◆ The agenda

The outcomes of a foresaid meeting between Mr Szollosi-Nagy and Dr Ardakanian will be submitted to the Governing Board. It was also mentioned that development of a mid-term plan for the Center will be one of the main objectives of planning Conference.

4. Defining projects to start the activation of Center

Mr Szollosi-Nagy confirmed that US\$ 80,000 from the International Hydrology Programme (IHP) budget will be allocated for start up of RCUWM and a primary list of projects will be set for the Paris meeting. He also declared the list and final projects will be surely discussed with Dr Ardakanian during his attendance to IHP Intergovernmental Council in Paris in June 2002. The agreements for specific projects will be implemented by means of contracts between UNESCO and RCUWM.

5. Other issues

- ◆ Mr Szollosi-Nagy submitted to session the letter from UNESCO's Director General confirming the incumbency of RCUWM's Director to Dr Ardakanian.
- ◆ It is also decided the result of current session of the Governing Board to be reported to the IHP Intergovernmental Council.

H. Bitaraf
Minister of Energy and
Chairman, the RCUWM
Governing Board

A. Szollosi-Nagy
UNESCO's Representative to the
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