

Agreed Minutes
of the Second Governing Board Meeting
Regional Centre on Urban Water Management

Tehran-Iran
17 December 2003



The Second Governing Board meeting was held on 17 December 2003 in Tehran. The meeting was attended by the following honourable members:

Member States:

- **Bangladesh**
H.E. Mr. Hafizuddin Ahmed, Minister of Water Resources
- **Egypt**
Dr. Dalal Alnaggar, Representative of Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Germany**
Mr. Reinhard Junker, Representative of Ministry of Education and Research
- **I.R. Iran**
H.E. Habbibollah Bitaraf, Chairman of the GB and Minister of Energy
Dr. Reza Ardakanian, Director of RCUWM-Tehran
- **Kuwait**
Mr. Mohammad Rashid Al Baho, Representative of Ministry of Water and Energy
- **Lebanon**
H.E. Dr. Ayoub Homayyed, Minister of Energy and Water
- **Oman**
H.E. Mr. Khamis Bin Mobarak Alalawi, Minister of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources
- **Syria**
Dr. AbdolNasser Sadedin, Representative of Ministry of Housing and Construction
- **Tajikistan**
H.E. Mr. Abdukohir Nazirov, Minister of Water Economy and Land Improvement

Organisations:

- **International Water Association**
Mr. Andrew Speers, Representative of IWA
- **UNESCO**
Prof. A. Szöllösi-Nagy, Representative of Director General in the GB
- **UNESCO-IHE**
Prof. Richard Meganck, Rector
- **Wageningen UR**
Prof. Wim van Vierssen, Representative

- 1- The meeting was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Bitaraf, Minister of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran and the chairperson of the governing board.
- 2- The draft agenda was put on the floor and it was unanimously adopted as follows:
 - Opening
Opening Statement
H.E. Mr. H. Bitaraf, Chairman of GB (Minister of Energy, I. R. Iran)
 - Adaptation of the agenda
 - UNESCO Remarks
Prof. A. Szöllösi-Nagy, Representative of Director General of UNESCO in GB
 - Report on activities and achievements of the Centre in 2002 & 2003
Dr. R. Ardakanian, RCUWM Director
 - Brief Statement by each member (Bangladesh, Lebanon, Oman, Tajikistan, Egypt, Germany, Kuwait, Syria, Wageningen UR, International Water Association, UNESCO-IHE)
 - Review of the Work Plan and Budget (2004), submitted by Director of Centre
 - Discussion on ways of Members Contribution to the 2004 Activities
 - Approval of Work Plan and Budget of 2004 and RCUWM Organisational Chart
 - Date of 2004 GBM
 - Closing remarks
- 3- UNESCO's remarks were delivered by Prof. A. Szöllösi-Nagy, representative of Director General of UNESCO in GB.
- 4- Director's report, Document GB2.1 - part one, comprising the road to establishment; RCUWM mission/objectives; activities and achievements for 2002-2003; and expenditure and budget to the end of 2003; was delivered by Dr. Ardakanian.



- 5- All distinguished members of the GB presented a brief statement on the current status of their country's water resources and their respected institution's goals and procedures.
- 6- The work plan for 2004, Document GB2.1 – part two, was presented by the director of the Centre and was put to discussion by the GB. Upon thorough discussions and exchange of views the following were approved:
- 6.1- The organizational chart of RUCWM was approved by the GB.
- 6.2- The expenditure to the end of 2003 and the 2004 work plan proposed was approved by the GB.
- 6.3- The proposed budget was approved by the GB.
- 6.4- In addition to the proposed projects by the Director of the Centre the two following specific projects were also approved to be implemented:
- Assessment of training needs in the region;
 - Arsenic contamination of groundwater resources in Bangladesh.
- 6.5- It was agreed all members would provide their written suggestions and confirmation of their contributions in the form of financial and or any other means of assistance to the Centre within a month of adjournment of the GB. The Centre would analyse and produce a unified format of all the responses and would dispatch the result to all members for further elaboration.
- 6.6- A task committee would be appointed by the consent of the members of the GB to prioritise the Centre's projects and finalise the financial implications.
- 7- It was decided that the next GB meeting would be convened during 2004. An extra meeting would be called if required.

All members attending the Second Governing Board meeting expressed their wholehearted appreciation of their inclusion in the board and further expressed their gratitude for the hospitality shown during their stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

H. Bitaraf



Minister of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran
and Chairperson of Governing Board, RCUWM

