

Project GCP/INT/945/ITA
'Information Products for Nile Basin Water Resources Management'

First Tripartite Review Meeting
(Cairo, 4 April 2007)

Meeting Report

Wednesday, 4 April 2007
Introduction

The PSC chair was nominated as chair and opened the meeting and requested any changes to the agenda items. No items were proposed. The Chair explained that the countries would be represented by a group of 4 representatives Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burundi

An opening statement from Italian Cooperation was made stressing the equitable benefits sharing and the support to the NBI were key and the training aspects had been an important element as well as the establishment of common knowledge and data sharing. It is hoped that these contributions will form a milestone in areas of agricultural water management in the Nile Basin.

1. Organization of Work (14:00 – 14:30)

The representative of FAO will recall the objectives and tasks entrusted to the TPR. The parties will raise the issues they wish to discuss. The draft agenda will be amended and approved, including items for discussion obtained from PSC3.

The Chair assumed that sufficient explanation of the TPR objectives had already been given during PSC . This was accepted.

2. Evaluation of Project Progress and Achievements Reached so Far (14:30 – 15:30)

On the basis of the PSC meeting, the following aspects will be examined:

- Relevance of project outputs and achievements.

The continued relevance of the project was confirmed by the participants. The approach of the project was highlighted. It was felt that the role of Focal Point Institutions (FPIs) had been particularly useful and provided a model for all types of regional project which were otherwise difficult to implement.

- Required change, if any, in focus and emphasis of project outputs.

It was recognized that the tools and information products that have been developed by the project are expected to be used beyond the project. Precisely how this will be done is up to the governance of the respective programmes or projects, such as NBI. Hence, there is no doubt that the focus and emphasis remain relevant, but that follow up would need to be the responsibility of the successor projects and national institutions. The meeting recommended the national coordinators, with the support of project staff, prioritize project activities in this order:

1. Communication strategy
2. Dissemination of products
3. Nile DST gaps

- Required change, if any, in project implementation schedule.

The meeting recommended to strictly adhere to the project implementation schedule endorsed by PSC3. The project workplan could be eventually reviewed during the proposed PSC4 meeting planned for December 2007. At that point it would be possible to look at the remaining project resources and suggest any required changes in the implementation schedule.

The meeting will advise the recipient governments, the Donor, and FAO on the necessary adjustment in project setup, if appropriate.

Tea Break (15:30 – 16:00)

3. Assessment and Recommendations of Potential Future Activities of the Project (16:00 – 16:45)

The meeting will examine the way in which the parties will deal with future activities, if any.

The TPR recommended that the project presents a report at the PSC4 meeting on the how the information products could be projected beyond the life and scope of the project.

4. Any Other Business (16:45 – 17:00)

The final project report should be conceived as a special publication to illustrate the relevance and significance of the project outputs.

A final tripartite review will take place back-to-back with PSC4.

5. Adoption of TPR Report and Closure (17:00 – 17:30)

The TPR report was reviewed and adopted.