



**MINUTES OF THE
139th SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at 15:00 on Tuesday 08 November 2022 at The ARQ Office and on Zoom.**

Action

1. OPENING and WELCOME

The Chairperson, Quentin Shaw, opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and QUORUM

Attendance

Duncan Grant-Stuart		DGS	
Michelle Blaeser		MB	
Robert Greyling		RG	
Louis Coetzee		LC	(Virtual)
Henry-John Wright		HJW	
Guy Robertson		GR	(Virtual)
Quentin Shaw		QS	
Janice Zhang		JZ	
Danie Badenhorst		DB	
Leon Furstenburg	Technical Secretary	TSec	
Chikondi Gurira	Admin Secretary	CG	(Virtual)
Senzo Masikane	Administrative Assistant	SM	(Virtual)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mongezi Gxamza (MG), David Cameron-Ellis (DCE), Marco van Dyk (MvD) and Gerald de Jager (GdJ).

Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA (Amendments and adoption)

The agenda was approved. DB proposed and RG seconded.

4. MINUTES OF MC 138

Minutes of MC 138 were approved. DB proposed and RG seconded.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS

5.1 Management Committee 2022

Co-opted members should in future give feedback and account for their activities during the year to justify their co-option. Where possible, deliverables with deadlines should be set.

[TSec]

5.2 SANCOLD Elections 2022

Call for nominations to be sent out in the second week of November, the elections will take place electronically. Clarify to be obtained from DCE whether he wishes to continue as the SANCOLD Treasurer. The Treasurer can be a co-opted member. The Committee will elect the Chair in 2023 (Early 2023).

5.3 DWS Infrastructure Branch Membership

TSec provided feedback that he followed up with DWS. He reported that DWS nominated four names that are available to serve. TSec to get a hold of the four names, select two and assign branch posts. They will be active in 2023.

[TSec]

5.4 SANCOLD Awards 2022

Danie Badenhorst is to be provided with an award, in recognition of his contribution.

[All, TSec]

5.5 ECSA Accreditation for CPD Validation

Feedback was provided regarding the accreditation of the course conducted by Louis Hattingh, the course was accredited. CG to attend the SANCOLD Conference with the aim of discussing the upcoming ECSA Audit (What it entails and the documents that need to be submitted).

[TSec, CG, SM]

5.6 **Concept Marketing Strategy**

RG to provide feedback regarding the marketing strategy being taken over by the Admin Secretary, with the objective of making SANCOLD more visible. RG to discuss this with CG after the meeting.

The aim is to promote visibility and increase membership, with the end goal of being sustainable.

DB mentioned the importance of ensuring that the Symposium is a success (marketability purposes) for the membership base to be re-looked and to be involved with the government/DWS.

QS mentioned ICOLD is struggling with sustainability due to affordability issues. QS further mentioned that ICOLD has a system in place where they have a panel of experts, whom they offer a list to anyone who approaches them and 1% of the expertise fee goes towards ICOLD. This system can possibly be utilised by SANCOLD – Panel of Experts List.

RG mentioned the need to raise awareness of Large Dams.

DB stressed the point of SANCOLD and the DWS collaborating in order to stimulate growth and sustainability. QS stressed the importance of the sharing of ideas and dissemination of information/knowledge between different generations.

[RG, CG]

6. **SANCOLD ACTIVITIES**

6.1 **Programme 2022**

For 2023, a list of all the SANCOLD Events needs to be compiled, indicating when they will take place and the person who is responsible for the event/task.

[TSec]

6.2 **SANCOLD Events**

6.2.1 **SANCOLD Annual Conference 2022**

MB provided an update on the numbers of delegates who will be attending (198 delegates thus far).

Site visit to the mine has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

RG made arrangements with Water Affairs to go to another DWS dam.

MANCO suggested that the site visits be kept open and have delegates have the option of going to the site or not.

MB indicated the need to secure/source another Conference Organiser for future Conferences.

[MB]

6.3 **National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP)**

No further feedback, the programme will be kick-started next year.

Prof Jeff Smithers to provide feedback during the Conference.

[DCE, LC, RG]

6.4 **SANCOLD Training, APP development & Dam Safety Initiatives**

6.4.1 **Facilitation of APP training**

LF suggested that SANCOLD use APP Training as a means of generating income/profit for SANCOLD and to keep SANCOLD topical. QS supported this suggestion/proposal and indicated that caution is taken, in particular with legislation. QS suggested that SANCOLD should have an initiative which looks to or aims to provide recommendations to the relevant stakeholders. Whereby in every SANCOLD Conference, time should be dedicated to this proposed initiative. A strategy needs to be compiled in line with the proposed initiative. DB to lead the 'whitepaper' or the initiative.

6.4.2 **Other Training**

Louis Hattingh just recently conducted a Dam Surveillance course. It took place on 27 October and 23 delegates attended.

6.5 **Young Person's Forum**

6.5.1 **Lecture programme**

JZ committed to finalising the plan by the end of the year.

Webinars were planned for the month of October, but unfortunately, the speaker could not make it and there was no alternative speaker(s).

Possible in-person sessions for next year, as there was interest to conduct in-person sessions.

Wilberforce Manirakiza of Uganda provided feedback to QS regarding the African Committee for YPF, they aim to kick start an initiative or forum whereby young people can share their experiences and assist those that need assistance.

QS further mentioned that the ARC needs to be used as a platform or avenue to verbalise the issues/problems facing many African countries, especially the tendering system and who benefits from it.

The need to publicise the projects (through platforms such as LinkedIn) that are being conducted, publicise all factors involved, so as to let people know what is going on. QS further elaborated on the need to score tenders/projects at the beginning and at the end.

The YPF initiative of indexing old conference papers is to be quality checked and completed with a 6-month timeline.

[JZ]

QS had previously raised the issue of ownership (IP) of material published on other forums and whether it could be reproduced on the SANCOLD website. HJW was requested to investigate and report on obtaining these types of permissions. He was also investigating where the information could be stored and access to it due the large storage volume.

[HJW]

QS added that Wilberforce Manirakiza's of the ICOLD YPF has raised issues related to how the YPF would like to share information and establish various groups, which may not currently be possible within the ICOLD constitution. Realistically, it is just a question of finding the 'right way of doing it', whether that means changing the constitution, or finding ways to accommodate the YPF requirements within the current constitution. QS suggested the setting up of a working group between the ICOLD YPF Committee and SANCOLD, so as to promote that link. JZ has also been in contact with the ICOLD YPF.

[JZ, JV, LC, QS]

6.6 The Development of a Regional Initiative to address sub-Saharan Africa-specific topics

QS indicated that countries need to communicate with each other regarding the issues faced and the best way to combat the issues, which will result in institutional capacity building, which is critical.

QS to drive this initiative (Institutional Capacity Building) when chairing a session during the Hydro-Africa 2022 in Uganda scheduled for December 2022.

[QS]

6.7 Your Dam brochure

TSec to follow up on Kelvin Legge.

[TSec]

6.8 Revival of initiative for discussions with the DWS Minister

TSec to book an appointment with the DG, in the hopes of building a collaborative relationship with the DWS. TSec is continuing to follow up with making an appointment with the DG.

[TSec]

6.9 Updating of SA Register on Large Dams

No discussion.

6.10 SANCOLD Position Paper/Guideline for Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)

DB to make a follow up with the members that were initially involved and possibly involve/recruit more assistants. GR provided feedback, indicating that not much progress has been made thus far. Plan on how to get it done to be finalised in February 2023.

[GR]

6.11 Improve Definition of Tailings Dam with a Risk

Awaiting outcome of amending SANS 10286. A follow up to be made by DGS. DGS to include this in one of his presentations during the SANCOLD Conference.

[DGS]

6.12 Proposed new brochure – Pollution Control Dams

The draft document had been circulated to Manco, but no comment received. Secretary to clarify DWS branding and further progress with Kelvin Legge.

TSec to follow up on Kelvin Legge.

[TSec]

6.13 **Guidelines for Freeboard Benchmarking webinar**

JZ and JV to discuss further. QS indicated that the purpose of the agenda point was to conceptualise the more recent guidelines, to comment on the validity of the guidelines.

A technical working group be formed to take this forward, DB volunteered to be involved (to be the Chairperson) and will make efforts to recruit more members. DB suggested that the guidelines need to be changed/updated.

[YPF, JV]

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 **Budget 2022**

The compensation for the presenters (YPF future courses) needs to be collated into the budget. It was mentioned that the ideal situation is to have courses 'pay for themselves', if that does not materialise, then it will need to be budgeted for. JZ to engage with CG and SM regarding how SAIAE manages not exceeding the VAT threshold, DCE to be kept informed at all times regarding this matter to keep track of the costs.

DCE is to be requested to provide a pre-recording of the budget presentation ahead of the SANCOLD Conference.

[Treasurer, TSec, JZ]

7.2 **Membership Matters**

7.2.1 **Outstanding Members fees**

There has been an improvement, as efforts have been made to exclude the inessential members (Those that were not contributing at all). 20% outstanding on both corporate and individual. DCE and CG to continue making follow ups.

New membership fees to be discussed in two meetings from now (Next financial year). CG provided feedback on the status of the membership fees, she indicated that members are being sent reminders pertaining to them settling their outstanding membership fees.

There are 137 invoices awaiting payment and 128 overdue, which equates to an outstanding balance of R 242 775.00.

There are a total of 223 individual members and 46 corporate members.

[Treasurer, CG]

7.3 **Audit 2021**

Final books have not been received from the previous PCO, two/three-line items are still outstanding.

[TSec]

8. ICOLD ACTIVITIES

8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

The new Circular Letters from Central Office had been circulated to Manco members. The new bulletin on Tailings Dam was released.

8.2 ICOLD Issues

8.2.1 Representation on ICOLD Committees

The desire to have the younger generation involved in ICOLD meetings is being pushed.

8.2.2 Important Dates

Hydro-Africa date postponed to next year (10-12 July 2023).

9. GENERAL

9.1 Co-operation with CHINCOLD

No discussion.

9.2 Approached by SA Tourism to host ICOLD/SANCOLD Event

CG to provide assistance regarding liaising with SA Tourism. CG, JZ and RG to engage with each other to identify opportunities.

10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for 28 February 2023. Venue and time to be confirmed.

11. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 17:30