



**MINUTES OF THE
144th SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
At 09:00 on Tuesday 20 February 2024 held virtually.**

Action

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson, Henry-John Wright, opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND QUORUM

Attendance

Henry-John Wright	Chairperson	HJW
Robert Greyling		RG
Leon Furstenburg	Technical Secretary	TSec
David Cameron-Ellis	Treasurer	DCE
Quentin Shaw	Past Chairperson/ICOLD VP	QS
Comfort Mahlabela		CM
Danie Badenhorst		DB
Gerald de Jager		GdJ
Janice Zhang		JZ
Michelle Blaeser		MB
Kogi Naidoo		KN
Francis Gibbons		FG
Guy Robertson		GR
Ashley Coetzee		AC
Mongezi Gxamza		MG
Senzo Masikane	Admin Secretary	SM
Londiwe Mbambo	Administrative Assistant	LM

Apologies

Apologies were received from Wally Ramokopa (WR), Marco Van Dijk (MVD), Andrew Copeland (ACo), Sego Kelefetswe (SK), Cherie Starke (CS) and Jacques du Plessis (JdP).

Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA (Amendments and Adoption)

Add the following:

9.2 Lesotho Dam Safety Initiative.

9.3 SANCOLD Website.

The agenda was adopted.
Proposer: GR and Seconder: MG.

4. MINUTES OF MC 143

4.1 Amendments

Add Francis Gibbons (FG) to the attendance list. SM to incorporate the suggestions provided by MG, as these are primarily editorial.

4.2 Approval

Minutes of MC 143 were approved.
Proposer: LF and Seconder: QS

4.3 Matters arising from previous minutes

Most matters arising are agenda items and will be handled as such.

5 Management Committee Matters

5.1 Management Committee 2024

The SANCOLD Management Committee held elections for two positions, which resulted in RG and JZ being re-elected.

RG was re-elected as the SANCOLD Vice Chairperson for the 2024/2026 term, as he received 9 votes from the MANCO.

DCE was re-elected as the SANCOLD Treasurer for another year, as he received 10 votes from the MANCO.

Prior to the meeting, LF requested that the four co-opted members submit activity schedules or a list of objectives to outline their envisioned contributions to the SANCOLD MANCO. LF received a response from all four co-opted members, and the respective schedules or lists will be circulated to the MANCO after the meeting.

[LF]

Four co-opted members were endorsed, namely ACo, DB, WR and GdJ, as they received 9 votes from the MANCO.

5.2 SANCOLD Elections

Covered in agenda item 5.1.

5.3 Scholarships

HJW stated that the Scholarship advertisement has been circulated to members and university contacts and is open to anyone who might benefit.

LF reported that one application was received from Janneke Groenewald (Stellenbosch University). She will be pursuing her Masters degree. MANCO approved her application, as 13 votes were received in favour or approval of the application. The student is to be notified.

[LF]

5.4 ECSA accreditation for CPD validation

SM reported back that no further feedback has been received from ECSA pertaining to the ECSA CPD Provider audit which took place on 18 October 2023. He indicated that he would follow up on them.

SM indicated that SANCOLD's ECSA Voluntary Association and Licensing Body statuses are up for renewal and that he is in the process of submitting the renewal applications to ECSA.

SM indicated that both renewal applications will be submitted by the end of the week (23 February 2024).

[SM]

5.5 Concept Marketing Strategy

RG indicated the previously mentioned intention of promoting SANCOLD to the mining sector and the proposal for SANCOLD to host the Tailings Slope Stability Training Initiative.

RG indicated that ACo attended a Mining Indaba the previous week and will request him to provide feedback either via email or at the next SANCOLD MANCO meeting to determine SANCOLD's possible role in the future.

JZ mentioned that the YPF has had their first meeting of the year and that a plan is in place for the year 2024. She also indicated that there are further initiatives that they plan to drive this year, which include a possible Golf Day, which will look to attract the mining clients. Universities will also be targeted to get graduates involved in the dam industry at an early stage.

[RG,AC]

HJW mentioned the action items or initiatives that are currently ongoing, which include LinkedIn, attracting more members, golf days, and outreach to Mining Houses, as discussed previously.

HJW indicated his support for the planned and ongoing initiatives. He also indicated that MANCO may provide further ideas or initiatives.

6 SANCOLD Activities

6.1 Programme 2024

HJW presented the SANCOLD 2024 Programme, which was circulated. The programme links up with various SANCOLD portfolios, which were mentioned by HJW.

A few activity names or topics were expanded upon or reworded.

The SANCOLD 2024 Programme was approved by the MANCO with 10 votes in favour of it.

[All]

6.2 SANCOLD Events

6.2.1 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2023

MB reported that the 2023 SANCOLD Annual Conference made approximately R450 000.00 and that the selected PCO performed well.

6.2.2 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2024

A decision needs to be made about where the Conference will take place and whether it should remain in the Gauteng province, considering the cost cost-cutting issue faced by the DWS.

LF suggested the possibility of having the Conference proceedings in Gauteng and then having the site visit in KwaZulu-Natal as an option.

DB suggested the possibility of combining the SANCOLD Annual Conference with the Tailings Slope Stability Training Initiative, which would result in less administrative strain.

HJW and MB proposed that a decision be made by 1 March regarding the Conference venue or host province to allow for more efficient and effective planning. MG and CM to speak through their channels regarding DWS' limits on attendance and will provide feedback by 1 March 2024.

[MG,CM]

A follow-up up to be made with ACo pertaining to ICOLD's decision to host the Tailings Slope Stability Training Initiative in South Africa by 28 February 2024. Thereafter, a decision will be made regarding the combination of the two events. JZ to assist ACo in organising the Tailings Slope Stability Training Initiative with ICOLD.

[HJW/ACo]

The MANCO approved the reappointment of the 2023 PCO, as 10 votes were in favour of their continued services.

6.3 National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP)

MVD is currently working on the Position Paper draft. HJW to follow up on a possible due date for him to finalise it.

[MVD,HJW]

6.4 SANCOLD Training, APP development & dam safety initiatives

HJW, JZ and RG to convene and determine the dates and speakers for the proposed training courses. CS to also be involved.

[HJW,JZ,RG,CS]

QS stated that DWS needs to be approached and provided with suggestions regarding the APP Training, citing that the legislation needs to accommodate the sustainable development of dam professionals. HJW to engage with WR regarding this matter. A committee within SANCOLD is to be created to initiate or stimulate further input on the matter, but DWS needs to be heavily involved.

[HJW,WR]

6.5 Mentorship Proposal

An email was sent to the MANCO requesting members to indicate their interest and or availability in wanting to be part of the Mentorship Organising Committee. GdJ, JZ, AC and CS indicated their interest in being part of the initial Mentorship Organizing Committee.

SM to forward the names of the interested MANCO members to SK for further discussion.

[SM]

FG pointed out that the previous agenda item (6.4) is applicable to the Mentorship Initiative.

6.6 Young Persons Forum

JZ mentioned that AC would be the YPF Chairperson for 2024.

AC suggested that the SANCOLD LinkedIn group be changed into an actual LinkedIn page. This is with the intention of getting more people involved and gaining greater engagement.

[AC]

AC indicated the intentions of the YPF committee to have a photo competition with the aim of attracting more people to SANCOLD.

AC stated that the webinar series or initiative will still be continued this year and will be posted on the relevant platforms.

AC indicated their intention to advertise at universities. A plan or method to do so will be developed and implemented in due course.

[AC,JZ]

6.7 Regional Initiative to address sub-Saharan Africa-specific topics

QS indicated that at the last ICOLD Board Meeting, the Africa Regional Initiative was discussed. Two main items being driven include changes to the project contracts and the use of a panel of experts for large projects. A 2-hour session on these is planned at the ICOLD meeting in September.

6.8 Your Dam brochure

HJW indicated that this was completed in December 2023 and will be removed from the agenda going forward.

6.9 Discussions with DWS Minister

HJW reiterated that efforts to have an audience with the DWS Minister have been made and will continue to be made. The DWS representatives on the SANCOLD MANCO are to assist in this regard.

[CM, MG]

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

GR indicated that the lack of support or ‘foot soldiers’ to put in the leg work is an issue. GR to provide a brief summary which outlines the position paper, the objectives and the support that is required. This brief summary will be included in the upcoming SANCOLD Newsletter, with the objective of attracting volunteers.

[GR]

6.11 Tailings Dams with a Safety Risk

HJW to follow up on WR and ACo regarding this agenda item.

[WR/Aco]

6.12 Pollution Control Dams brochure

HJW reported that he had a discussion with Kelvin Legge and mentioned that a draft is progressing well and envisages it being ready in June 2024.

[HJW]

6.13 Guidelines for Freeboard Benchmarking

DB presented a summary report indicating the progress that has been made up to date. The aim is to have it completed by the end of this year.

DB to provide LF with a short paragraph pointing out what has been found and what are the future implications. This is to be included in the SANCOLD Newsletter.

[DB]

7 Financial Matters

DCE presented the SANCOLD budget, which looked at the various expenses and income of SANCOLD. He indicated that the budget was balanced.

A 5% increase in membership fees was proposed, and it was approved by the MANCO as there were 9 votes in favour of the proposal.

The MANCO approved the allocation of R75 000.00 to the scholarship recipient.

HJW noted that there needs to be budget allocated to the Training Initiative, which will generate some expected income as time goes by.

AC enquired about the possibility of a YPF budget or for it to be incorporated into the main budget. This will be geared towards the attainment of the objectives of the portfolio. She proposed an amount of R5 000.00. DCE suggested that the YPF Committee are to provide a proposal which motivates their request to have YPF funds as a line item in the budget.

The MANCO approved the presented budget as there were 8 votes in favour of the approval of the budget.

LF to announce in the next Newsletter that those who are 65 and 75 years old need to indicate, as it pertains to their membership fee invoicing.

[LF]

SM to circulate the budget to the MANCO.

[SM]

8 ICOLD Activities

8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

Two Circular Letters are to be circulated to the MANCO. QS noted that the bulletin on the Sustainability of Concrete Dams should not be commented on. The Climate Change Circular(s) are to be sent to specialists in the field. KN and GDJ to assist in circulating it to people who can contribute.

[KN,GdJ]

8.2 ICOLD Issues

HJW to contact James Cullis to enquire about his availability to be part of Committee Y.

QS mentioned that ICOLD 2026 has been rescheduled to take place in Mexico and not Iran.

9 General

9.1 Lesotho Dam Safety Initiative

A request was sent through by a company tasked with developing a Dam Safety Legislation for Lesotho. HJW indicated that SANCOLD was contacted for input.

QS indicated that Lesotho have not paid their ICOLD fees for several years and that this is the case with several African Committees. QS mentioned that ICOLD needs to be contacted when such initiatives are being developed. HJW indicated that he would discuss the matter with the Lesotho representatives.

[HJW]

9.2 SANCOLD Website

HJW indicated that new content for the website has been reviewed and will be uploaded to the website shortly by Benjamin Oberholzer.

[Webmaster]

10 Date and Venue of the next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for 7 May 2024 from 09:00 to 12:00. Venue to be confirmed.

11 Closure

The meeting closed at 11:45.