



**MINUTES OF THE  
145<sup>th</sup> SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
At 09:00 on Tuesday 21 May 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
Jacques du Pless		JdP
Segomotso Kelefetswe		SK
Andrew Copeland		ACo
Janice Zhang		JZ
Benjamin Oberholzer		BO
Kogi Naidoo		KN
Ashley Coetzee		AC
Mongezi Gxamza		MG
Senzo Masikane	Admin Secretary	SM
Londiwe Mbambo	Administrative Assistant	LM

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Cameron-Ellis, Francis Gibbons (FG), Michelle Blaeser (MB), Quentin Shaw (QS), Cherie Starke (CS), Comfort Mahlabela (CM), Gerald de Jager (GdJ), Guy Robertson (GR) and Danie Badenhorst (DB).

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**3. AGENDA (Amendments and Adoption)**

The agenda was adopted.

Proposer: RG and Seconder: MG.

**4. MINUTES OF MC 144**

**4.1 Amendments**

Minutes of MC 144 were approved with no amendments.

## **4.2 Approval**

Proposer: KN and Seconder: RG

## **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**

TSec indicated that three of the four co-opted members have submitted their activity schedules and will circulate the list once all submissions are received. TSec and HJW to follow up on WR for his submission.

**[TSec, HJW]**

## **5.2 ECSA Accreditation for CPD Validation**

SM reported that no further feedback has been received from ECSA about 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 renewal applications were submitted and have been approved by ECSA and are valid for the next three years.

**[SM]**

## **5.3 Concept Marketing Strategy**

RG reported on the Mining Indaba as one of the outreach initiatives to attract Mining Houses and to have them aligned to join SANCOLD.

ACo shared insight on his attendance at the Mining Indaba. The initial aim was to promote SANCOLD to Mining Houses and proposed to gain interest from the Mining Houses to join SANCOLD. The Mining Indaba is however an investment conference and caters to an investment-oriented audience.

HJW indicated that MANCO may provide further ideas or initiatives.

# **6 SANCOLD Activities**

## **6.1 Programme 2024**

HJW indicated that the SANCOLD 2024 Programme, as previously minuted, was approved by MANCO and is currently in use.

## 6.2 SANCOLD Events

### 6.2.1 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2024

MB, in absentia, reported through HJW the following updates:

- The first announcement and call for abstracts have been circulated.
- The conference theme has been finalised “Water Preservation, a Critical Requirement for Sustainability”.
- The conference venue at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg has been confirmed and booked.
- The outstanding items to be finalised include the site visit, the keynote speaker and the conference fees.

MB further proposed to MANCO the idea of hosting a cocktail sporting event (Padel) for the attendees, which could have cost implications on the conference fees.

ACo reported the costs of the Tailings Initiative have been finalised at R2500.00 per person per day with the intention of the event having CPD point accreditation. He also mentioned that the program for the two-day hybrid event has been completed.

SM indicated that ECSA would require the event program, the event invitation, the CVs of the speakers and a refund policy for the application.

SM to apply for CPD point ECSA accreditation for the Tailings Initiative.

**[ACo, SM]**

JdP proposed a site visit to the Lower uMkhomazi Project and the Ngwadini Dam in KwaZulu Natal.

ACo proposed a site visit to the Kareerand Tailings Storage Facility, which will be newly commissioned by that time of the year. ACo to check the requirements to visit the facility.

**[ACo]**

RG proposed to approach someone from the LHDA based on the scale of their projects. KN proposed to approach Mr Tente Tente, who is an active member of SANCOLD. She also mentioned the possibility of approaching the new minister as a keynote speaker.

HJW proposed to approach someone in water resources as the conference theme focuses on water conversation. KN, in agreement, proposed the Water Research Commission or someone similar who deals with water security issues. KN to obtain contacts in the WRC and report back.

**[KN]**

MG reported that the department has issued revised budget cuts and cost cutting measures which entailed projecting or finalising the trips for that financial year. He also indicated that motivating a site visit trip out of the province for 12 individuals might prove difficult due to these budget cuts.

KN indicated that the proposal to host a sporting event would not affect individuals sponsored by companies but might affect individuals without sponsors.

HJW proposed to revisit the proposal to host a sporting event once the numbers are finalised.

### **6.2.2 Webinars**

AC indicated minimal progress had been made due to non-response as the individuals from Zutari are currently out of the office until the 27 May. A follow-up is to be done.

[AC]

JZ reported that she has secured a webinar for July and is awaiting confirmation from the presenter.

[JZ]

### **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 indicated no feedback has been received from WR on the APP Training initiative. HJW will follow up on this matter.

[HJW, WR]

RG proposed considering the duration of course presentations when advertising the call for presenters to ensure better time management for the course.

### **6.5 Mentorship Proposal**

SK noted the proposal to include agenda item 6.4, APP Training, within the Mentorship program. He indicated that the training could be integrated as part of capacity building, and with the approval of MANCO, the team can establish small terms of reference to align with the training and development aspect.

SK reported that the first Mentorship Organising Committee meeting had taken place to outline the terms of reference. He also mentioned an expression of interest Google form has been drafted for circulation to the mentors and mentees. SK to engage interested MANCO members JZ, AC, and GdJ for input.

[SK, SM]

SK indicated the program is scheduled to commence in August, with the onboarding of mentors and mentees taking place in July.

## **6.6 Young Persons Forum**

### **6.6.1 Lecture program**

AC mentioned that work has been put into the SANCOLD YPF LinkedIn page, with plans to showcase dams and key weirs in the country. She indicated that the objective is to produce a post every Thursday as there is sufficient material at this current moment. The recent post has had over 1000 views already.

[AC]

### **6.6.2 University Students and International YPF Engagement**

JZ mentioned she has been approached by a lecturer at University of Witwatersrand to give a talk on dams and hydropower. She intends to use the platform to encourage university students to take a greater interest in the work done by the dams' community in South Africa. Additionally, she mentioned her willingness to share the webinar as a YPF webinar.

[JZ]

SK proposed establishing a student chapter to stimulate student interaction and interest from the university stage.

JZ indicated the intentions of the YPF to build connections with university lecturers and advertise at universities to spark interest in university students to register for a SANCOLD student membership.

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

The progress remains the same as previously minuted.

## **6.8 Discussions with DWS Minister**

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

[HJW, CM, MG]

## **6.9 SANCOLD Position Paper/Guideline for Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)**

HJW mentioned that GR previously indicated a lack of support and has since drafted a request for support to attract volunteers. The support request is to be circulated to SANCOLD members.

### **6.10 Tailings Dams with a Safety Risk**

ACo indicated no progress has been made. ACo and WR to meet and discuss.

ACo mentioned that the updating of the SANS 10286 document on mine residue is at an advanced stage with SAJ, and it could possibly go out for public comment in the next month.

ACo also mentioned at the ICOLD Conference, there will be a half-day session on Tailings Dams with a Safety Risk which will entail training on the tailings dam management.

[Aco, WR]

### **6.11 Pollution Control Dams brochure**

HJW reported that he had a discussion with Kelvin Legge and mentioned that the draft is progressing well and envisages it being ready in June 2024 and will be circulated to the MANCO for comments.

[HJW]

### **6.12 Guidelines for Freeboard Benchmarking**

DB, in absentia, through HJW, indicated that good progress has been made to date and a proposal will be presented to MANCO in two months.

## **7 Financial Matters**

### **7.1 Budget 2024**

The agenda item was not reported on as DCE had rendered his apologies for the meeting.

### **7.2 Membership Matters**

LM reported that the initial debt collection involving the issuing of membership statements was conducted in the first week of May 2024. The initiative received positive feedback, with members settling their 2024 membership fees and outstanding fees from previous years.

### **7.3 Audit**

LM indicated that DCE would provide feedback at the next MANCO meeting.

## **8 ICOLD Activities**

### **8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters**

HJW is to share the Floods and Hydropower Circular Letters with TSec, with the objective of having them reviewed on SANCOLD's behalf. TSec to assist with identifying the appropriate person(s).

HJW mentioned that the Climate Change Circular Letter was attended to by GdJ.

HJW to follow up on Professor Jeff Smithers regarding feedback on the Floods Circular Letter.

**[HJW, TSec]**

### **8.2 ICOLD Issues**

#### **8.2.1 Representation of ICOLD Committees**

HJW proposed to have James Cullis be the Chair of the Climate Change ICOLD Committee. Present MANCO members did not object to the proposal.

HJW mentioned that there were discussions surrounding the replacement for Peter Pyke on the ICOLD Committee and Edwin Lillie's name was put forward. Once they have confirmed their availability, they will be notified formally.

**[TSec]**

KN stated that the newly endorsed members of the ICOLD committees are required to formally contact the Chair of their respective ICOLD Committees as an introduction.

#### **8.2.2 Important Dates**

A Circular on the Important Dates is to be circulated to the MANCO.

**[SM]**

#### **8.2.3 ICOLD India Attendance**

The ICOLD India Attendance will be circulated via email for those who wish to attend.

## **9 General**

### **9.1 Can we do more?**

HJW indicated that the agenda item is open to MANCO to propose initiatives for SANCOLD.

TSec proposed an initiative to motivate members to contribute and volunteer to champion initiatives, as SANCOLD is a Voluntary Association.

## **10 Date and Venue of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for 29 October 2024. The venue is to be confirmed.

## **11 Closure**

The meeting closed at 10:15.