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Water and Environment Center

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1. Visit prof Babaqi and Dr. Al Nozaily to The Netherlands (August 2004)

From August 12 to 20, 2004, as part of the inception phase, Dr. Babaqi and Dr. Al Nozaily visited The Netherlands. All consortium partners were visited. Several project meetings were held on budget issues and the inception report. A mission report (# 2004-01) is available.

During the inception visit, the first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held. The Advisory Committee focuses on academic issues of the project and has no managerial tasks. The Advisory Committee members are:

- Dr. L. Vincent (chairman)
- Dr. A.S. Babaqi (co-chairman)
- Dr. E. van Ierland (member)
- Dr. N van de Giessen (member)
- Dr. F. Huibers (secretary)
- Dr. Al Nozaily (co-secretary)

2. Project meeting with Nuffic representative (September 2004)

Mr. Koen Yap, Senior Programme Officer, Cooperation Programmes Section, Task Manager Yemen, Vietnam & Indonesia, Department for Human Resource and Institutional Development Nuffic, visited Wageningen in September to discuss the initial phase of the project. Several budget items and organizational items were discussed and clarified.

It was decided that a draft inception report will be ready on November 1st, and that the final inception report will be available in December 2004.

3. Visit Dr. Frans Huibers to Yemen (October 2004)

Dr. Frans Huibers visited the WEC during a mission from October 8 - 13. A 'fact finding' mission was deemed necessary before the start of Ramadan to discuss some uncertainties regarding the inception report. Dr. Huibers contacted Mr. Han Blom, Nuffic representative in Yemen; Mr. Jack van Hoorn, Arcadis Euroconsult resident in Yemen and member of the consortium; Prof. Saleh, rector of Sana'a University; Mrs. Rebecca van Roemburg, Royal Netherlands Embassy; and the WEC staff. A mission report (#2004-02) is available.

4. Planned missions

For each mission, Terms of Reference are needed before the start of the mission, and a mission report is required after the end of the mission.

Mission 2004-03

Nov 21 - Nov 28, 2004

Dr. Frans Huibers; Official visit to WEC and introduction to people related to the project

Mission 2004-04

Nov 21 - Dec 15, 2004

Dr. Richard Soppe; Setting up long-term project support

Mission 2004-05

End of November - Begin of December, 2004

Dr. F. van Steenbergen; Development of Mission for the WEC

5. Newsletter Items

This newsletter is meant to inform the consortium partners on the developments on project NPT/YEM/036. When you have news to be distributed to the consortium partners, please contact Richard.Soppe@wur.nl (0317-474797)

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