African Young Water Professional Forum
‘Af YWP Forum’

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Description

• The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) has taken the initiative of establishing the Young Professional’s Forum aimed at building the capacity of young professionals and creating a new generation capable for facing future water challenges,

• The first meeting of the forum was held in October 2018 during the First Cairo Water Week and the African Young Water Professional Forum (Af-YWPF) was established.
The Forum brought together 24 African future water leaders from 12 African countries including Sudan, Morocco, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritania, South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana and Egypt.
Objective of the Af-YWPeF

• To bring together Africa’s future leaders from the private sector, research and government institutions around the central theme of water conservation for sustainable development.

• The water professionals would get an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and contribution to sustainable water management in an international setting, discuss what they learned from their experiences, and to broaden the mind and thinking of new and experienced water professionals.

Af-YWPF Mandate

• Encourage and promote a high standard of professional development amongst the young professionals in the field of irrigation, drainage, and flood management;

• Provide a platform for African young water, irrigation and drainage professionals, to exchange information, ideas, tools, experiences and possibly develop a Af-YWPF Mentorship program;

• Expose African Young Water Professional to ICID’s aims, objectives, role and activities;

• Maintain and strengthen linkages with national and international youths having interests in water-related subjects or the activities, as relevant to ICID objectives.
Af-YWPF Mandate

• Af-YWPF would also organize e-discussions and webinars on the topics of interest to African Young Water Professionals. Share the knowledge generated at individual and institutional level for mutual benefit of the agricultural water management community across Africa and the World.

• Af-YWPF would serve as a provider of African Young Water Professionals to facilitate activities in Africa through the African Regional Working Group (AfRWG).

• Liaise with ICID Young Professionals’ e-Forum (IYPeF) and actively participate in all its activities.

The Forum brought together 37 African future water leaders from 14 African countries including Egypt, Ethiopia, Chad, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauretania, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Zambia.
After 2nd AfYWP Forum, total members were about 400 members (October 2019)

Current Situation

This Forum is now an international platform for Young irrigation and drainage Professional with 2140 members
Activities of the Forum

• Main group at LinkedIn (2140 members)
• Groups at WatsApp (32 G’s for NC’S)
• E-discussions, Meetings, Webinar lectures
• Dissemination of news, information, technical reports, announcements for events, scholarships
• Training courses and International workshop

Future activities

• 3rd African YWP Forum under the platform of 3rd CWW, Cairo Egypt (October 18-22, 2020)
• 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage, Marakkish, Morocco 1-7 December, 2020 (EXACT DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY)
• Webinar lectures
• Discussions on Watsapp group and LinkedIn
• Tailor made training courses, up on request from our partners and African NC’s
Our Great Partners

The success of the forum was achieved with the valuable support from the great partners of the forum,

- International Commission on Irrigation (ICID),
- Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt,
- Organizing committee of CWW,
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA),
- Islamic Development Bank (IsDB),
- Korea Rural Community (KRC),
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI),
- Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-MED),
- Nile Basin Capacity Building Networks (NBCBN),
- Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR) - Chinese Academy of Science,
- Ningbo Yao Feng (Chinese company),
- Zhong Guanshun (Chinese company),
- Chinese, Moroccan, Egyptian, South African, Italian NC’s on Irrigation and Drainage

We are looking forward for fruitful support from International Organizations to the activities of our unique YP’s Forum (TNA Report)

- Zhong Guanshun (Chinese company)
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Thank you