

**AGENDA FOR THE 32ND MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AFRWG)**

27 November 2021, 14:00-15:45 hours (Session I) and 16:15-18:00 hours (Session II)
Marrakesh, Morocco

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1994

Mandate: To promote links and networking among the African countries as well as regional and international institutions for enhancing cooperation and coordination, and to support integrated river basin development, training and research issues and information system for African needs.

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AFRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair¹

1. The Chair will present the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held online in October 2020.
2. **Reactivation of NCs:** As a follow-up of reactivation of National Committees in Africa region, the ICID Central Office in May 2020 has contacted the countries of Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe and motivated them to reactivate/ renew their membership by becoming member of ICID once again. In order to bring more African countries into ICID fold, ICID Central Office in July 2020 has approached the countries of Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Congo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe and requested their Ministry of Water Resources/ Agriculture to join the membership of ICID.
3. Similarly, in May 2021 letters have been sent on behalf of President Dr. Ragab to the countries of Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe and requested their Ministry of Water Resources/ Agriculture to join the membership of ICID. In response, Algeria, Congo, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania and Zimbabwe have shown their interest in reviving the membership of the ICID however, filled-in application form is yet to be received.
4. During last virtual meeting of the WG, Chair expressed his high appreciation to all African NC's members and encouraged them to nominate new members in AFRWG (one member and one observer besides YPs are welcome). Accordingly, ICID Central Office has contacted the African National Committees and requested them to send nominations for the membership of the working group including one additional member as a young professional however, response is awaited.
5. Chair Dr. Wahba received a request from Cairo Water Week (CWW) Organizing Committee to participate in CWW2021 by organizing the African Young Water Professional Forum as it become an essential part of Cairo Water Week. Also, AFRWG received support from ICID Central Office, ICID President, and partners ESCWA and GWP-MED to cooperate in 4th AFYWP Forum under the platform of CWW2021.
6. Chair in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG and the Central Office have updated the membership of the WG as given at **Annex 1** (*refer electronic version for latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

¹ This will also include details of membership of WG as **Annex**

AFRWG Agenda Item 2: Brief of the virtual meeting organized in April 2021

7. During the second monthly meeting on 7 June 2021, ICID President Dr. Ragab Ragab (UK) discussed various activities of the ICID. During the virtual meeting, President Dr. Ragab has suggested ICID Central Office to contact the Chair/ Vice Chair/ Secretary of the working group and request them to organize at least two virtual meetings in a year apart from the physical meetings organized during the annual IEC meetings of ICID. Accordingly, ICID Central Office has communicated Chair/ Vice Chair and Secretary to organize virtual meeting.

8. In response, the first virtual zoom meeting of AFRWG was organized on 15 April 2021. During the virtual meeting, Chair discussed various activities being undertaken by the WG as part of Road Map to ICID Vision 2030, position paper on Green Revolution in Africa, TNA questionnaire, participation in the 5th African Regional Conference, 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference, etc. However, due to low participation of the members, decision could not be taken. Minutes of the virtual meetings of all work body have been uploaded on a dedicated webpage - https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/152

AFRWG Agenda Item 3: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in the African region

9. At last meeting (virtually), the group reviewed the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 and updated it. Chair encouraged all African NCs to take action towards the bilateral cooperation to promote exchange of knowledge, experiences and information. In order to develop fresh action plans for 2018-2022, WG may revisit the Action Plan appended to Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 and review the same during the WG meeting at Marrakesh, Morocco in November 2021 and update it till 2023 (refer **Annex 2**). The ICID Central Office created a new column i.e. 'Milestone for Year 2023' in the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 of the WG activities for finalizing it during the virtual meeting and provide its input to PCSO. WG Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

10. In August 2021, Chair Dr. Mohamed Wahba on behalf of African Regional Working Group (AFRWG) got in touch with Mauritanian Council of Business Women (CMFA) for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AFRWG and CMFA for mutual cooperation in the field of water, irrigation, drainage and related fields. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 4: Progress on Position paper on Green Revolution in Africa

11. During the virtual meeting in April 2021, the group discussed on the preparation of the Position Paper on Green Revolution in Africa and noted the slow progress made so far towards the first draft of the position paper. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Chair requested the team to finish the paper at the earliest and the group agreed to extend the deadline till the 5th African Regional Conference to finish the paper. Dr. Wahba and Dr. Ismael Elhassani are working on the paper and will update the group at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 5: Progress on implementation of the action program for Africa - Strategy for capacity building in Africa (Training Needs Assessment Report)

12. Due to the quick development of AfYWP-Forum membership, which has now reached 5050 members, the WG agreed to recirculate the TNA questionnaire to all the members of the WG (including YPs from more than 39 African Countries) to reflect the actual training needs for all African region. Chair will explain about the new TNA questionnaire to the group before circulating it and it is expected to utilize the output of the new TNA for planning capacity building activities after 2022.

13. In July 2021, Chair Dr. Wahba has sent the English version of the TNA – questionnaire to Secretary Dr. Ismael for possible French translation for sending it to francophone countries. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6: Fourth African Young Professional Forum during Cairo Water Week 2021, October 2021

14. Seeing the success of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd African Young Water Professionals Forum (Af-YWPF), the network of Young Water Professionals in the African Regional Working Group (AFRWG) of the International Commission for Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) has grown to attract more than 5050 members from all African countries, thus becoming an important platform in the African continent for capacity building of Africa's future leaders in the water and agriculture

sectors. Cairo Water Week 2021 (CWW 2021) will be organized under the theme “Water, Population, and Global Change: Challenges and Opportunities”. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s Cairo Water Week will be conducted in a semi-virtual format during the scheduled timeframe from 24-28 October 2021. The 4th Forum will be convened during Cairo Water Week from 25-27 October 2021. The participating Young Water Professionals will also be able to take advantage of the on-line offerings provided during Cairo Water Week to engage with other experts and stakeholders in the water sector. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 7: Young Professionals Training Program and 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage, November 2021, Morocco

15. During the virtual meeting held on 03 August 2021, the Moroccan National Committee of ICID (ANAFIDE), the host NC of the 5th African Regional Conference and 72nd IEC meeting, assured that the events will be organized in Hybrid mode (physical / virtual) under the patronage of HE The King of Morocco from 24-30 November 2021 in Marrakesh, Morocco. ICID Central Office requested ANAFIDE to update their website frequently with the latest announcement to enable the participants to plan accordingly their participation in the Marrakesh events. ANAFIDE has also informed that with the help of partners, Museum and Hotel, the venues for the events, have enough rooms for holding meetings and side events. ANAFIDE representative will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 8: Updates on Regional Irrigation Associations- SARIA, ARID-RAID by the Chair or Representative

16. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, still no actions have been taken and the group agreed to arrange a zoom meeting with all related NC’s to discuss the situation and required actions.

AFRWG Agenda Item 9: Progress for the proposed third node for IRPID for African region

17. ICID Central Office requested Chair to coordinate the node jointly between the National Committees of Italy, Morocco, Egypt and Sudan. Due to the COVID-19 situation still no actions have been taken and the group agreed to arrange a zoom meeting with all related NC’s to discuss the situation and required actions. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 10: Af-YWPeF - Program and future activities

18. During last meeting, the Chair explained that a zoom meeting in July 2020 was organized with ICID President; Secretary General, ICID; and VP Dr. Marco Arcieri to discuss the future activities of webinar for the African YP’s and the important topics to be covered. After deliberation, it was agreed that the future webinar may be organized on the following main topics (proposed):

- (i) Modern Irrigation systems, planning and design (**Dr.Felix – Prof.Kang**)
- (ii) Climate Change Adaptation for Water, Food, and Environmental Security (**ESCWA**)
- (iii) Climate Change Adaptation for African Agriculture Systems and mitigating the Impacts on Water requirements (**Dr.Ragab Ragab**)
- (iv) Water Crisis Management (Flood and drought management) (**Prof. Bart Schultz**)
- (v) Rivers Protection and restoration
- (vi) Surveying and hydro graphing using GPS, remote sensing systems (**an expert from China**)
- (vii) Water, energy, food nexus (**GWP-MED – ESCWA**)

AFRWG Agenda Item 11: 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference, 2022, Morocco

19. Earlier, the 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference (IMIC) was planned to be held in September 2022 in Agadir, Morocco. However, due to postponement of the Australia event i.e. 24th Congress to October 2022, ANAFIDE has agreed to discuss the rescheduling of 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference during their internal meeting and will inform the result, soon. However, response from ANAFIDE is yet to be received. ANAFIDE representative will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 12: Any other business

20. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** As a new initiative, ICID has launched a new website (<https://icid-ciid.org>) as part of ICID's 70th Anniversary Celebration to meet the new web technologies. One of the newly added web features provides WG members access to their profile section using their dedicated account. ICID CO vide email dated 9 July 2021 < <https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E> > informed all members on how to access their account and change their password to maintain accuracy. Members are requested to review and update their information using their credentials and help us to maintain accurate information.

21. **Register on World Irrigation Projects (WIP):** ICID has taken an initiative to document the development of irrigation projects in the world by establishing an online Register on “World Irrigation Projects (WIP)”. WIP will fulfill the need for a much-awaited global repository of information in systematic irrigation and agricultural water management. Irrigation projects having 5000 Hectares and above of Gross Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Members are also requested to encourage all irrigation project owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in our member countries for contributing to the register. This facility is also extended to non-member countries if the information is received from an authorized agency. The review process and other details are outlined on the portal < <https://wip.icidevents.org/> > in detail.



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Marrakesh, Morocco after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 28 November 2021.

A. Membership of African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017, 2019, 2020 and contributed
2.	South Africa (1993)	Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2017, 2018, 2018, 2020
3.	Morocco (1959)	Eng. Ismael Elhassanoui, Secretary (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
4.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mr. Jean Bernard Dambre (2016)	Attended meeting in 2016, 2020 and contributed in 2017
5.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mrs. Salamata Karambiri MIWENDE (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015 and contributed in 2018
6.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Samia El-Guindy (2010)	Attended meeting in 2015 and represented by ENCID in 2016
7.	Egypt (1950)	Eng. Omnia Hassan Ahmad Salem – Young Professional (2017)	
8.	Malawi (1967)	Representative from MALCID	
9.	Mali (2005)	Representative from AMID	
10.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. Sara Boularbah – Young Professional (2017)	Represented in 2018
11.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. El Oumlouki Kaoutar – Young Professional (2017)	Represented in 2018
12.	Morocco (1959)	Prof. El-Houssine Bartali (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
13.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Joe Kwanashie (2014)	Represented by NINCID in 2017 & 2018
14.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr (Mrs) Esther Oyeronke Oluniyi (2020)	Contributed in 2020
15.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr M. S. Bala (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
16.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr Inimfon Archibong – Young Professional (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
17.	Somalia (2017)	Eng. Mohamed Mohamud Abdi (2017)	
18.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. (Ms.) Hind Massoud Hamed Elneel (2017)	Contributed in 2017 and attended meeting in 2020
19.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. Marwa Faisal Salman Mohamed – Young Professional (2017)	Contributed in 2017 and attended meeting in 2020
20.	Zambia (1966)	Mr. Mulako Cornelius Sitali (2015)	Contributed in 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020
Observers/ Permanent observers			
1.	Kenya ²	Eng. Elizabeth Mwendwa (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
2.	Kenya	Mr. Joseph Kimani Wandue (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
3.	Nigeria	Dr. Elijah Adepoju Aderibigbe (2020)	
4.	Nigeria	Engr. A. A. Adenopo (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
5.	Nigeria	Engr. Abdullahi Abdulrahman (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
6.	Nigeria	Engr. Amali Abraham Amali – Young Professional (2020)	Attended meeting in 2020
7.	Sudan	Eng. Omer Yousef	
8.		AgWA Representative	Attended meeting in 2015
9.		ARID Representative	Attended meeting in 2015
10.		FAO Representative	
11.		SARIA Representative	Attended meeting in 2017
12.		World Bank Representative	



² Accepted as Observer till the re-activation of the Kenyan NC

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023
Goal B: Be a Catalyst for Change in Policies and Practices									
B1. Strategy: Supporting Development of Appropriate Policies	1.15 Position Paper on Green Revolution in Africa	Position paper	Prepare the draft paper	Finalise the paper					
GOAL C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology									
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.4 Activate or Establish Regional/sub- regional WGs	Regional WGs	Collaboration with AfYWP- Forum						
Goal F: Facilitate capacity development									
F2. Strategy: Support Capacity Development Activities of Member Countries	2.4 Strategy for capacity building in Africa	Strategy/ Policy	Identify new themes and revise the strategy	Update the strategy					

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)

