APPENDIX III [PCSO Item 6.1]

AGENDA FOR THE 37TH MEETING OF THE
ICID AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ICID AFRWG)
15 October 2026, 08:30-10:00 hours
Marseille, France

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 systems for African needs.

Website: https://icid-ciid.org/wbody/AFRWG

Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair after the Malaysia event[1]

1. The Chair presented a report on the follow-up actions regarding the decisions and proposals made by the working group at its last meeting in 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Key highlights included staying in touch daily with all groups on WhatsApp and LinkedIn - sharing ICID news updates, available reports, online activities, opportunities, etc. and the ongoing selection of 20-25 Young Professionals from our networks, who were awarded full scholarships to pursue master's or doctoral programs at Yangzhou University, China, for the year 2026.

2. The Moroccan National Committee of ICID (ANAFIDE) nominated VP Er. Mohamed Bouaam for membership of the Working Group. Similarly, the South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) nominated Dr. Khumbulani Dhavu for membership of the group.

3. The Chair, in consultation with the Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG, and the Central Office, has updated the membership of the WG as given in **Annex 1** (*refer to the electronic version for the latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received now will be dealt with suitably after the meeting.

4. The Chair Dr. Wahba would like to thank all members of the group, especially the Vice Chair VPH Prof. Dr. Sylvester, Ex-Secretary of the group (Eng. Amali and Dr. Ismael Elhassanoui) and the new Secretary of the group (Eng. Thubelihle A. Thebe) for their great efforts and contributions to the activities of the WG during the last years. Also, thanks to all ICID main office staff; special thanks to PH Dr. Ragab, PH Dr. Felix, PH Dr. Nairizi, Ex SG Dr. Pandya, and Eng. Varma. The Chair is expressing his great honour and pleasure in working with this great team, and without them it would not be possible to achieve any achievements such as:

- **Best Work Body**, ICID Awards (2019-2022).
- **Allocation of 28 full scholarships** for our young professionals to pursue masters or doctoral programs at Yangzhou University, China, for the year 2025/2026.
- **Allocation of 21 full scholarships** for our young professionals to pursue masters or doctoral programs at Yangzhou University, China, for the year 2026/2027.
- **Organizing the 6th African Regional Conference** on Irrigation and Drainage, April 14–18, 2025, in Abuja, Nigeria.
- **Organizing the 5th African Regional Conference** of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), Marrakech, Morocco, 21–27 November 2021.
- **Organizing the 4th African Regional Conference** on Irrigation and Drainage (ARCID), 26-28 April, 2016, Aswan, Egypt.
- **Establishment of the African Young Water Professional Forum** (Af-YWPF) in October 2018 during the First Cairo Water Week.
- **Organizing a total of 6 Forums** for the African Young Professional Forum in cooperation with partners such as Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), IWMI, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR) - China, GWP-MED, FAO, ICARDA, MWR of Egypt, ENCID, ANAFIDE, ACIAR-Australia, and others.
- **Signing some MoU's with partners** for promoting capacity development, training and educational programs

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

- **Attracting new partners for ICID** such as ESCWA, GWP-MED UN, IGSNRR- China, WCCO-China, ACIAR-Australia and others to promote the activities.
- **Supporting the ICID technical unit** by the coordination for a contract with FAO and organizing a study tours for high levels team from Tunis and Egypt in India on 'Solar Powered Irrigation Systems (SPIS) -2019
- **Technical publications brought out by the WG**
    - **Final Report** - 4 African Conference, Aswan, Egypt, April 26-28, 2016
    - **Report of the 1st** African Young Water Professional's Forum (Af-YWPF) –Report-2018
    - **Report of the 2nd** African Young Water Professional's Forum (Af-YWPF) –Report-2019
    - **Training Needs Assessment** Report-I-2019
    - **Report-II- Training Needs** Assessment-2022
    - **Solar Powered Irrigation Systems in India**: Lessons for Africa Through a FAO Study Tour Draft Report, 2019
    - **Training Needs Assessment (TNA)** - Questionnaire - française Version
    - **Green Revolution in Africa**: A systematic literature review, ICID Journal paper.
- Organizing some important webinars such as:
    - Webinar on 'Towards the utilization of Agricultural Drainage benefits for facing the future challenges and achieving sustainability'
    - Webinar on 'Empowerment and Capacity Development of Women in Water Resources Management'
    - Webinar on "Advanced Micro Irrigation Technology with Precision Water and Salt Management".
- **Built a membership** base of about 14827 members in African Young Water Professional e-Forum (Af-YWPeF) on LinkedIn
- **Attracted about 1134 members** in ICID-Young Professional e-Forum (IYPeF) on LinkedIn.
- **Organized the International Young Professional Training Program** and International Professional Workshop in South Korea, 22-26 April, 2019.
- **Capacity Development Training Program** for participants from the African Region on "Micro-irrigation Systems to Mitigate the Impacts of Climate Change" from 19-23 November 2021 was also organized as part of the 5th ARC.
- **Organized online free course** of the Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA) in cooperation with ACIAR-Australia, 2-24 June, 2022.
- **Training on** 'combining farmers and science–based knowledge through the Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA)" for young professionals organised in 2022, Adelaide, Australia.
- **Training for young professionals** of Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA) organized in March 2023, South Africa
- **Organized YP Training Programs** in November 2023 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Establishment of about 53 groups on WhatsApp** for member and non-member countries in ICID
- **Maintaining daily touch** with all groups on WhatsApp and LinkedIn, sharing ICID news updates, available reports, online activities, opportunities, etc., promoting ICID to the world and attracting new members in the ICID family.
- **Organized the 6th** African Young Water Professional Forum (Hybrid), 30 Oct- 1 Nov, 2023, Cairo, Egypt.
- **Organized the 5th** African Young Water Professional Forum (Hybrid), 17-18 October 2022, Cairo, Egypt.
- **Organized the 4th** African Young Water Professional Forum (online), 25-27 October 2021, Cairo, Egypt.
- **Organized the 3rd** African Young Water Professional Forum (online), 19-21 October 2020, Cairo, Egypt.
- **Organized the 2nd** African Young Water Professional Forum, 20-24 October 2019, Cairo, Egypt.
- **Organized the 1st** African Young Water Professional Forum, 14-16 October 2018, Cairo, Egypt.

Agenda Item 2: Activation of African countries and nomination of new WG members

5. The Chair of the Group and ICID Central Office invited nominations from the National Committees (NCs) for the membership of the WG. In response, if any new nominations are received for the membership of the working

group, it will be discussed among the group during the meeting, and the group could take the approval according to the ICID rules.

6. The Chair informed the group members that the ICID Central Office had sent invitation letters for joining the membership of ICID to Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritania, Togo, and Tunisia however, responses are awaited.

Agenda Item 3: Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the WG

7. During the meeting, Chair will invite active members attending the meeting and capable, interested members to express their desire to be the Chair or Vice Chair and introduce themselves to the group. Two minutes will be given for each candidate to give a presentation about his/her background and view on what should be done in the coming years. Then the attendees will be invited to vote for the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair of the group.

Agenda Item 4: Roadmap to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in the African region

8. The working group members may like to review and update the Roadmap to ICID Vision 2030 as per the activities of the working group (refer to **Annex 2**).

Agenda Item 5: Updates on Regional Irrigation Associations- SARIA, ARID-RAID

9. Last year, the Vice Chair VPH Prof Dr. Mpandeli said there were plans to organize a regional workshop. However, there was a challenge to motivate members to actively participate in regional initiatives. The Southern Africa node of the IRPID was up and running. The flagship WEF Nexus master class and Winter School activities were flagship events within SARIA. There was also collaboration with the African Union Commission on Policy Analysis and Development. The VPH Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair of the WG, is kindly invited to highlight the several activities of SARIA.

Agenda Item 6: Progress for the proposed third node for IRPID for the African region

10. The Vice Chair VPH Prof. Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli stated that the third node for IRPID was full-fledged with a 10-year strategic plan that is available for information purposes. VPH Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli might update the group with current and future activities of the South African node in the Water–Energy–Food (WEF) Nexus.

Agenda Item 7: Af-YWPeF - Program and future activities

11. The Chair suggests organizing webinars on the following topics:

- AI in water resources management;
- AI in irrigation and drainage;
- Smart irrigation technologies;
- Areas suffering from salinization and sustainable agriculture;
- YP-Thesis webinars; and
- YP- Projects webinar.
- AI and IoT Applications in Water Resource Management
- Sustainable Water Harvesting in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions
- Water Security and Climate Adaptation Strategies
- Research Presentations by Young Professionals

Agenda Item 8: Updates on 7th African Regional Conference in May 2029

12. The invitation is open for hosting the 7th African Regional Conference, and interested African National Committees may submit their proposal to ICID Central Office. The Chair stated that discussions were ongoing with several countries, including South Africa, regarding the hosting of the 7th African Regional Conference. The Chair invited other interested members of the African National Committee to apply to host this important event.

13. The South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) has expressed interest in hosting the 7th African Regional Conference in Cape Town in May 2029. VPH Prof. Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli will share further details during the meeting.

Agenda Item 9: Any other business (with permission of Chair)

14. The Chair requested ICID Central Office to notify all member countries of the need to send nominees for the WG.

15. **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 Celebrations 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 accounts and change their passwords to maintain accuracy. Members are requested to review and update their information using their credentials and help us maintain accurate information. In January 2023, the ICID Central Office requested all members of the group to review and update their information using their credentials.

16. **Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** The Chair will further brief about ICID's initiative to document the development of irrigation and drainage schemes in the world by establishing an online Register on "World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS)". WI&DS will fulfil the need for a much-awaited global repository of information on systematic irrigation and agricultural water management. Irrigation projects having 5000 Hectares and above of Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by the National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Chair will encourage members to urge all irrigation and drainage scheme owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in their respective countries for contributing to the register. The review process and other details are outlined on the portal < https://wip.icidevents.org/ > in detail.

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NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:
1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Marseille, France after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 16 October 2026.

Annex 1 [Appendix III, Item 1]

A. Membership and attendance of the working group

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, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025 and contributed
2.	South Africa (1993)	VPH Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and contributed
3.	Zimbabwe (1955)	Eng. Thubehihle A. Thebe, Secretary (2025)	Attended in 2025
4.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Samia El-Guindy (2010)	Attended a meeting in 2015 and was represented by ENCID in 2016
5.	Egypt (1950)	Eng. Omnia Hassan Ahmad Salem – Young Professional (2017)	
6.	Malawi (1967)	Representative from MALCID	
7.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. Sara Boularbah – Young Professional (2017)	Represented in 2018
8.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. El Oumlouki Kaoutar – Young Professional (2017)	Represented in 2018
9.	Morocco (1959)	Prof. El-Houssine Bartali (2020)	Attended meetings in 2020 and 2022 and represented in 2025
10.	Morocco (1959)	Eng. Ismael Elhassanoui (2020)	Attended meetings in 2020 and 2021 and contributed
11.	Niger (2007)	Representative from ANID	
12.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Joe Kwanashie (2014)	Represented by NINCID in 2017 & 2018
13.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr (Mrs) Esther Oyeronke Oluniyi (2020)	Attended in 2024 and contributed in 2020
14.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr M. S. Bala (2020)	Attended meetings in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
15.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr Inimfon Archibong – Young Professional (2020)	Attended meetings in 2020, 2021, and 2023
16.	South Africa (1993)	Ms. P.J. Kgasago (2025)	Provisional Member
17.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. (Ms.) Hind Massoud Hamed Elneel (2017)	Contributed in 2017 and attended meetings in 2020 and 2021
18.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. Marwa Faisal Salman Mohamed – Young Professional (2017)	Contributed in 2017 and attended meetings in 2020 and 2021
19.	Sudan (2015)	Dr. Ahmed Elsiddig A. Elshaikh, Direct Member (2021)	Attended a meeting in 2021
20.	Zimbabwe (1955)	Dr. Bezzel Chitsungo (2025)	Attended in 2025
Observers/ Permanent observers			
1.	Kenya[2]	Eng. Elizabeth Mwendwa (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2020
2.	Kenya	Mr. Joseph Kimani Wandue (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2020
3.	Nigeria	Dr. Elijah Adepoju Aderibigbe (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2023
4.	Nigeria	Engr. A. A. Adenopo (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2020
5.	Nigeria	Engr. Abdullahi Abdulrahman (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2020
6.	Nigeria	Engr. Amali Abraham Amali – Young Professional (2020)	Attended a meeting in 2020
7.	Sudan	Eng. Omer Yousef	
8.		AgWA Representative	Attended a meeting in 2015
9.		ARID Representative	Attended a meeting in 2015

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

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
10.		FAO Representative	
11.		SARIA Representative	Attended a meeting in 2017
12.		World Bank Representative	

B. New nominations received from the National Committees

No.	Name	Country	Remarks
1	VP Er. Mohamed Bouaam	Morocco	Recommended as a member, subject to his presence, else a Provisional Member
2	Dr. Khumbulani Dhavu	South Africa	Recommended as a member, subject to his presence, else a Provisional Member

Associate Members: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Somalia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia

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Annex 2 [Appendix III, Item 4]

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF ICID AFRWG

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for 2020	Milestone for 2021	Milestone for 2022	Milestone for 2023	Milestone for 2024	Milestone for 2025	Milestone for 2026	Milestone for 2027
Goal B: Be a Catalyst for Change in Policies and Practices										
B1. Strategy: Supporting the Development of Appropriate Policies	1.15 Position Paper on Green Revolution in Africa	Position paper	Data collection	Data analysis Draft paper	Final paper publishing process	Dissemination of the paper				
GOAL C: Facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge, and technology										
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.4 Activate or Establish Regional/sub-regional WGs	Regional WGs	Establishment of more WG-YP's WhatsApp Groups NC-wise for E-discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Establishment of more WG-YP's WhatsApp Groups NC-wise for E-discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Establishment of more WG-YP's WhatsApp Groups NC-wise for E-discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Selections of NC's YP's coordinators Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID- (non-member)	Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID (non-member)	Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID (non-member)		
Goal F: Facilitate capacity development										
F2. Strategy: Support Capacity Development Activities of Member Countries	2.4 Strategy for capacity building in Africa	Strategy/ Policy	2nd Af-YWP-Forum (CWW2019- YP training program before 5th AfRsC on I&D 16-23 November 2021 at Marrakesh, Morocco	3rd Af-YWP-Forum (CWW2020 virtually	4th Af-YWP-Forum (CWW2021- virtually YP Preparing questioner for TNA Circulation of TNA Data analysis	Organizing webinars/Discussions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor-made training and study tours	Organizing webinars/ Discussions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor-made training and study tours	Organizing webinars/Discussions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor-made training and study tours		

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

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