AGENDA FOR THE 34TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES/CONFERENCES (C-CONGR)

6 November 2023. 09:30-11:00 Hours (Session-I); and 6 November 2023, 11:30-13:00 Hours (Session-II)
Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh State, India

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1990

Members: (1) Vice President Mr. Kushvinder Vohra, Chairman; (2) Mr. Rishi Srivastava (India); (3) VPH Dr. Yella Reddy (India); (4) Mr. Avanti Verma (India); (5) Mr. Momir Vranes (Australia); (6) Dr. El Houssine Bartali (Morocco); (7) Prof. Fethi Lebdi (Saudi Arabia); (8) Dr. Bahrom Gaforzoda (Tajikistan); (9) Mr. Ismayatim Bin Hamdan (Malaysia); (10) Eng. Nisreen Sami (Iraq); (11) Mr. M.Z. Fatah (Indonesia); (12) Engr. Peter Henry Sule (Nigeria); (14) Vice President Burno Grawitz (France); (15) Mr. German Martinez Santoyo (Mexico); and (16) Mr. Er B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office, New Delhi, India.

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C-CONGR Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chairman

1. Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India), Vice President, ICID and Chairman of C-CONGR may like to present a report on the actions taken on the various decisions / proposals of the Committee since 33rd meeting of C-CONGR at Adelaide, Australia in 2022.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 2: Revised mandate and new Membership Composition of the Committee

2. The new membership and revised mandate of the C-CONGR was approved by IEC in 2021 (Resolution IEC-2/72) at Adelaide, Australia. The following new membership and revised mandate of the C-CONGR is given below for information:

New Mandate of C-CONGR:

(a) Representatives from previous events are required to present a summary report to the first meeting of C-CONGR following their event that includes attendance, financial performance, and recommendations for future events. This requirement should be a condition of the LoA.

(b) National Committees wishing to hold a future Congress/WIF/Regional Conference must make a report to C-CONGR outlining their plans including location, dates, expected attendance, financial budget, registration fees etc. C-CONGR will consider these reports and make a recommendation to PCSO whether to grant the event to the NC.

New membership composition of C-CONGR:

(a) A Chair who is a representative from the Organizing Committee (OC) of the next Congress.

(b) Two further members from the National Committee for the next Congress and a YP representative if available.

(c) A representative from each of the confirmed future ICID events (Congress/WIF/Regional Conferences).

(d) A representative from the previous Congress/WIF.

(e) A representative from ICID CO who will also provide secretarial services.

3. Chairman may like to apprise the members during the Committee meeting.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 3: Overview of 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC, 1-8 November 2023 at Visakhapatnam (Vizag.), Andhra Pradesh, India – Updates

4. Vice President Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India), Chairman of the C-CONGR will apprise the Committee members about the overview of the 25th ICID Congress and 74th IEC meetings at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. The mega event of 25th International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage and 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meetings will be held during 1-8 November 2023, Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, India and organized by host Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) in cooperation with Ministry of Jal Shakti (Govt. of India), Central Water Commission (CWC), State Government of Andhra Pradesh and International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). The main theme of the Congress is ‘Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture’.
5. During the 25th ICID Congress, papers / posters addressing two Questions i.e. Q. 64: What alternative water resources could be tapped for irrigated agriculture? and Q.65: What On-farm techniques can increase water productivity? will be discussed. More than 250 abstracts and 150 full length papers/posters have been received, reviewed, and edited for the Congress. An 'Abstract Volume' and a USB containing full papers will be published for the Congress and also made available to each registered delegate.

6. In addition, this year, five working groups like WG-CLIMATE, WG-SDTA, WG-WEF_N, WG-LDRG and WG-NCWRI are organizing their international workshops during the 25th ICID Congress in November 2023 at Vizag., Andhra Pradesh, India. In this regard, ICID Central Office has received the various abstracts from the authors for the WG workshops and the Review Committee has evaluated the abstracts for inviting the full-length papers from the selected authors. Chairs of the respective WGs are being received the full-length papers for the WG international workshops. The information on the 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC is available on the Congress website https://icid25congress.in/

7. The third/final announcement of the 25th ICID Congress have been disseminated to NCs, Chairs and workbody members, Officer-bearers (present and past) and other stakeholders of ICID. The host Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) has made elaborate plans and set up interesting programmes for the participants as well as the accompanying persons. All the information about the INCID, Congress overview and information, Congress theme, Congress Questions 64 & 65 and sub-questions, venue, programme highlights, list of general reporters and panel experts, registration, sponsorship and technical tours, general information etc. included in the third/final announcement of the 25th ICID Congress & IEC Meetings which is available at Congress website https://icid25congress.in/

8. **General Reporters and Panel Experts for the Congress:** The General Reporters (one for each Question i.e. Q.64 & Q.65) and the Panel Experts & Chairs and Co-Chairs (one expert for each sub-questions) is an important Technical Team that technically steers the Congress during the preparation for the meeting and conduct of the Congress. In this regard, ICID Central Office has requested the General Reporters and Panel Experts/Chairs & Co-Chairs of the congress sub-questions to share the summary reports and general reports for the 25th ICID Congress. Further, the General Reporters have shared their general reports of Congress Questions i.e. 64 & 65 for inclusion in the 'Abstract Volume'. The General Reporters (GRs), Panel Experts (PEs) and numerous Reviewers have done a commendable job by perusing the papers for the Congress, in time.

9. **International Symposium:** The International Symposium, as a part of the Congress, on the theme “Pathways and Technologies for Modern Irrigation Services” is being held during the 25th ICID Congress on 04 November 2023 from 11:30-15:30 hours in Vishakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh, India. ICID CO have shared the Concept Note, tentative programme, and contents of the country papers for the International Symposium to National Committees (NCs) and invited the country papers from them and selected authors of papers previously selected for the earlier WIF4 (postponed) from them on the topic in the prescribed format latest by 31st July 2023. In response, 12 NCs, including selected papers of earlier WIF-4 (postponed) i.e. Australia, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Nepal, Nigeria, Sahel Region, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe have shared their country papers to Vice President Hon. Ian Makin, Chairman of the technical Working Group on Modernization and Revitalization of Irrigation Schemes (WG-M&R) and Symposium Coordinator.

10. **INCID Congress Special Session:** As part of the 25th ICID Congress, INCID, host country, will organize and conduct a Session (INCID Congress Special Session) on the topic ‘National Policies for Safe Re-use of Wastewater in Irrigation’ on 04 November 2023 (11:30 to 13:00 hours, Session-I & 14:00-15:30 hours, Session-II) at Vishakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh, India. Country papers for this Session will be invited by INCID. ICID CO have shared the background Note and tentative program of the Special Session to host INCID.

11. **Side Events:** This year, fourteen (14) ‘Side Events’ will be organized during the 25th ICID Congress on 2, 3 & 4 November 2023 at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, India. The International Organizations, together with INCID & ICID will organize the Side Events for encouraging the various interesting topics related to Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development. More information related to Side Events, please visit at https://icid25congress.in/side_event.html

12. Chair may apprise the members of the Committee.

13. **Encouraging participation of Young Professionals (YPs) in the Congress – An update:** In order to encourage the young professionals, the Central Water Commission (CWC), India- European Union (EU) Water Partnership (IEWP) Action, Phase 2, and International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) are jointly organizing a one-day Young-Professional Training Program (YP-TP) during the 25th International Congress on 05 November 2023 in Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh, India. During the 25th Congress, Young Professionals (YPs) will also actively participate and contribute to the ‘IEWP-CWC Side Event’ and participate in other sessions from 02-04 November 2023. Under the India-EU Water Partnership Action framework, YP-TP aims to bring together young professionals (YP) in the field of water, agriculture, and other allied subject, from EU Member States, Africa, and India towards joint learnings and exchanges.
The focus will be on the maximum participation of female YPs. On 21 August 2023, ICID Central Office circulated the invitation letter to the National Committees of Africa and Europe and invited female nominations. The last date for receipt of nominations from the NCS to the ICID Central Office was kept as 30 August 2023. The YPs will be provided to and fro air travel tickets by the shortest route (economy class); free accommodation and per diem by GIZ/ IEWP. The Chairman may further apprise the members of the Committee.

14. The Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) will make a country presentation during the IEC Plenary on 04 November 2023.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 4: Feedback from the organizer of the past events

C-CONGR Agenda Item 4.1: Feedback from 24th ICID Congress and 73rd IEC, 3-10 October 2022, Adelaide, Australia

15. Mr. Momir Vranes, representative from Australia NC may further brief the Committee on experience in organizing the 24th ICID Congress & 73rd IEC with the lessons learned / difficulties faced.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 4.2: Feedback from 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference, 25-27 January 2023 at Dakhla, Morocco

16. Pr. El Houssine Bartali (Morocco), ANAFIDE representative may further brief the Committee on experience in organizing the 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference with the lessons learned / difficulties faced.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5: Preparations for the future events for the next 4 years

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.1: First Middle East Regional Conference, 26-28 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

17. The Saudi Irrigation Organization (SIO) will organize First Middle East Conference on ‘Agricultural Water Resources Management and Irrigation & Drainage’ in cooperation with Saudi Arabia Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SACID) from 26-28 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. ICID Central Office has received Letter of Agreement (LoA) along with Form-A of this Conference.

18. The representative from Saudi Arabia Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SACID) may apprise the members of the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 1st Middle East Regional Conference to be held 26-28 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.2: 14th International Drainage Workshop, 30 May - 01 June 2024, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

19. 14th International Drainage Workshop on the theme 'Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems for Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable Development', will be held from 30 May to 01 June 2024 at Dushanbe, Tajikistan. ICID Central Office has received Letter of Agreement (LoA) along with Form-A of this Workshop.

20. Dr. Bahrom Gagorzoda, Secretary of the Tajikistan National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (TajNCID) may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 14th International Drainage Workshop to be held 30 May – 01 June 2024 at Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.3: 75th IEC Meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference, 1-7 September 2024, Sydney, Australia

21. 75th IEC meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference will be held on 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia. The theme of the 9th Asian Regional Conference “Irrigation’s Role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban spaces I an increasingly unpredictable climate” and sub-themes are – (i) Governance – identifying and addressing structural and policy impediments to the adoption of better irrigation practices; (ii) Investment – fit for purpose and cost-effective technologies which support end users to implement sustainable irrigation practices (Environmental, Social, Government and Triple Bottom Line); and (iii) Capacity development – ensuring that end users can access and adapt knowledge and systems to support sustainable irrigation practices. ICID Central Office has received Letter of Agreement (LoA) along with Form-A of this event.

22. The representative from Australia National Committee may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 75th IEC meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference to be held from 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia.
C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.4: 76th IEC meeting and 4th World Irrigation Forum, 7-13 September 2025, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

23. The representative from MANCID may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 76th IEC meeting and 4th World Irrigation Forum to be held from 7-13 September 2025 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. ICID Central Office has received Letter of Agreement (LoA) along with Form-A of this event.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.5: 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference, 2025, Baghdad, Iraq

24. The representative from IRQ CID may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference to be held in 2025 at Baghdad, Iraq.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.6: 6th African Regional Conference, 14-18 April 2025, Abuja, Nigeria

25. The representative from Nigerian National Committee (NINCID) may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 6th African Regional Conference to be held from 14 to 15 April 2025 at Abuja, Nigeria.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.7: 77th IEC meeting and 26th ICID Congress, 12-18 October 2026, Marseille, France

26. Ms Céline Papin, representative from French National Committee of ICID (AFEID) may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 77th IEC meeting and 26th ICID Congress to be held from 12-18 October 2026 at Marseille, France.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.8: 78th IEC meeting and 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5), Beijing, China in 2027

The representative from Chinese National Committee of ICID (CNCID) may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 78th IEC meeting and 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF) to be held in 2027 at Beijing, China.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 6: Website of the C-C-CONGR

27. In order to promote the activities of annual events, ICID Central Office has invited the host NCs to make their presentation based on the annual meetings from National Organizing Committees for placing on the ICID website and webpage of C-CONGR through icon ‘Presentations’. Central Office has requested the host NCs to share their presentations for preparations upcoming events for uploading the ICID website. Please access https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/107 for more information of C-CONGR.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 7: Any other business

28. ICID Members' Profile Section: 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.

29. Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WII&DS): 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 Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, Australia after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 6 November 2023.