

**AGENDA FOR THE 6TH MEETING OF THE
ICID YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S E-FORUM (IYPeF)**

7 October 2022: 14:00-15:45 hours (Session I)

7 October 2022: 16:15-18:00 hours (Session II)

Adelaide, Australia

Year of Establishment: 2014

Mandate: (i) Encourage and promote a high standard of professional development amongst the young professionals in the field of irrigation, drainage, and flood management; (ii) Provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals; (iii) Expose young professional to ICID's purpose, objectives, role and activities; (iv) Facilitate the wider dissemination of knowledge and information amongst the young professionals; and (v) Maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in water related subjects or the activities, relevant to ICID objectives.

Coordinator : Eng. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy (Egypt) and

Joint Coordinator : Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (inland)

IYPeF Agenda Item 1: Introduction of ICID Young Professionals e-Forum (IYPeF)

1. At the 65th International Executive Council (IEC) held at Gwangju, Korea, in September 2014, the Council approved establishing an ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) on the ICID platform with open membership to engage all the Young Professionals interested in Agricultural Water Management (AWM) issues. The e-Forum was established as a dedicated Group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>), now consisting of more than 700 members, to encourage and promote a high standard of professional/expert development amongst the young professionals and to network with the national and international youth having an interest in water-related subjects or the activities, relevant to ICID objectives.

2. Furthermore, to act as a virtual meeting place, IYPeF also provides a platform for Young Professionals to participate in ICID annual events. IYPeF provides opportunities for budding professionals to interact with the best professionals in the irrigation and drainage sector, participate in e-discussions, organize webinars, present papers, avail the latest information, and join various technical working groups of ICID.

3. The online election process of ICID-Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) was held in September 2021 based on the nominations received from the National Committees of ICID for the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of IYPeF. Er. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy (Egypt) and Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (Finland) were elected as 'Coordinator' and 'Joint Coordinator' of the IYPeF for the year 2021-2022. To encourage and intensify the active participation of Young Professionals in ICID activities in the domain of irrigation, drainage and flood management, IYPeF is organizing a series of e-discussions and webinars as per their mandate.

4. The terms of the present Coordinator and Joint Coordinator was on 31st August 2022. However, due to present situation their term will be extended upto December 2022.

IYPeF Agenda Item 1.1: Sponsorship of YPs to ICID Events

5. Depending upon the fund availability 10 YPs will be sponsored every year to ICID Annual events out of which 5 YPs will be from nominations received from NCs, Coordinator, Joint Coordinator and the remaining three from IYPeF / Regional Groups; (b) ICID will cover expenses towards the participation of these 10 YPs under YP scholarship to ICID annual events; (c) Sponsored YPs will be eligible for next sponsorship only after a cooling-off period of 3 years in case they continue to contribute to ICID activities, especially in strengthening their country's NC, where these exists. The revised Concept Note of IYPeF in which objective of IYPeF, Membership, Professional Advantages, Benefits for Young Professionals, Broad Rules and Regulations, Duties & Responsibilities etc. are available at https://www.icid.org/iypef_concept_note2020.pdf

IYPeF Agenda Item 2: Meeting with ICID Central Office and Coordinator and Joint Coordinator

6. During the last meeting (2021), the Coordinator IYPeF briefed the participants regarding the first online meeting with ICID Central Office and newly elected Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) 2021-22 was held in September 2021.

7. The Secretary General, ICID requested elected Coordinator and Joint Coordinator to take up various activities of IYPeF such as e-discussions, webinars, training programme, use of social media for communication including contribution of YPs in different ICID activities. Secretary General further requested both Coordinator and Joint

Coordinator to look into minutes of IYPeF meeting held earlier and the concept note to develop action plan for IYPeF activities. Based on discussions following broad activities were agreed upon:

- (a) Country membership- For getting more countries in the ICID network, group can inform Name of the Ministers and other concerned persons in their country particularly from Latin American, Arab and European countries where representation and membership in ICID is low.
- (b) YPs shall try for adoption and dissemination of new technologies.
- (c) The YPs group shall have linkages with the African YP group coordinated by VPH Dr. Wahba.
- (d) The YPs group shall organise and coordinate series of webinars and technical discussions for the benefit of the group. Efforts shall be made to organise one webinar every month.
- (e) The coordinators will review the proposed topics and finalise the topics for e-discussion and webinars and identify appropriate coordinator/ speaker for e-discussions and webinars in coordination with the ICID Central Office. Resource persons for e-discussion and webinars may be identified from IYPeF as well as outside IYPeF. Coordinators were encouraged to cast their nets wide amongst other technology sources as practising engineering/ science community as well as service providers in various associated fields.
- (f) Coordinators may also encourage the YPs to maintain a close liaison with the respective national committees so as to learn about their national priorities as well as capacities which can benefit them as well as other group members. YPs can be provided some space in the news bulletins and news updates where they can provide inputs regarding activities, new ideas and the initiatives in their respective countries.
- (g) The newly developed World Register of Irrigation Projects for global inventory of irrigation projects by ICID was introduced to the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator. They assured to work on it and see that maximum number of project's data will be entered into it with the help of the group.
- (h) Eng. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy (Egypt), IYPeF Coordinator and Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (Finland), IYPeF Joint Coordinator assured to come up with new ideas and plans in next 10-15 days.

8. IYPeF Coordinator Eng. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy and Joint Coordinator Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (Finland) will provide further updates during the meeting.

IYPeF Agenda Item 3: Future activities plan by Coordinator and Joint Coordinator

9. As indicated in para 6, Coordinator and Joint Coordinator will present and discuss activities plan of IYPeF for the year 2022 and 2023.

IYPeF Agenda Item 4: Any other business

10. **Capacity Development Training Program for YPs in October 2022 at Adelaide, Australia:** As a part of the Capacity Development Training Programme, ICID in association with the Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA) is organizing one-day training for Young Professionals (sponsored by ICID as well as local YPs) on 09 October 2022 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia. The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) has offered to provide this one-day training on Virtual Irrigation Academy. In this regard, First webinar on 'Combining farmer and science-based knowledge through the Virtual Irrigation Academy' was organized on 02 June and the Second webinar on 30 June 2022. An online training program from 2-30 June 2022 was also organized to facilitate the selection of ten young professionals from Africa for travel to Australia. Ten YPs sponsored by ICID Central Office also joined the webinar.

11. **5th African Young Professional Forum during Cairo Water Week 2022, October 2022:** The 5th African Young Water Professional Forum (Af-YWP Forum) will be organized from 17-18 October 2022 (*in Hybrid mode*) under the platform of Cairo Water Week 2022 (CWW). During the Forum, two days training workshops will be organized to cover some important topics related to the themes of CWW and topics identified as part of the training needs assessment of African young professionals under the theme "Smart irrigation water management to mitigate climate change impacts". It will be organized with the cooperation of international partners such as ESCWA/ACSAD, GWP-MED/ GWP & Africa Coordination Unit, ICARDA, and FAO. About 200 YPs will be selected as a target and the forum will be hosted technically by the IT unit of ESCWA in Beirut. A detailed information of the Forum is available at <https://www.cairowaterweek.eg/> for the participants.

12. **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.

13. **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 Adelaide, Australia after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 8 October 2022.

