APPENDIX VII [PCSO Item 7.1]

AGENDA FOR THE 8TH MEETING OF THE
ICID YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S E-FORUM (IYPeF)
12 October 2026: 14:00-15:00 hours
Marseille, France

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.

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

Agenda Item 1.1: Sponsorship of YPs to ICID Events

3. 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 as **Annex.**

Agenda Item 1.2: Election of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of IYPeF

4. The term of office of the present Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of the ICID Young Professionals' e-Forum (IYPeF) will be for a period of three years (2026–2029), in accordance with the decision taken at the 76th meeting of the International Executive Council (IEC), held in September 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

5. The ICID Central Office communicated with all National Committees (NCs) and requested them to submit nominations of Young Professionals (YPs) below 40 years of age for the election of the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of IYPeF for a three-year term.

6. In response, the National Committees (NCs) submitted the nominations of Mr. Sharif Mahmudov (Tajikistan), Dr. M.A. Zonghan (China), Mr. Serhil Zimenko (Ukraine), Dr. Mohamad Amin Dayarian (Iran), Engr. Inimfon Godwin Archibong (Nigeria), Mr. Dhamson Polus Masundang (Malaysia), and Engr. Evgenii Ratkovich (Russia) for the election of the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of the ICID Young Professionals' e-Forum (IYPeF). The online election for the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of IYPeF is currently in process. The results are expected to be declared on 10 September 2026.

7. With a view to encouraging and strengthening the active participation of Young Professionals in ICID activities related to irrigation, drainage, and flood management, IYPeF is organizing a series of e-discussions and webinars in line with its mandate.

SUPP: The results of the online election for the positions of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of the International Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF), organized by ICID, have been declared. Mr. Dhamson Polus Masundang of Malaysia has been elected as the Coordinator of IYPeF, while Engr. Inimfon Godwin Archibong of Nigeria has been elected as the Joint Coordinator for a three-year term covering 2026-2029.

Agenda Item 1.3: Membership of IYPeF

4. In order to encourage and strengthen the activities of Young Professionals (YPs), the ICID Central Office communicated with all National Committees (NCs), requesting them to share nominations of YPs for membership of the ICID Young Professionals' e-Forum (IYPeF), representing various countries, for inclusion in the IYPeF database. In response, the National Committees of Russia, Iran, and Ukraine have submitted lists of YPs from their respective countries so far. The Pakistan National Committee of ICID (PANCID) nominated Ms. Arooj Khan (Pakistan) for the membership of IYPeF.

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

8. The Secretary General, ICID will inform 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 will request both Coordinator and Joint Coordinator to look into 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 Chair, AFRWG.

(d) The YPs group shall organize and coordinate series of webinars and technical discussions for the benefit of the group. Efforts shall be made to organize one webinar every month.

(e) The coordinators will review the proposed topics and finalize 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 practicing 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.

9. The Coordinator and Joint Coordinator will provide updates during the meeting.

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

10. The Coordinator and Joint Coordinator will present and discuss activities plan of IYPeF for the year 2026 and 2027.

(a) Discussion on webinar topics to be held between October 2026 and September 2027.

(b) Broad themes for e-discussions to be finalized on the IYPeF LinkedIn platform.

(c) Strategy for strengthening Young Professional (YP) Forums and ensuring representation at the National Committee level, and subsequently at the IYPeF global level.

(d) Development of a collaboration matrix with ICID Regional Working Groups to establish and support Regional IYPeF Chapters.

(e) Outline of benefits for YPs engaging with ICID: A well-crafted two-page document is needed, highlighting these benefits and incorporating testimonials from past YPs for wider circulation

Agenda Item 4: Any other business

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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 [Appendix VII, Item 1.1]

ICID YOUNG PROFESSIONALS e-FORUM (IYPeF)[1]

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321

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REVISED CONCEPT NOTE (2026)

1. Background

1.1 At the 65th International Executive Council (IEC) held at Gwangju in September 2014, the Council approved establishing an ICID-Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) with an open membership. The Council suggested to ICID Central Office (CO) to develop rules and assist in the organization of the Young Professionals Forum.

1.2 This note is prepared to lay down the updated concept and working rules for this Forum. It is expected that the establishment of this Forum may, in the course of its development require adjustment of some of the by-laws, which will be presented separately after the conceptual and administrative framework is agreed to.

2. The Context

2.1 Increasing food production through sustainable use of water will, among others, require large investments in infrastructures, research and development, that are compatible with the preservation of ecosystems and can adapt to climate change. The sector will need to increase its water use efficiency by reducing water losses and, most importantly, increase crop productivity with respect to water.

2.2 Many parts of the world have seen development of large irrigation infrastructure in the last fifty years which has helped in creating food security and fuelled growth. However, these systems are beset with the low efficiencies. The old public irrigation department in these countries are saddled with old and outdated large irrigation systems and aging staff. The concurrent professionals need to be aligned with the rapid technological developments. Given the dynamic nature of development process, irrigation and drainage professionals need exposure to the social, environmental and other disciplines that influence the agriculture water management. There is need for greater sharing of experiences and tools particularly related to social, economic and environmental aspects.

2.3 Given the fast-changing development scenario and the exponential growth in technology, coping with a new work environment is a difficult proposition. In addition to learning from past experiences, what definitely is required under the increasing complexities of supply, demand and uncertainties, is a group of professionals that approach the irrigation and drainage issues with a more open mind and accepts the multi-dimensional aspects of the water sector and are willing to undertake their activities through an inter-disciplinary approach. However, the number of young professionals joining the water sector is dwindling by the year.

3. Objective of IYPeF

3.1 Despite the challenging development scenario, the sector is suffering from a lack of interest from the young professionals as they find the career in the sector uninteresting with little growth potential. The irrigation and drainage sectors are key factors of development in largely agrarian societies and in societies struggling for food security. Infusion and nurturing of young talents is necessary for the countries to meet their specific challenges in these areas. The e-Forum is an attempt on the part of ICID to generate and attract talented young professionals towards making contribution towards irrigation, drainage and water management sector. The upcoming generation has to be attracted to the sector by making the careers in irrigation and drainage sector more interesting and challenging. IYPeF will enable the professionals to tap a wide knowledgebase of the sector by leveraging modern ITES based technologies.

3.2 With these long-term objectives in view, ICID established the IYPeF that provides an international platform to young engineers/scientists/professionals for their career development and sharing of knowledge and experiences in the areas of irrigation, drainage, flood management and environment.

[1] Renamed as ICID-Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF), as it is essentially an e-Forum

IYPeF provides an opportunity to young professionals to engage, network and share their experiences and also learn from the experiences of senior professionals (Prospective Mentors) working in the sector. The main objectives of establishing the Forum are to:

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

(b) Provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals,

(c) Expose young professionals to ICID's purpose, objectives, role and activities,

(d) Facilitate the wider dissemination of knowledge and information amongst the young professionals,

(e) Maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in water related subjects or the activities, relevant to ICID objectives.

(f) Strengthen National Committees (NCs) through participation of YPs in their national and regional irrigation and drainage networks.

(g) Creating an international network where young professionals within the water sector can mutually learn from each other by sharing their experiences.

3.3 To address the regional needs, similar Groups can be formed in consultation with the Chairman of the African, Asian, European, and American Regional Working Groups. Such groups, as and when constituted, shall be managed by the respective regional working group in close consultation with the National Committees in the region. Central Office will provide necessary help in terms of coordination and planning, partially supporting and organising activities under the regional e-forums.

4. Membership

4.1 Person desirous of becoming member of IYPeF will have to fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

(a) Any professional from water sector below the age of 40 years;

(b) Working or pursuing studies in the area of agricultural water management, rural development, environment, technology development and/or flood and drought management disciplines;

(c) A Young Professional's membership in the Forum will have to be endorsed by their respective organization/academic institute where pursuing higher studies/an ICID National Committee/an International ICID Partner Institution/a direct institutional member of ICID;

(d) NCs are encouraged to nominate YPs from their countries using a diversity-based approach.

4.2 The Forum will essentially be an e-Forum. Members would have the opportunity to interact with each other through a LinkedIn Group (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321) moderated by experts. The network will be different from other such platforms as the active members of the Forum would have the opportunity to interact face to face with each other during ICID events and training programs.

4.3 The activities of the Forum will be monitored and overseen by one coordinator and one joint coordinator for a period of three year. In a member country of ICID, NC should endorse the nomination of the YP to become a Coordinator/Joint Coordinator of IYPeF.

5. Professional Advantages

5.1 The members of the Forum will be able to:

(a) Interact with likeminded young professionals, researchers, and practitioners involved at international level and share resources;

(b) Develop relations for peer to peer learning from around the world and enhance self-potential;

(c) Bridge the knowledge gap between theory and practice by attending the global meetings of ICID and interacting with senior professionals;

(d) Stay informed on the latest knowledge in the area of irrigation and drainage through various ICID publications: ICID News, News Update and e-Bulletin, all available online;

(e) Benefit from the latest scientific knowledge available through ICID Journal on Irrigation and Drainage;

(f) Access the resources available in the Integrated Library Management System (ILMS);

(g) Keep up-to-date on best practices and trends in the field;

(h) Advance professional skills by way of participating in ICID training workshops;

(i) Better appreciate different viewpoints, approaches and cultures from around the world; and

(j) Enhance ability to plan career in the sector.

6. Benefits for Young Professionals

(a) Membership of two Working Groups of their choice subject to their active participation;

(b) Liberal concession in registration fee (about 50%) in World Irrigation Forum and ICID's Congress, conferences and events;

(c) Eligible for WatSave Young Professional Award and its monetary reward: An exclusive category (out of four categories) of WatSave Awards, dedicated to Young Professionals (YPs);

(d) Free on-line subscription of the ICID Journal on Irrigation and Drainage to the active 50 YPs;

(e) Eligible for ICID scholarship for participation in ICID events provided a certain level of output is contributed in the form of e-Discussions, preparation of country papers, profiles, outcome summary report, contribution to Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD), Products & Services, and scientific publications;

(f) Participate in Sessions/RoundTable discussions especially organized for young professionals;

(g) Eligible to participate in capacity development programs - webinars, training, e-learning, and conferences;

(h) YPs are required to develop country status papers, profiles and contribute to scientific documents and ICID publications (ICID Journal, ICID News Update and ICID News). These documents will be uploaded on ICID website after respective NC's approval;

(i) YPs will get a chance to function as session 'Rapporteurs' in ICID's Congresses, WIFs and other events;

(j) YPs will also be allowed to attend ICID Work Body meetings as observers.

7. Broad Rules and Regulation

7.1 General conditions/rules and regulations for ICID-YPF/ IYPeF will be as follows:

(a) Professionals willing to join IYPeF can do so using LinkedIn Group - https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321

African Young Water Professionals e-Forum (Af-YWPeF) - https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12143964/

(b) National Committees/ Committee can nominate young professionals in prescribed format to Central Office for sending invitation to join;

(c) Professional will undertake to follow the core values of ICID and work towards fulfilling its vision;

(d) ICID CO staff will review Group membership and approve the membership and will support the professionals in moderating the forum and its activities;

(e) IYPeF Coordinator/Joint Coordinator shall be eligible to get online certificate after completing their term of active participation or on attaining the age of 40.

8. Election/selection of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator

(a) Person desirous of becoming Coordinator/Joint Coordinator shall be an active member of the Forum;

(b) The Forum members shall elect one Coordinator and one Joint Coordinator to manage the day-to-day affairs of IYPeF for a term of three years.

(c) In order to be nominated/ selected as coordinator/joint-coordinator, nomination needs to be endorsed by the respective NC. Interested/active members will have to approach their NC for endorsement of their nomination for coordinator/Joint Coordinator;

(d) Out of the endorsed nominations received, Central Office will review the nominations based on the qualification, experience, and tasks carried out as defined under item 10;

(e) ICID CO shall facilitate the election of the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator every three years. The term of office of the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator shall be three years.

9. Sponsorship of YPs to ICID Events

(a) 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 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.

10. Duties & Responsibilities

(a) A completion report needs to be prepared and submitted to Central Office by each YP coordinator to highlight how this program has benefitted them as well as their country's NC and also share the report with their respective NC for considering his/her nomination for next term. In case of non-existence of NC in any country, the YP needs to highlight the individual work done to raise the profile of ICID and encourage or facilitate the formation of NC in his/her own country;

(b) To organize and manage e-Discussions; preparation of country papers, profiles, outcome summary report of event(s) participated, contribution to Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD), collecting data for enriching Products & Services directory; and scientific publications;

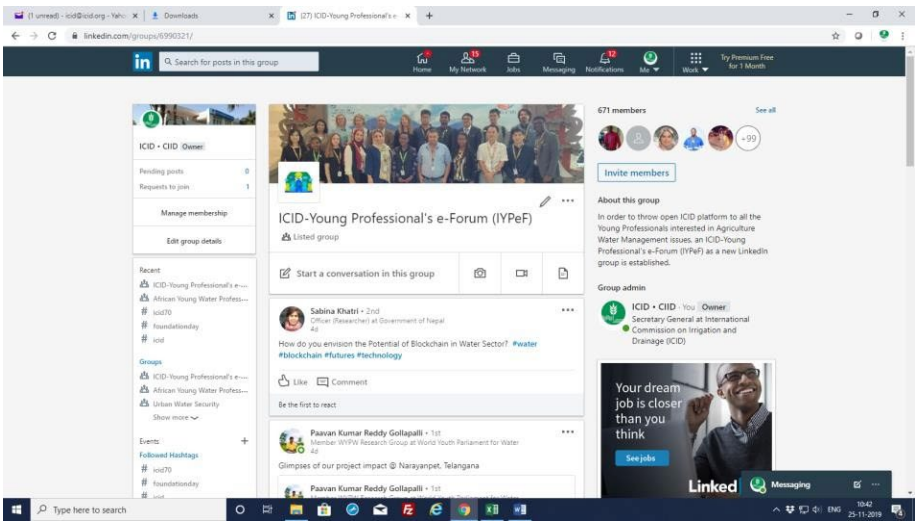
(c) The YP selected will have to connect with the NC of their respective country and liaise with ICID CO to strengthen NC/IYPeF with their active participation. In case of no NC existing, efforts should be made to establish NC or promote Direct Membership;

(d) YPs shall be allowed to join two ICID Working Groups of their choice as its YP members;

(e) Coordinator and Joint Coordinator will participate in the allotted workbody activities to brief about activities of IYPeF to the permanent committees;

(f) No information related to the Group, other than technical discussions and publications, will be shared with any individual or organization without prior approval of the ICID Central Office.

Screen capture of IYPeF



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NOMINATION FORM FOR COORDINATOR/JOINT COORDINATOR

1. Nominee Information

Name			
Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY			
Gender			
Nationality			
Qualification (Highest level)			
Position			
Organization			
Course/Programme			
Institution			
Passport number			
IYPeF Membership - Yes/ No			
Postal Address			
Telephone		Mobile	
E-mail			

2. Brief CV (150 words)

[Type your Brief CV]

3. Involvement in ICID/ National Committee activities in the past

[Please type brief activities]

4. Areas of interest *(Tick mark appropriate area(s) of interest)*

[ ] Irrigation and Drainage Technologies	[ ] Climate Change
[ ] Flood and Drought Risk Management	[ ] Early Warning Systems
[ ] Water Energy Food and Ecosystem Nexus	[ ] Water Diplomacy and Governance
[ ] Agricultural Water Management	[ ] Spatial Mapping and Remote Sensing
[ ] River Basin Management	[ ] Stakeholder Engagement
[ ] Climate Change Assessment	[ ] Other (please specify)

5. Proposed contribution to ICID activities *(Tick mark the appropriate contribution)*

- ❖ Promoting National Committee activities [ ]
- ❖ Technical contribution in preparation of reports/ documents [ ]
- ❖ Database building [ ]
- ❖ Participation in Working Group activities/ contribution [ ]
- ❖ Organizing/ promoting webinars/ e-discussions [ ]
- ❖ Participation in capacity development activities [ ]

6. Authentication

It is hereby certified that the YP cited in the nomination has provided the information to his best of knowledge and belief. National Committee/Committee endorses the nomination for the election of Coordinator/ Joint Coordinator of the IYPeF for the year…….

(a) Name of the National Committee _____

(b) Name of the person _____

(c) Position _____

(d) Address _____

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Telephone _____

E-mail _____

(e) Signature (with Official seal) _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Only one nomination is accepted from the National Committee for the present year. The National Committees / Committee should forward **electronically** the nomination form**,** complete in all respects to:

The Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), 48, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India; E-mail: icid@icid.org; Tel +91-11-41510420, Website: http//www.icid.org.

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