

HOSTING OF THE 6TH AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE AND IEC MEETING

DATE: 14th – 18th April 2025

VENUE: International Conference Centre, Abuja, Nigeria

6TH AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ARC) ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE

The African Regional Conference (ARC) series:

- > 1st ARC was held in April 2004 in Cairo, Egypt.
- > 2nd ARC was held in November 2007 in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- > 3rd ARC was organized in Bamako, Mali in December 2011.
- > 4th ARC was held in Aswan, Egypt in April 2016.
- > 5thARC was held in Rabat, Morocco between 16-19 March 2020.

6th AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE

- The Nigerian National Committee of ICID (NINCID) will be hosting the 6thAfrica Regional Conference from 14th to 18th April, 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria.
- This is formally requesting the International Executive Council (IEC) of ICID to grant NINCID the right to host the event.

6th AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE

Proposed Main Theme of the Conference:

"Tackling Irrigation Development and Water Management Crisis in Africa."

- Possible Conference Sub-topics/Sub-themes:
 - a) Creating Awareness Advocacy and managing farmers' behaviour, youth engagement etc;
 - b) **Promoting appropriate technology and innovation -** micro-irrigation, innovative agricultural production techniques and practices etc;
 - c) Transboundary water resources management and security challenges
 - d) Water recycling and reuse;
 - e) Adapting to Climate Change and Biodiversity;
 - f) **Providing Regulatory Framework** Mobilizing all stakeholders to self regulate and facilitate equitable availability and affordability of water for agriculture;
 - g) **Providing incentives** -through partnerships and making capital intensive water infrastructure attractive to investors.

Other Events

In addition to the 3 day Africa Regional Conference, the following side-events will be organised:

- A one-day National Irrigation and Drainage Symposium with the theme: "Participatory Irrigation Management for Sustainable Rural Development, Economic Growth and Food Security" with possible partnership with World Bank (TRIMING PROJECT);
- 2. A half-day **High level Policy Dialogue** to bring together key political actors, business leaders, NGOs, donors and top water managers to dialogue on "*Achieving SDGs in the context of prevailing Transboundary water resources governance in Africa.*"



Irrigation Development in Nigeria







TARGET

PARTICIPANTS

A wide range of participants are expected to attend. These include:

- policy/decision makers;
- Professionals;
- academicians and researchers;
- Farmers;
- water resources regulators and managers
 from Africa and beyond, working in irrigation and drainage or closely related fields.

We estimate that about 260 (180 nationals and 80 international) participants would attend these events.

VENUE

- Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - Abuja

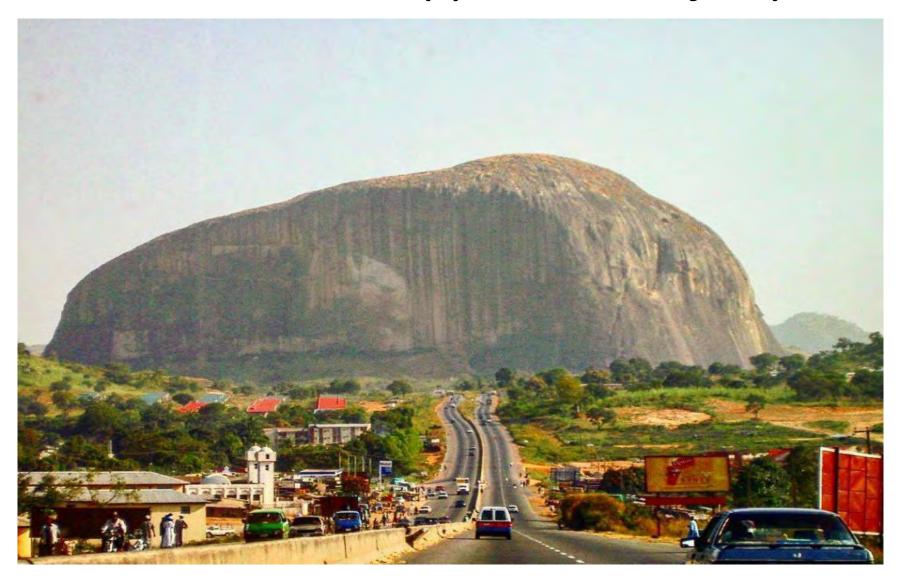
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

- Nigeria a true hub of Africa combining modernity with tradition.
- Nigerians are known for their vibrant and friendly energy expressed through diverse creative expressions.
- Surface area of 923,769 square kilometres
- Water (%) 1.4
- Population of over 218 million the most populous country in Africa.
- Currency Naira (=N=) (NGN) currently (Sept. 2022)equivalent to US\$0.0023

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Abuja

- Abuja is a modern and a new purpose-built administrative and political capital city of Nigeria that is located at center of the nation.
- A metropolitan city of more than three (3) million inhabitants with beautiful and affordable hotels and restaurants popular with tourists.
- It has modern urban facilities, beautifully laid highways, the new Nnamdi Azikiwe International airport that is connected with modern railways to the city centre.
- The 6th African Regional Conference 2025 will be organized in the Abuja International Conference Center.

International Conference Centre, Abuja



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU TO NIGERIA



Thank you for your KIND attention

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