

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF ICID

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), established in 1950 is the leading scientific, technical and professional international organization, which focuses on irrigation, drainage and flood management. Through its membership network, ICID presently represents **90% of the irrigated area** of the world. It hardly needs any reemphasis that **80% of world's water resources** are consumed by agriculture to ensure food security, and hence the role of irrigation and drainage becomes very important on the agenda of global water management. ICID provides a platform for sharing the knowledge gained and share the innovative practices and methods in irrigation, drainage and flood management and is recognized as a thought leader in the irrigation and water management field. The Vision of ICID is to achieve "A WATER SECURE WORLD FREE OF POVERTY AND HUNGER THROUGH SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT", and to achieve this vision, ICID has formulated a 'Road Map to ICID Vision 2030'. Kindly visit the website <http://icid-ciid.org/> for more information.

ICID primarily works at national level with professionals from each country coming together on a National Committee platform often managed at relevant ministry level or under their tutelage. All international professional and developmental institutions like the **World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, World Water Council, UN Water, Global Water Partnership and International Water Management Institute, Food and Agriculture Organization of UN and many more** are very closely associated with ICID activities and outputs.

Any geographical area independently administered by a sovereign government and having interest in the activities of the Commission is eligible to become a **Member National Committee (NC) of ICID**. The Commission advocates for the National Committees to be broad-based, multi-disciplinary and should provide a platform for collaboration among various institutions having related aims within their countries. Also an **Institution/ Company** or an **Individual** can be a DIRECT Member of ICID through their **National Committee (NC)**.

Countries can have advantage of technologies and skills which are being showcased for the benefit of world communities at different levels of development through ICID activities. The developing world is actively looking for the relevant technological and managerial interventions in the critical sector of Irrigation and Drainage and I am sure your country also leverage to your advantage. This new opportunity has great potential to enhance the working of ICID and hopefully will result in greater global exchanges of experiences and multidisciplinary innovations. By joining ICID, the country would be able to receive:

- i. Exposure of research and latest technical activities to the professionals including approach and exposure to Irrigation and Drainage Journal (IRD) and other ICID publications, webinars etc.
- ii. Capacity building – for professionals and young professionals
- iii. Networking with various world institutions and professionals
- iv. Wide knowledge base
- v. Participation in ICID activities like Congress, World Irrigation Forum (WIF), Regional conferences, International Executive council (IEC) etc.
- vi. Many other benefits

For joining ICID Membership and procedure for application and subscription amount, etc., please access the link - https://www.icid.org/join_nc.html Alternately, you may contact **Er. Balasaheb Anantrao Chivate, Director (Technical), International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)**, <icid@icid.org> for more information and/or clarifications, if any.

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