

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO
10TH WORLD WATER FORUM (TF-WWF10)**

6 June 2023; 16:30-18:00 (IST)

Participants Present:

(1) Dr. Ragab Ragab, President, ICID (UK); (2) Dr. Saeed Nairizi, President Hon., ICID (Iran); (3) Mr. Alireza Salamat, Vice President, ICID (Iran); (4) Mr. Ian Makin, Vice President Hon., ICID (UK); (5) Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice President, ICID (South Africa); (6) Dr. Frank Dimick, Vice President Hon., ICID (USA); (7) Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan); (8) Mr. Kenji Washino and Tetsuharo Mori (Japan - Garo (Asian Development Bank); (9) Dr. Hossein Dehghanisani; (10) Dr. Narges Zohrabi (Iran), (11) Engr. Rafat Nael, Vice President, ICID (Iraq); (12) Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Vice President Hon., ICID (Egypt); (13) Dr. Eman Nofal (Egypt); (14) Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID Central Office; (15) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical, ICID Central Office).

International Organizations:

(i) Dr. Salman Maher (FAO); (ii) Mr. Lance Garo (Asian Development Bank); (iii) Dr. Alok Sikka (IWMI)

President Hon. Dr. Nairizi launched the session by stating that ICID's contribution in the 9th World Water Forum held in Senegal, March 2022 was expected to be much better. He stated that ICID would need to form a new Task Force with active members with the aim of promoting ICID's role in the 10th WWF. Three topics have been proposed worked on for being presented during the 10th WWF but other topics could also be considered. He also suggested five persons from NCs, WGs, VPs and IOs to constitute a team to produce material for each three topics.

President Dr. Ragab mentioned that he has supported Indonesia for hosting the 10th WWF and the Indonesian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage is at present carrying the flag of the 10th WWF. The reason for not having ICID's active presence in the 9th WWF was due to the limitations COVID 19 has posed. He also agreed on establishing a Task Force for this special activity and stated his preparedness to be a part of the team.

Secretary General, Mr. Pandya stated that during the WWF10 there are several side events which ICID could actively run and coordinate and FAO could assist ICID in this concern. He also mentioned that 3 templates already defined by WWC should be filled out and sent with a letter of interest before 11th June 2023.

Mr. Salman Maher from FAO mentioned that all 3 subjects proposed are in line with FAO's mandate and FAO is ready to contribute and be a member of the TF. He stated that each of the themes of the Forum has a subtopic and we would need to clarify on which topic we would like to contribute.

Vice President Mr. Salamat briefed the participants of the virtual meeting on the 2 thematic sessions, ICID held in Senegal on "Smart Water Resources Management" as well as "Switching from Rural Development to Rural Transformation". As for the 10th WWF, we are proposing the 3 following subjects for ICID Working Groups, National Committees and ICID partners (international organizations) to be involved:

- Smart Water Resources Management
- Water, Food, and Energy Nexus
- Promoting Women's role in Water Management

Hence, the Task Force of WWF10 could include representatives of ICID WGs, NCs as well as relevant IOs. He also mentioned that 11th June is the deadline for declaring our interest to the topic coordination groups.

Dr. Sylvester, Dr. Alok Sikka, Ms Iman Nofel and Dr. Wahba mentioned that they are ready to be a part of this team.

Dr. Frank Dimick stated that the WG on Water Scarcity is working on a report on indices for managing water scarcity which could be presented in the WWF10.

Mr. Washino from Japan promised to transfer the conclusion of today's virtual meeting to Mr. Watanabe for a firm decision to be made by him in this concern.

Mr. Ian Makin stated that the WG on Modernization and Revitalization of Irrigation Schemes is also working on a publication as a working draft document. Smart Water Management could be considered in this publication. He stated that there are short templates to be filled for the WWF10 on each topic. Mr. Makin stated his readiness in being a part of this TF.

Mr. Lance Gore from the Asian Development Bank stated that Indonesia is in the region of ADB and they will be present in the event. He also announced his preparedness for contributing to this TF and proposed a special session on the outcomes of ICID Congress planned to be held in India to be presented in the WWF10.

Dr. Dehghanisani from Iran stated his preparedness to be a member of the TF in compiling relevant material for the 3rd subject of Water, Food and Energy Nexus.

President Ragab mentioned that he will prepare the required templates focusing on climate change and he will send it to ICID and Dr. Nairizi for a further investigation. He also stated that Vice Presidents of each region should be involved in the TF. He also asked Mr. Salamat to act as the responsible coordinator for this event as already fruitfully carried out during the 9th WWF (positive response received from Mr. Salamat)

Dr. Zohrabi conveyed the importance of women's role in water management and highlighted the sections of the TOR related to WWF10 that referred to gender and women's issues. She mentioned the successful experiences gained from the recent webinar on "Empowering and Capacity Development of Women in Water Resource Management" in collaboration with IRNCID, ICID, and the CDTE WG. Also, considering the subject's significance, it has been purposed that ICID will establish a Task Force on the role of women in water management. The initial concept note for this Task Force is being prepared and will soon be sent to ICID. She acknowledged that a webinar on the role of women in the Water, Food, and Energy nexus is also being planned in collaboration with ICID and the WFEN WG, and its concept note is currently being prepared. Dr. Zohrabi expressed readiness to collaborate in the section concerning the role of women in water management. She also declared their willingness to cooperate on this topic due to her membership in WFE nexus WG.

