

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

22 December 2022; 17:30 Hour (IST)

Members present: (1) President Hon. Saeed Nairizi (Iran); (2) Vice President Alireza Salamat (Iran); (3) Vice President Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (4) Ms. Narges Zohrabi (Iran); (5) Dr. Hossein Dehghanisanich (Iran); (6) Ms. Eman Ragab Nofal (Egypt); and (7) Mr. Er. B. A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office (India)

1. Dr. Saeed Nairizi, President Hon., ICID briefed the participants of the virtual meeting on ICID's role in World Water Forums 9, which he believed was not satisfactory. As mentioned by Dr. Nairizi, 70 percent of available water worldwide is consumed in the agricultural sector, mainly through irrigation practices. Water scarcity, food security, and access to appropriate energy are getting problematic and ICID and its working groups required to contribute and provide solutions for such dilemmas. TF expect to have considerable assistance from the concerned international organizations.

2. Mr. Salamat as the Vice President, ICID described the role of ICID in the 9th World Water Forum held in Senegal and the 2 thematic sessions held on behalf of ICID. The first meeting was on "Smart Water Management" and the second meeting was on "Switching from Rural Development to Rural Transformation" and several case studies and papers were presented in these sessions. As stated by Mr. Salamat, ICID's role in presenting up to date information on the above-mentioned topics was not so tangible.

3. Dr. Nairizi stated that TF offers 3 main topics to be worked on by ICID National Committees and its Working Groups for the WWF10. We need to encourage ICID work bodies to get involved more than before and hope to demonstrate a better image of ICID in the 10th World Water Forum. No other organizations deal with irrigation to this extent except ICID and its related Working Bodies. Hence this should be considered an asset for ICID activities.

4. Vice President Dr. Watanabe mentioned that ICID's presence in WWF9 was not acceptable. As mentioned, he attended the World Water Council General Assembly in Paris, and Japan was elected as a member of the General Assembly. He stated that Japan Water Community is interested to attend the 10th WWF content-wise by presenting fruitful material on the subjects defined.

5. Mr. Salamat mentioned that the title of the WWF10 is water for shared prosperity and actually, it includes many related subjects and several ICID working groups could contribute. One of the issues which ICID would need to deal with during the WWF10 is Smart Water Management. The following WGs could contribute to prepare fruitful material for the WWF10 on Smart Water Management:

- (a) WG on "Comprehensive Approaches to Flood Management "
- (b) WG on "Irrigated Agriculture under Drought and Water Scarcity"
- (c) WG on "Climate Change and Agricultural Water Management"
- (d) WG on "On Farm Irrigation Systems"
- (e) WG on "Modernization of Irrigation Services"

6. In addition, the National Committees of Japan, India, Korea, Germany, and China could also contribute to this subject. International organizations including IWMI, FAO, and GWP could also have a good and effective appearance in this event.

7. Dr. Nairizi mentioned that a work plan as well as a rich concept note should be prepared. This should be done by forming a Task Team consisting of relevant WGs Chairs and NCs, interested in working on the concerned subjects, etc.

8. Ms. Zohrabi highlighted the role of women in water management. She submitted a presentation that demonstrates the role of women by presenting the history of women's role during ancient times in planning and implementing water resources. Ms. Zohrabi believed that ICID and its WGs could take a role in this concern by holding a workshop next year. The Working Group on Socio-Economic Impacts and Policy Issues could take the main role in this regard. In addition, different organizations such as FAO, GWP, IWMI, UNEP, etc. could also contribute to this subject. Ms. Zohrabi was asked to take the role in close cooperation with ICID.

9. Dr. Dehghanisanich presented his material on the 3rd subject which could be raised during WWF10 on Water, Food, and Energy nexus. As a platform, ICID could play a role. He stated that challenges for food production based on water shortage is increasing and becoming a critical issue. The pressure on the water, food, and energy nexus threatens sustainable development Goals. One of the WGs of ICID is preparing a publication on this item which could be presented during the 10th WWF.

10. Ms. Eman Nofel from Egypt announced her preparedness to contribute to this item. She also mentioned that ICID National Committees as well as the National Water Centres/Institutes could closely work together on this item to come up with good results to be presented during the WWF10.

11. Mr. Chivate as the Director (Technical) of the ICID Central Office thanked all, for their efforts, carried out on exposing ICID during WWF10. He believed participation of ICID in such important events is a must and should not be ignored. He also stated that a Task Team should be formed in order to precisely follow the relevant tasks of the WWF10 with ICID National Committees and WGs. As mentioned, ICID is ready to pursue this issue and follow up precisely with all ICID NCs and WGs. ICID is also ready to arrange coordinating meetings of the Task Force.

12. Vice President Dr. Watanabe stated that ICID is restructuring its WGs as some are finishing their tasks in 2023. He also mentioned that TF should take benefit of all Vice Presidents' presence for activating ICID NCs. Each theme is under the responsibility of one or two VPs and thematic wise TF could promote the role of related ICID WGs in the WWF10.

13. VP Mr. Bruno Grawitz from France has close contacts with Prof. Loïc Fauchon as the President of the World Water Council and he should also be invited to the Task Force. In addition, the strategic team leaders of ICID, as well as WG Chairs, should also be invited.

14. By thanking the participants for effectively attending the virtual meeting, the meeting was concluded by Dr. Nairizi and ICID was once again requested to follow up on coordinating issues for the best result to be achieved for promoting ICID's role in the 10th World Water Forum.

