

**MINUTES OF THE 3RD VIRTUAL MEETING OF
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)**
09 October 2023, 14:30-15:30 hours (IST)

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1996

Mandate: The general objective of the Asian Regional Working Group is to focus on common topics and issues and to enhance the transfer of appropriate technology in irrigation and drainage to and from the Asian Region. The mission of ASRWG is to encourage membership and coordinate activities in the region.

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Members present: (1) VP Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chair (Japan); (2) Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar, Vice Chair (India); (3) Dr. Aynur Fayrap, Secretary (Turkey); (4) Dr. Ray-Shyan, Wu (Chinese Taipei), (5) Ms. Li Ruoxi - Young Professional (China); (6) Eng. (Ms.) Janaki Meegastenna (Sri Lanka); (7) Engr. Sharif Mahmudov represented Tajikistan National Committee (Tajikistan); (8) Mr. David John Cameron (Australia); (9) Mr. Momir Vranes (Australia); (10) Vice President Dr. Mochammad Amron (Indonesia); (11) Dr. Arvind Kumar - Direct Member, IWF (India); (12) Engr. Athar Hameed (Pakistan); (13) Representative from Malaysian National Committee (Malaysia); (14) Engr. Wan Noorul Hafilah (Malaysia); (15) Mr. Rajni Kant Agrawal, Direct Member – WAPCOS (India); (16) Representative from WAPCOS (India); (17) Mr. Bashu Dev Lohane (Nepal); (18) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical) represented Secretary General, ICID Central Office.

New nominees: (1) Dr. Masaomi Kimura (Japan)

The Chair, Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan), welcomed all the participants and stated that this meeting is crucial before the upcoming IEC in Vizag, especially for members who are unable to attend the Vizag Meetings to express their opinions and suggestions.

ASRWG Minutes Item 1: Review of the new membership

The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the WG reviewed the new nomination of Dr. Masaomi Kimura (Japan) and approved the same. It will now be re-confirmed together with other nominations, if any, in the meeting at Vizag and placed before PCTA/IEC for approval.

**ASRWG Minutes Item 2: Collaboration with IACID for the 9th Asian Regional Conference (ARC9),
September 2024 at Sydney, Australia**

Mr. David Cameron (IAL/IACID) provided an update on the issues related with ARC9 and shared the ARC9 Website – the Call-for-Papers and briefly illustrated the abstract submission procedure. He also invited expressions of interest from the members to act as reviewers, panel experts, session chairs, session deputy chairs, and rapporteurs for ARC9. IAL is looking for support from International Organizations to host the YP program. The issue of enhancing the ARC9 registration fees is also being discussed as Sydney is proving to be an expensive venue. Efforts are also made to work with less number of WGs post-Vizag Meetings.

**ASRWG Minutes Item 3: Progress on the technical report - Country/Committee Case Studies of the
group**

During the meeting, Dr. Labhsetwar, the Vice-Chair and leader of the Technical Team, presented an update on the progress of the technical report and exhorted the members to submit their technical reports as soon as possible.

ASRWG Minutes Item 4: Organization of Internal Workshop in September 2024, Australia

During the virtual meeting, the Vice-Chair reiterated that an internal workshop on '*Irrigation and Drainage for Asian Food Security in Asia*' will take place during the first half of the Vizag Meeting from 09:30 to 11:00 Hours on 05 November 2023 in Room S1. Members are expected to make their PPT presentations during this session.

ASRWG Minutes Item 5: 14th International Drainage workshop

Mr. Sharif Mahmudov (Tajikistan) reiterated the happening of the 14th International Drainage Workshop at Dushanbe, Tajikistan from May 30 - June1, 2024. He informed about their preparatory meeting for the workshop

on 10 October 2023 and mentioned that the preparations for the workshop including the website are currently going on and an update will be presented at Vizag Meetings.

ASRWG Minutes Item 6: Any other business

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. The Chair exhorted members to attend the Vizag Meetings in as many numbers as possible.

