

**MINUTES FOR THE 4TH MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON MANAGING WATER SCARCITY UNDER
CONFLICT DEMANDS (WG-MWSCD)**

5 August 2022 16:30-18:30 hours (IST)
Online meeting

Strategy Theme: Basin

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2016

Extended in completion of the Mandate: 2023

Mandate: Collect information, knowledge and, where available, case histories on actions taken to manage water systems to accommodate a change in priority of water use or due to conflicting demands: (a) Information will be collected on three levels of water management; (i) National, (ii) area or basin; and (iii) local; (b) review and analyze information to determine any commonality; (c) prepare and present reports and/or case studies on recent development in the countries that are represented in the WG; (d) organise international workshop on the topic; and (e) prepare an overview paper on the topic for publication.

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WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 1: Action Take Report by Chair¹

1. The Chair gave a brief report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the previous working group held in Morocco in November 2021. The primary outcomes were the preparation of the workshop, the submission of papers, and the review of abstracts.

2. The WG considered the nomination of Mr. Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan), whom the ICID Central Office recommended as a member of the WG in June 2022. After the Chair introduced him, Mr. Zafar shared his career background himself. Mr. Zafar was welcomed as a member of the working group. The updated membership of the WG was also confirmed.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Status of activities on Managing Water Scarcity under Conflict Demands

3. As in the previous meeting, the Action Plan (revised Road Map to ICID Vision 2030) based on the WG's mandate was discussed. Since the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the WG's international workshop, the term of the WG was extended by one year, i.e., until 2023. An updated version of the WG's Action Plan, submitted to the ICID Central Secretariat, was shared at this meeting.

4. The Chair proposed that the deadline for the final report should be by the 2023, and this idea was shared with the members.

5. In addition, it was noted that the IEC might continue to address the issue of water scarcity in the context of climate change, food security, and conservation in some form after the conclusion of the WG-MWSCD mandate..

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 3: Updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD)

6. The WG Chair presented further progress on the MTD update (in charge of Dr. Takanori Nagano, Japan) at the meeting. Currently, 24 terms have been submitted by three WG members. It is expected that more MTDs will be prepared and provided. Chair will again share the request by Dr. Nagano via email after the meeting.

7. Additionally, after the significance of the MTD was reaffirmed, it was noted that different terms reflecting regional characteristics and non-textual explanations such as videos and diagrams would be also welcome.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 4: International Workshop on 'Managing on the Regional, State or Local Level, Water Scarcity Resulting from Conflicting Demands' in October 2022 at Adelaide, Australia

8. As part of the Action Plan 2030, the WG is organizing the International Workshop on the theme 'Managing, on the Regional, State or Local Level, Water Scarcity Resulting from Conflicting Demands (WG-MWSCD) on 03 October 2022 at Adelaide, Australia. The main objective of the workshop is to obtain input from the member countries of case histories on managing water scarcity under conflicting demands. In April 2022, the Central Office

in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the WG has circulated the call for papers of the international workshop of the group to all members of the WG and others for contributing their abstract / paper for the workshop.

9. In response, the Chair reported on progress to date. Of the 15 abstracts selected, six full papers have been submitted to date, and another will come soon. If nine papers are submitted in total, 20 minutes can be allocated for each piece.

10. As the next step in the process, volunteer peer review was required to improve paper quality further, and six collaborators were obtained from the WG members (Chairman Franklin E Dimick (USA), Vice-Chairman Mr. V.C. Ballard (Australia), WG member Dr. Mikiko Sugiura (Japan), WG member Mr. Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan), WG member Ms. Leila Eamen (Canada) and Dr. Hesham Mostafa Mohammed Ali (Egypt). Due to the preparation of USBs distributed at the event, the completed manuscripts must be sent to the ICID Central Office by September 10. Hence, it was shared that the review needs to be done in two weeks, given the need to allow sufficient time (about three weeks) for each author to re-submit the manuscript.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 5: Status of draft indices and guidelines

11. Chair indicated that in December 2021, WG member Mr. Amali Abraham Amali (Nigeria) shared the first draft on indices/indicators for measuring water scarcity with the Chair of the group. It was emailed to all members on January 12, 2022, with one response from a WG member. In order to move forward, comments are needed, either for or against, and the Chair indicated that the draft will be shared again by email after the meeting for further input.

12. Progress was also made on the guidelines. In addition to the cooperation with other WGs engaged in similar activities, Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan) offered to volunteer to draft technical guidelines and concepts to be shared at the October WG meeting and was welcomed. He will prepare a draft during August, which the chair would share with the members and then discuss at the October meeting.

13. Furthermore, it was pointed out that it is necessary to reexamine the difference between the drought dealt with by the predecessor WG and the water scarcity dealt with by this WG in terms of guidelines.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 6: Exchange of Information, Knowledge & Networking

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 6.1: Website of the WG

14. The WG-MWSCD (http://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/110) has been updated with the membership list, agenda, minutes, paper presentations, publications, etc. The WG members were requested to provide interesting article (s), papers, presentations, and documents related to the mandate of the WG for uploading on the ICID website for broader dissemination.

15. The WG Chair, Mr. Franklin E. Dimick, also encouraged the WG members to share their activities by uploading articles and other materials on the website.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item 6.2: Webinar/ Web-based Seminar

16. The Chair responded to a request by the ICID Central Office to share details of the WG's webinar and updated the meeting on the progress of the webinar organization.

WG-MWSCD Minutes Item7: Any other business

17. It was proposed that WG member Dr. Mikiko Sugiura (Japan) replace Mr. Cho as secretary, which was accepted by the members.

18 President Ragab Ragab (UK) mentioned that the WG could contribute to the water week event related to COP27 (climate change) in Cairo.

19. The WG member Mr. Amali Abraham Amali (Nigeria) stressed that opportunities and platforms for the participation of young professionals should also be actively created.

