MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE
PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION (PCSO)
06 November 2023, 14.00-17.30 hours
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State, India

Mandate: The Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO) shall be concerned with increasing the number of member countries and assisting the National Committees to become more active in their own countries to achieve the goals set for them from time to time by the Council. The Committee will also coordinate the activities of Vice Presidents (Resolution IEC-3/66)

Members Present: (1) Vice President Hon. Dr. Mochammad Amron, Chair (Indonesia, 2019); (2) Vice President Dr. Jin-Yong Choi (South Korea, 2020); (3) Vice President Dato’ Ir. Nor Hisham bin Mohd Ghazali (Malaysia, 2020); (4) Vice President Prof. Dr. Tsughihiro Watanabe (Japan, 2021); (5) Vice President Er. Ali Reza Salamat (Iran, 2021); (6) Vice President Mr. Bruno Grawitz (France, 2022); (7) Vice President Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India, 2022); and (8) Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Chairpersons of all Regional Working Groups and Working Groups/Committees.

Observers Present: (i) President Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab (UK); (ii) PH Mr. Peter S. Lee (UK); (iii) Ms. Céline PAPIN, AFEID (France); (iv) SGH Eng. M. Gopalakrishnan (India); (v) Mr. Bhubinder Singh (India); (vi) Mr. Saurabh (India); (vii) Mr. Rishi Srivastav (India); (viii) Mr. S.S. Bakshi (India); (ix) Mr. Alok Paul Kalra (India); (x) Eng. Peter Sule (Nigeria); (xi) Mr. Isly Issac (India); (xii) Mr. Ashwini Kumar Shukla (India); (xiii) Mr. B. Sranan Kumar (India); (xiv) VPH Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy); (xv) Mr. Toru Okuda (Japan); (xvi) Mr. R. Ravi Kiran (India); (xvii) Mr. G.V. Indrasena Reddy (India); (xviii) Mr. S. Jyuthi Babu (India); (xix) Dr. Vadim Sokolov (Uzbekistan); (xx) Mr. CH. Apparao (India); (xxi) Mr. Kim Kwah Ho (South Korea); (xxii) Mr. Andishu Emmanuel (Nigeria); (xxiii) Mr. Alok Sikka (India); (xxiv) Mr. Kenji Washino (Japan); (xxv) Prof. Fuqiang Tian (China); (xxvi) Prof. Dr. Moono Shin (South Korea); (xxvii) Eng. Ibe Uzoechi (Nigeria); (xxviii) Dr. Sanidhya Nika Purnomo (Indonesia); (xxix) Dr. Wahyu Widiyanto (Indonesia); (xxx) Mr. Pawan Kumar Reddy (India).

PCSO Minutes Item 1. ATR on the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of PCSO

1. The Committee noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) and approved the same.

PCSO Minutes Item 2. Membership of PCSO and its Workbodies

2. Based on the recommendations of the various workbodies associated with it, PCSO reviewed the membership and recommended for acceptance by the Council. Consequent upon the acceptance by the Council, an updated consolidated membership of all workbodies, including those of PCSO and its workbodies, is given in Annex 3 (Page 31) of 74th IEC minutes.

3. The Committee expressed its gratitude and appreciation to VPH Dr. Hesham Mostafa Mohamed Ali (Egypt) and VPH H.E. Dr. Shavkat Rakhimovich Khamraev (Uzbekistan) for the contributions made during their term of office as the member of PCSO.

PCSO Minutes Item 3. Membership of ICID

PCSO Minutes Item 3.1: Status of ICID Memberships and Reactivation of Associate Members

4. The Committee appreciated the intensive membership drive that is being undertaken by the Central Office under the guidance of President Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab and with the support of VPs, by approaching associate member countries as well as non-member countries to become active members of ICID through the concerned ministries and diplomatic consulates and embassies located in New Delhi and technocrat community approach.

5. The Committee was told that the letters for reactivation of membership of Associate Members as well as new members have been sent regularly to the Ministry of Water Resources/ Agriculture as well as Embassies/ High Commissions located in Delhi.

6. The Committee noted that ICID Central Office contacted Togolese Republic, Lao PDR, Mauritania, Mozambique, Ethiopia for the activation of their country however, the response is still awaited. The Committee was pleased to note that Moroccan National Committee (ANAFIDE) has paid the first-year annual membership subscription for the activation of the Moroccan National Committee in the month of February 2023. The Committee was informed that the formation of National Committees in respect of Niger and Lao PDR is awaited. Similarly,
Zimbabwe Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (ZwCID) has reactivated their membership and paid the annual membership subscription in February 2023.

7. The Committee urged to the Associate Members to re-initiate the activities within the countries and at the same time renew their membership by paying the subscription fees due. Vice Presidents of the concerned regions have also been requested to use their good offices for reactivation of such NCs. With the active support of Central Office, the Vice Presidents have been in correspondence with countries in their region in order to reactivate or motivate the deemed inactive NCs to again become active members of ICID.

8. The Committee was informed that Ghana and Senegal were reminded to reactivate their membership in ICID; however, the response is awaited. An online application was received from Dr Mehdi Jourablou on 6 March 2023 towards membership of Azerbaijan. ICID Central Office requested Dr. Mehdi to submit a signed and stamped application duly filled with all the required fields.

9. The Committee was further informed that as a follow-up of reactivation of ‘Associate Member’s (Inactive National Committees) in Europe, the ICID Central Office contacted the countries of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic & Switzerland and requested them to reactivate/ renew their membership by becoming member of ICID once again. In order to bring more European countries into ICID fold, ICID Central Office in April 2023 (as reminder) has approached the countries of Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Denmark, Iceland, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino and requested their Ministry of Water Resources / Agriculture to join the membership of ICID.

10. The Committee was apprised of the scenario with regard to the membership of The Netherlands NC (NETHCID), a founding member of ICID. Mrs. Charlotte de Fraiture, Chairperson of the Netherlands National Committee of ICID (NETHCID) has communicated that NETHCID would not continue the membership due to financial constraints. Being the President Honorary, Prof. Dr. Bart Schultz has assured that he will get in touch with the concerned authorities in the Ministries for reactivating NCs in the ICID fold.

11. The Committee was pleased to note that Engr. Tomasz Janczak (Poland) has informed of their interest for the reactivation of membership of Poland NC in the ICID fold.

12. The Committee also appreciated the efforts of ICID Central Office to strengthen the membership in the Americas, in respect of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Republic Dominican, Republic of Ecuador, Guyana, Republic of Honduras, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and requesting their Ministry of Water Resources/ Agriculture to join the membership of ICID.

13. In November 2022, ICID Central Office has communicated with Dr. Everardo Chartuni Mantovani (Brazil), President of Brazilian National Committee of ICID (ABID) regarding INOVAGRI International meetings in September 2023 at Fortaleza – Ceará, Brazil together with the XXXII Brazilian Congress on Irrigation and Drainage (CONIRDICID CO has requested ABID to reactivate their membership in the ICID fold. In response, Engr. Catariny Aleman (Brazil), vide e-mail of 23 January 2023 informed that the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government of Brazil (ABID) will take a decision on the possibility of resuming participation in ICID activities.

14. The Committee was apprised that ICID Central Office had contacted new countries of Anguilla, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Haiti, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, Martinique, Monserrat, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia & Suriname and requested their Ministry of Water Resources/ Agriculture/ Embassies in India to join the membership of ICID.

15. The Committee after deliberations recommended that assistance of International Institutions for creating membership may be leveraged. The Committee also emphasised the role of the Young Professional to encourage country to become a member.

PCS0 Minutes Item 3.2: Vice Presidents’ reports: Strengthening regional cooperation and activities of National Committees

16. The Committee noted with satisfaction the role of Vice Presidents in strengthening the regional cooperation among NCs and coordinating the activities of NCs allocated to them. ICID Central Office has been supporting the regional cooperation amongst the NCs by organizing the training programs, workshops, research activities, webinars, seminars, etc. in irrigation and drainage.

17. The Committee was informed that the NCs are always encouraged to hold web conference with ICID Central Office or the Vice President in-charge on any issue that they may want to discuss or seek clarification and the Central Office is always facilitating such web meetings. Since last year, new countries approached under the
membership drive have been made part of individual VP allocations, in addition to the members for further pursuance by the VPs-in-Charge at the regional level.

18. The Committee commended the efforts by ICID Central Office towards supporting the organisation of the 5th African Young Professional’s Forum (AYWPF) in hybrid mode from 17-18 October 2022 under the platform of Cairo Water Week (CWW) 2022. The theme of the Forum was ‘Smart irrigation water management to mitigate climate change impacts. Eng. Mohammed Wahba (Egypt), Vice President Hon., ICID and Chairman of AFRWG & WG-CDTE coordinated the sessions. The two-day closed event physically brought together 20 Young Professionals from 12 African countries. About 135 young professionals (YPs) from 36 countries participated online. The Forum was supported by the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt (MWRI), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Arab Center for the Study of Arid and Drylands (ACSAD) of the League of Arab States, Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-MED)/ GWP Africa Coordination Unit, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

19. The Committee appreciated the efforts made in organisation of the one-day Young-Professional Training Program (YP-TP) during the 25th International Congress on 05 November 2023 in Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh, India jointly by Central Water Commission (CWC), India- European Union (EU) Water Partnership (IEWP) Action, Phase 2, and International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). During the 25th Congress, Young Professionals (YPs) also actively participated and contributed to the IEWP-CWC Side Event and participated in other sessions from 02-04 November 2023. The focus was on the maximum participation of female YPs.

20. The Committee noted the assistance provided by the Vice President Prof. Dr. Tsugihiro WATANABE towards the reactivation of Mexican NC and requesting the cooperation of the Mexican officials to resume contact with the Mexican National Committee, which has been inactive and out of touch.

21. The Committee also noted that the information exchange between ICID and two international organizations on paddy irrigation, mainly in Asia. In this connection, the Committee appreciated the efforts carried out by VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiro WATANABE as part of the activities of the ASRWG. It is recognized that the researchers and engineers participating in both organizations are also active in ICID and will contribute to the collaboration between the participating countries and ICID. The secretariats of the two organizations are the Japanese Society of Agricultural and Rural Engineering and the Overseas Land Improvement Technology Office of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (ICID Japan National Committee Secretariat), respectively.

22. The Committee urged Vice Presidents of the concerned regions to use their good offices for reactivation of NCs, which have become Associate Members and also enroll the non-member countries as members of ICID. The Central Office may provide the VPs with the required support in reaching out to the countries in their regions in order to reactivate or motivate the deemed inactive NCs to become active members of ICID. Vice Presidents have been requested to provide a brief report on their efforts in this direction and results achieved thereon prior to the annual meeting of the Committee next year.

**PCSO Minutes Item 3.3: Recommendations of the Direct Membership Administering (DMA) – Sub Committee**

23. The Committee noted and supported the proposal for granting Direct Membership to new applicants as given below, as per the recommendations of the DMA Sub-Committee.

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36. | Mr. Mohamed Monir | Egypt | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues
37. | Mr. Lenin Nyakinya | Kenya | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues
38. | Mr. Harry Surwianto Sutomo | Indonesia | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues
39. | Eng. Obinnna Oruobi | Nigeria | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues
40. | Eng. Mohamed Hamed | Egypt | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues
41. | Mr. Sunil Kumar | India | Individual, In-principle approval subject to payment of membership dues

**PCSO Minutes Item 4. Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Review of the Action Plan**

24. The Committee noted the activities identified by RWGs and WGs reporting to PCSO in the Action Plan at its last meeting in Adelaide, Australia, as appended to the ‘Road Map to ICID Vision 2030’ ([http://www.icid.org/icid_vision2030.pdf](http://www.icid.org/icid_vision2030.pdf)), which are committed to be achieved over a period of five years.

25. The Committee was informed that the capacity development is one of the activities that has been progressing well under the Action Plan. The Committee was informed that a series of webinars and trainings and online courses have been organized as part of this activity. The YP Training Programs were well organized and the webinars were also attended in large numbers.

26. The Committee reviewed the updates on the identified activities in Action Plan by RWGs and workbodies and found that the existing mechanism to monitor the Action Plan is adequate. The Committee recommended that the (i) Capacity Development is an important input to the road map and should be encouraged in a collaborative manner; (ii) Achievement of the countries in terms of SDG achievements may be assessed and data collected from secondary sources and (iii) Efforts under regional level governmental associations like ASEAN may be leveraged to promote the related activities.

**PCSO Minutes Item 5. Knowledge Management Strategy (KMS)**

27. The Committee was informed that in order to manage the knowledge processes within the ICID network the Knowledge Management Division (KMD) at the Central Office of ICID was set up in 2017 based on the recommendations emerging from consultations of the ICID Working Groups on Knowledge theme, and also from various ICID partners. The Knowledge Management (KM) has been mandated to review the existing KM processes in water management organizations throughout the world and to suggest future strategies to be adopted by ICID members, partners, and other stakeholders keeping in view the resources available under the existing institutional framework. Besides, the KMD is engaged in developing a distribution network for the knowledge base and ICID publications on agricultural water management. It is also entrusted with the task of developing an interactive Knowledge Portal for improved information flow within, and outside the ICID network.

28. A compendium on historical irrigation structures recognized under WHIS Scheme till 2022 titled “World Heritage Irrigation Structures” and “Historical Water Sustainability” reflecting the universal strategies of ensuring sustainability of various historical water schemes in different countries by WG-HIST has been launched during 25th Congress. The books are available freely as an e-book on ICID website. The Committee noted with appreciation that more publications are being brought out by the WG/ICID.

29. The Committee supported the efforts of KMD to collate all papers presented at the Congresses, WIFs, Regional Conferences and other ICID events in a searchable mode on a platform, so that the professionals can look at the topics of interest in a historical manner and become familiar with the current status of these topics too.

30. After deliberations, the Committee observed that KMS is the need of the hour and proposals of building a knowledge base by Central Office need to be encouraged. The Committee urged the National Committees and
Working Groups to utilize the available web services and other services of ICID for enhancing and disseminating their outputs. The Committee recommended that the (i) Augmentation and redesign of ICID web site is a step towards making ICID knowledge more accessible; (ii) Increasing visits to the website indicate better knowledge dissemination results; (iii) Publication and release of two books on Historical Water Sustainability and compendium of World Heritage Irrigation Structures is appreciated; (iv) Regular webinars and online technical meetings for knowledge dissemination be promoted. NCs are requested to support such events; and (v) On line training and exposure courses may be prepared and released

**PCSO Minutes Item 6. Collaboration and Cooperation between ICID and other International Organizations**

31. The Committee appreciated the increasing cooperation with International Organizations and collaborative activities undertaken during the year 2022-23, which resulted in the participation and contributions during global events organized by partner organizations such as 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference in Dakhla, Morocco held on 24 - 25, January 2023. The conference witnessed a large group of eminent international and national experts from 16 countries and local farmers, in the field of the latest development in micro irrigation technology. The ICID was represented by President Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab, Office-Bearers and the National Committees were represented by the other ICID fraternity members, resulted in greater collaboration with various global partners of ICID such as International Association for Agricultural Sustainability (IAAS), etc.

32. The Committee noted that ICID has standing MoUs with AARDO, ADB, AWG, CSIRO, DWF, FAO, GWP, ICARDA, ICBA, ICOLD, ICRISAT, IFAD, IGS, IWM, IWRA, UN-Water, WMO, World Bank, IAAS and WWC on a number of issues which are mutually beneficial. Following the decision of the 71st IEC (virtual) meeting vide its Resolution IEC1/71 that MoUs may be signed with the international partner organizations based on mutual concurrence on the scope of work, participation in ICID activities etc., ICID Central Office has been exploring signing of MoUs with the partner organizations such as the World Bank, DWF, GWP, IFAD, ICRISAT, WWC, etc., who are actively involved in the organization of WIFs and Congresses.

33. The Committee was informed that ICID Central Office had fruitful discussions with Dr. Mohamed Abd salam EL Vilaly, Programme Officer, G20 Global Initiative Coordination Office, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on August 4, 2023, for collaboration and to promote knowledge sharing programs and projects that foster cooperation including the possibility of co-financing projects related to capacity development training programme, organising workshops/webinars, study tours, networking and exchange of knowledge & information related to sustainable agricultural water management, and sharing & dissemination of latest state-of-the-art technologies among members etc.

34. After deliberations, the Committee appreciated the increasing cooperation with International Organizations and collaborative activities undertaken during the year 2022-23 and the list of organizations and collaborations have been reported in the Annual Report. The Committee noted (i) Collaboration with UNCCD is being worked out and (ii) Establishment of INSPIRE network by the World Bank has been incubated by ICID.

**PCSO Minutes Item 7. Review of reports of Regional Working Groups (RWGs)**

**PCSO Minutes Item 7.1: African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

35. VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair of AFRWG, presented the report of the AFRWG. The Chair informed the Council that the ANAFIDE supported one-year membership subscription for Niger National Committee for reactivating their membership and encouraged other partners to support the African Countries to be the active members in ICID family.

36. The Committee was informed that NCs requested to support and participate in the 6th African Regional Conference in Nigeria and also informed about the establishment of South Africa Node. The Chair Dr. Wahba gave a short summary report about the 6th African Young Professional Forum and Cairo Water Week 2023 held on 29 October- 2 November 2023 at Egypt and the 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference held on 25-27 January 2023, Morocco

**PCSO Minutes Item 7.2: American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)**

37. In the absence of Interim Chair Dr. Warren Helgason (Canada) of American Regional Working Group (AMRWG), President Prof. Dr. Ragab chaired the meeting of the AMRWG and went through the background and necessity for reactivating the American Regional Working Group (AMRWG) which became inactive in 2012. As stated, the mandate of the working group is broad basing ICID National Committees in Latin American countries, organizing national and international discussions on relevant scientific and technical issues, and acting as a catalyst for promoting better contact with other relevant international organizations in the region.
38. The Committee was informed that ICID Central Office vigorously pursue the membership drive and continuing efforts are being made for bringing Latin American countries back into active membership of ICID and active collaboration from USCID and CANCID are sought for the purpose.

**PCSO Minutes Item 7.3:  Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)**

39. VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiro Watanabe, Chair of ASRWG presented the report of the meeting of the ASRWG. The discussions on the Technical Report and Workshops have been initiated. The proposal/format for the Technical Report has been once shared and discussed. The structure of the Country/Committee Case Studies (CCS) has also been discussed. The areas of collaboration with IACID for ARC9 have been discussed. The organization of the internal/international workshops has been initiated.

40. The Committee was informed that the Technical Reports on ‘Irrigation and Drainage for Food Security in Asia’ is under preparation. The collaboration for the 9th Asia Regional Conference continued throughout the year. The conference theme would be ‘Irrigation’s role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban green spaces in an increasingly unpredictable climate’. The Committee was informed that the 14th International Drainage Workshop (IDW) on “Modernization of irrigation and drainage systems for adaptation to climate change and sustainable development” will be held from 30 May to 01 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan. It was reported that the International Conference of PAWEES 2023 was held from 23 to 25 October 2023 in Busan, Korea, and the 18th Steering Meeting of INWEPF was held in Cairo, Egypt in August of 2023. Active efforts to establish linkages with other trans-national organizations for cooperations are continuing.

**PCSO Minutes Item 7.4:  European Regional Working Group (ERWG)**

41. VPH Dr. Marco Arcieri, Chair of ERWG presented the report of the meeting of the RWG. The Chair informed that in order to further deepen fruitful relationships with Caucasus regions, he has participated as an invited speaker to an International Conference organized by Georgia National Committee on “Debris flow control”. The Committee was informed that revival/ reactivation of Hungary, Netherlands and Germany are continuing. UK National Committee needs to find means for survival due to retirement of members. The Committee was informed that AFEID organized a workshop on ‘Salon International de Agriculture’ in 2023 at Paris, France. VP Bruno Grawitz informed that the Seminar on the ‘Mediterranean region and Europe, with an emphasis on wastewater reuse in a global context of drought’ will be held in November 2024 at Montpellier, France.

42. Chair Dr. Marco Arcieri briefed about the possibility to establish a cooperation with CIHEAM at Paris, in order to develop activities of capacity building and training for YPs. Furthermore, Dr Marco informed that a possible MoU between IDA (International Desalination Association, based in Rome) and ICID might be soon prepared for the sharing of information regarding new technologies on sea water desalination, a major topic to be further investigated in the future and strategic for ICID. Chair Dr. Marco informed the Committee about the proposed workshop on groundwater management and seawater intrusion to aquifers that will be organised in virtual mode as a European Regional Workshop event.

**PCSO Minutes Item 8.  Review of reports of Working Groups/Committees**

**PCSO Minutes Item 8.1:  Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR)**

43. VP Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India), Chair presented the report of the C-CONGR and the report on the forthcoming events was presented.

44. After deliberations, the Committee recommended that the (i) financial arrangements for the 9th Asian Regional Conference, 4th World Irrigation Forum and 26th Congress, as approved by the PF, are recommended for ratification by IEC; and (ii) since the work of the committee overlaps with that of SC-E-Themes, the two committees may be merged and a single Committee on Events (C-EVENTS) may be set up.

**PCSO Minutes Item 8.2:  ICID Young Professional’s e-Forum (IYPeF)**

45. No meeting of the IYPeF could take place.
PCSO Minutes Item 9. Organizational issues related to IEC, Congresses, Forums and Conferences

PCSO Minutes Item 8.1: Report of the Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics, and Work Plans of future ICID Events (SC-E-THMES)

46. VPH DR Wahba, in the absence of PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi, Chair of the Sub-Committee, presented the report on the forthcoming events. The major recommendation of the Sub-Committee was financial arrangements for the 9th Asian Regional Conference, 4th World Irrigation Forum and 26th Congress, approved by the PFC, for ratification by IEC. The Sub-Committee recommended that the work of the C-CONGR overlaps that of SC-E-Themes so the two committees may be merged and a single Committee on Events (C-EVENTS) may be set up.

PCSO Minutes Item 10. ICID Members’ Profile Section

47. The Committee urged members to update the profile section of ICID website for better coordination for technical activities, with the suggestion that adequate security of personal data submitted is ensured for maintaining privacy of the members. The Committee felt that building database of expertise available in ICID fold will go a long way towards improving the impact of organization across the Agricultural water management field.

PCSO Minutes Item 11. Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS)

48. The Committee requested the member to provide inputs to the register and enrich the database. Irrigation projects having 5000 Hectares and above of Gross Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Members were also requested to encourage all irrigation project owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in member countries for contributing to the register. This facility is also extended to non-member countries if the information is received from an authorized agency.

PCSO Minutes Item 12. Restructuring of the Working Groups

49. The Committee was informed that during the 73rd International Executive Council (IEC) meeting in Adelaide, it was decided to look into the possibility of integrating WGs of similar/ close mandate. President ICID and Chair PCTA in consultation with the Chairs of Working groups made commendable efforts to find possible pathways for restructuring. 9 working Groups are concluding their mandate at 74th IEC. Strategy themes have been restructured as Irrigation and Drainage, Natural Resources, Climate change and impacts and sustainable development.

50. The Committee was also informed that the remaining working groups are proposed to be restructured into 11 new working groups under four themes: (1) Irrigation and Drainage (Long-term activities) - WG-IWM&D, WG-NWREP & LDRG; 2. Natural Resources (Medium-term activities) RWH, WG-SCER, WFE-N & IDSST; 3. Climate Change & water scarcity (Medium to long-term activities) - CLIMATE; 4. Sustainable Development (Long-term activities) WG-I&O MVE, HIST & CDTE.

PCSO Minutes Item 13. Any other business

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