

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL 2ND MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON RAIN WATER HARVESTING (WG-RWH)**

18 November 2020, 14:30 hours (IST)

Strategy Theme: Scheme
Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2018

Completion of the Mandate: 2024

Mandate: (a) Promote rainwater harvesting as a natural, local, and efficient source of water in accordance with the key principles of Rainwater Harvesting; (b) Conduct research and provide advice from a range of disciplines: rainwater harvesting, irrigation and agricultural practices including water management, land use planning, policy environments, and stormwater management; (c) Provide Rainwater Harvesting Codes of Practice suitable for urban and agricultural water use.

Members Present: (1) Mr. Geoff Harvey, Chair (Australia); (2) Mr Michael Smit (Australia); (3) Dr A.K. Randev, Chairman – WG-SON-FARM (India); (4) Dr Ratan Chand Jain (India); (5) Prof. (Ms.) Elena Bresci (Italy); (6) Ms. Mary Jean Gabriel, Chair, WG-IDM represented by Ernest Malatsi (South Africa); (7) VPH Dr. R. Ragab, Chairman, WG-WATER & CROP (United Kingdom); (8) Dr. Puspa Raj Khanal (FAO); (9) Dr. Alok Sikka (IWMI); (10) Secretary General represented by Mr. Harish Kumar Varma, Executive Director, ICID (India).

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WG-RWH Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by the Chair

1. Chair welcomed all the members and presented a brief report on the action taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held at Bali Indonesia at September 2019. An Action Plan was prepared and approved (as shown in Annex). Mr. Michael Smit (Australia) presented a paper on Rainwater Harvesting in Australia during the meeting. No further actions could be taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Chair welcomed VPH Dr R Ragab Chairman of WG on Water and Crop (United Kingdom) who had agreed to work with the group. The Chair thanked members for actively engaging with the WebEx platform for virtual meeting so as to ensure regular contribution from the WG members as well as to discuss and initiate follow-up actions emerging from the minutes of the previous WG meeting and review the progress of the action points. Several members of the working group offered to share documents with the rest of the working group.

3. Chair invited two provisional members to introduce themselves. Dr Ratan Chand Jain (India) and Prof. Elena Bresci (Italy) introduced themselves and after discussion, Chair accepted them as Members of the WG. Dr Alok Sikka (IWMI) introduced himself and accepted as Member. Since Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Direct Member from MWRRRA (India) was not available due to some other engagement so the group accepted him as Provisional Member. Membership status is given in **Annex 3 (Page 43)**.

WG-RWH Minutes Item 2: Work plan of the WG and Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – activities on Rain Water Harvesting

4. The group reviewed the Action Plan on the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 on the activities of rain water harvesting and updated it (refer **Annex**). Chair requested the working group members to review the Action Plan and suggested that proposed action items for 2020 be taken forward to 2021 and 2022. Chair briefed the members that the activities associated with the International Conference would now be carried out in 2022 in Adelaide (instead of 2020 in Sydney due to postponement of 24th Congress to 2022 because of COVID-19 pandemic). Chair requested Mr. Michael Smit to circulate a report of the conference activities.

5. After discussion, the Working Group proposed a new Activity 1.1 to prepare a paper for the next International Conference considering higher crop productivity and rainwater harvesting to be coordinated by Mr. Michael Smit (Australia). Discussion on this activity included rainwater harvesting from new technologies, such as greenhouses and solar panels, the importance of different scales, potential negative impacts of rainwater harvesting on local waterways and the importance of water accounting. Chair invited Mr. Michael Smit to circulate a proforma document inviting members of the group to explain how they can contribute to the activities of the Action plan.

WG-RWH Minutes Item 3: Work jointly with the Working Group on Water and Crop on the practice of harvested rainwater utilization

6. Chair informed the group that the group is working jointly with the Working Group on Water and Crop (WG-WATER & CROP) on the practice of harvested rainwater utilization.

WG-RWH Minutes Item 4: Preparation of workshop and field trip during ICID Congress in Adelaide

7. The group discussed the organization of workshop and field trip during Australia event. After discussion, the group suggested to finalize the organization of workshop once the exact dates by the IACID Committee about the postponement of the ICID Congress in Australia from 2021 to 2022 is finalised.

WG-RWH Minutes Item 5: Any other business

8. The working group discussed the date of the next meeting of the WG and agreed to organize online meeting in March 2021 in consultation with ICID Central Office. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all members for their participation.



Annex [Item 2]

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023
Goal 1: Enable higher crop productivity with less water and energy	WG Activity 1.1						
Goal 2: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices	WG Activity 2.1		Inaugural meeting work plan	Position standard	Innovation celebration		
Goal 3: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology	3.1 Organize international workshop, seminar or symposium	First workshop	Work plan	Collect codes and legislation	Videos on best practices		
Goal 4: Enable cross disciplinary and inter-sectoral engagement	WG Activity 4.1		Work plan	Work with WG-WATER & CROPS	Training modules		
Goal 5: Encourage research and support development of tools to extend innovation into field practices	WG Activity 5.1						
Goal 6: Facilitate capacity development	WG Activity 6.1						

