

**MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON RAIN WATER HARVESTING (WG-RWH)**
05 November 2023, 14:00-15:30 hours (Session I) and 16:00-17:30 hours (Session II)
Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh State, India

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) Vice President Hon. Dr. Ding Kunlun (China); (2) Dr. Alok Sikka (IWMI); (3) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical) representing ICID Secretary General Ashwin Pandya (India).

New nominee: Dr. Yuan-Chien Lin (Chinese Taipei Committee)

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

1. In the absence of Chair Dr. Geoff Harvey, Vice President Hon. Dr. Ding Kunlun (China) conducted the meeting as Chair.
2. The group reviewed and accepted the nomination of Dr. Yuan-Chien Lin (Chinese Taipei Committee) as a Member as he was present at the meeting while Dr. Shu-Yuan Pan (Chinese Taipei Committee); Mr. Ahmet Gökberk Kurmuş (Turkey) and Mr. Hasan Burak Yalçın (Turkey) as Provisional Members due to their non-attendance. Membership status is given in **Annex 3, page 31**.

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

3. Due to few members present during the last two years and Chair Geoff Harvey resigned from the group, it was proposed that the WG be combined with other work bodies.

WG-RWH Minutes Item 3: Any other business

4. **Restructuring of the Working Group:** The Chair informed the group that during the 73rd International Executive Council (IEC) meeting in Adelaide, it was decided by the IEC to look into the possibility of integrating WGs of similar/ close mandates. With consultation of PCTA, PCSO, the Secretary General of ICID, and the ICID Central office, a tentative new structure was developed. Among the existing 18 groups, nine of them will complete their mandate in November 2023. The remaining working groups proposed to be structured into 11 new working groups under four themes: (1) Irrigation and Drainage; (2) Natural Resources; (3) Climate Change and impacts; and (4) Sustainable Development. The chair informed the members that the proposed restructuring and new structure of the WGs will be deliberated during PCTA and IEC meetings of the 74th IEC meetings. Under these four themes, the WG-RWH has been included in theme 2 (Natural Resources) and merged with WG-MWSCD. A report on the restructuring of the working groups is given in **IEC Annex 4, page 44**.

