

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO THE  
10TH WORLD WATER FORUM (TF-WWF10)**

8 February 2024, 13:30-15:00 hours (IST)

**Members present:** (1) PH Dr. Saeed Nairizi, Chair (Iran); (2) VP Alireza Salamat, Vice Chair (Iran); (3) Dr. Ray Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee); (4) Dr. Ruey Chy Kao (Chinese Taipei Committee); (5) Dr. Eman Ragab Mohamed Nofal (Egypt); (6) Dr. Narges Zohrabi (Iran); (7) VP Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (8) VP Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli (South Africa); (9) President Hon. Dr. Ragab Ragab (United Kingdom); (10) VPH Ian Makin (United Kingdom); (11) Dr. Maher Salman (FAO); (12) Dr. Alok Sikka (IWMI); (13) Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID (India); (14) Er. Balasaheb Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office (India)

**Office Bearers:** (i) President Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy); (ii) VP Fuqiang Tian (China); (iii) VP Bruno Grawitz (France); (iv) VP Vadim Sokolov (Uzbekistan); (v) VPH Engr. Rafat Nael (Iraq).

**Observers:** (i) Mr. Gao Lihui (China); (ii) Ms. Li Ruoxi (China); (iii) Mr. Rishi Srivastava (India); (iv) Mr. Tetsuharu Mori (Japan)

**MINUTES:**

1. ICID has asked for running 3 sessions on A) Smart Water Management, B) Water, Food, and Energy Nexus, and C) Promotion of Women's Role in Water Management under Sub-themes 1) Water Security and Prosperity, 3) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and 4) Governance Cooperation and Hydro-diplomacy but so far no positive response has been received from WWF10 headquarters in spite of several follow-ups.
2. PH. Nairizi highlighted the importance of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum as an international event which ICID could take benefit to present its strong position in the water sector to the world. TF should present our capabilities on sessions: Smart Water Management as well as Water, Food, and Energy Nexus which ICID has initially requested WWF10 Secretariat. TF could also contribute to other sessions. TF should also plan to present ICID within the exhibition by demonstrating its activities and achievements. ICID may also present its vision and roadmap with a designed poster.
3. VP Salamat mentioned that so far 3 presentations have been received from VP Mpandeli (South Africa). Also received the Korea Rural Community willingness to contribute to the session on Smart Water Management as well as the Iranian National Committee's positive feedback on contributing 3 papers on Water, Food and Energy Nexus as well as Smart Water Management. He has also received an email from an FAO representative (Mr. Salman Maher) willing to present a contribution on Smart Water Management. VP Bruno Grawitz will also be presenting a contribution on Smart Water Management. In addition, coordination has been made with the Japanese National Committee to allocate a small space to ICID within the Japanese pavilion for demonstrating its activities.
4. PH. Ragab stated that his Working Group will present 2 contributions on the Nexus in connection with its impacts on Ecosystems and the Impact of Nexus in connection with Climate Change in a kind of workshop. He will also invite other WG members to contribute to the Nexus session.
5. VP Mpandeli stated that one of the contributions to be made by SANCID would be on "Accelerating progress towards sustainable development through Water, Food, Energy Nexus". The second paper would be on "Enhancing Resiliency of Water in the Agriculture Sector by considering Climate Change in Southern Africa". The third paper would be on "Empowerment of women's role in irrigation".
6. Mr. Maher from FAO mentioned that their contribution would be in the session on Smart Water Management. He also explained about the thematic and political process which has been finalized and ICID's role in the thematic process which has not yet been confirmed according to his knowledge.
7. President Marco Arcieri mentioned that he is prepared to present a contribution on water governance.

8. Mr. Alok Sikka from IWMI will also contribute to both Smart Water Management and Nexus sessions.
9. VP Watanabe will be attending the Forum as a board member of Japan Water Forum which is a topic coordinator for Water Governance. VP Alireza Salamat may coordinate with them to allocate one short time slot for ICID contribution. The International Network on Water Ecosystems in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) will also be participating in the Forum by holding a booth and running a session, therefore ICID could ask them for further information.
10. Mr. Mori from Japan briefed the participants on the space allocated to INWEPF Japan during the exhibition and the possibility for ICID to take part. He mentioned that he is quite prepared to introduce ICID in the Japanese pavilion.
11. VP Bruno Grawitz from AFEID will hopefully be attending the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum by contributing to the Smart Water Management session. He will also be presenting the Marseille Congress planned to be held in 2026.
12. VPH Ian Makin stated that he will not be in Bali but he could present a short summary of what his Working group has carried out on water governance and Nexus. He will further investigate this issue.
13. Mr. Gao Lihui on behalf of the Chinese National Committee will attend this meeting by presenting contributions in both sessions. The Indonesian National Committee is planning to set up a water museum 100 Square meters at the Exhibition in Bali and he mentioned that ICID could occupy some space in their booth/museum.
14. VP Vadim Sokolov (Uzbekistan) has shown his interest to submit contributions on Smart Water Management and Nexus Approach in the form of case studies.
15. VP Fuqiang Tian from China will also contribute on the Nexus Approach and Transboundary Water issues.

*(Note: Mr. Salamat will send his WhatsApp No. to all for a smooth contact in between)*

