

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL 2ND MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO 9TH WORLD WATER FORUM (TF-WWF9)**

03 November 2020, 17:30 hours (IST)

Strategy Theme: Knowledge

Presented by the Chair

Year of Establishment: 2018

Completion of the Mandate: 2021
(to be decided upon the date of the WWF9)

Mandate: (a) Monitoring and providing inputs to 9th WWF by liaising with the National Committees and Work bodies; (b) Liaising with the National Committees for preparatory work of the 9th WWF; (c) Liaising with 9th WWF Program Committee and other International Bodies, including FAO, IWMI, APPC, WB, etc.; and (e) Promoting ICID's visibility in World Water Council.

Members Present: (1) President Hon. Dr. Saeed Nairizi, Chair (Iran); (2) Mr. Alireza Salamat, Vice Chair (Iran); (3) Vice President Hon. Laurie C. Tollefson (Canada); (4) Vice President Hon. Dr. Ding Kunlun (China); (5) Dr. (Ms.) Eman Ragab Nofal – Young Professional (Egypt); (6) Mr. Anuj Kanwal, (India); (7) Vice President Hon. Dr. Shinsuke Ota (Japan); (8) Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (9) Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan); (10) Mr. Shamsiddin Qurbonov (Uzbekistan); (11) Secretary General represented by Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID (India).

Observers: (1) Vice President Hon. Francois Brelle (France); (2) Mr. Hassan Farahani (Iran); (3) Ms. Sahar Norouzi (Iran).

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TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by the Chair

1. Chair welcomed all the participants to the online meeting of the Task Force on WWF9. Chair wished a good health situation for all during the period of COVID 19 pandemic, which was affected the entire world including the scientific society.
2. Vice Chair briefed the TF about the works carried out as ICID's contribution towards the 9th World Water Forum, Dakar 2021 (postponed to 21-26 March 2022) under the theme "Water Security for Peace and Development". He briefed the efforts taken since the meeting held in Bali in September 2019 including the coordination made with the World Water Council headquarters, key resource persons, etc. Mr. Salamat informed the members that the Forum will include 4 priorities and 23 action groups each accommodating several sessions summing up to more than a hundred sessions. In order to promote ICID's role in the WWF9, ICID has managed to define 7 topics, three of which will be directly presented under three main sessions of Action Group 2.D entitled as "Ensure sustainable agriculture practices including water productivity and efficiency, reduction of diffuse pollution, and decreased food losses".
3. The Task Force reviewed the nomination of Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu in place of Mr. Mitsuo Ishijima (Japan) for the membership of the TF. During the virtual meeting, Dr. Shimizu provided a brief introduction and the TF accepted him as member of the task force. Membership status is given in **Annex 3 (page 43)**
4. Chair informed that ICID will coordinate with other sessions under different Action Groups of the 4 main priorities for promoting ICID's role in the entire event. The Chair will convince the Sessions Coordinators to accommodate relevant material to be presented by ICID as part of their tasks. It was agreed that ICID will coordinate and organize online meetings with the concerned bodies of WWF9.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 2: Mandate of the TF

5. The amendments to the TF mandate were proposed and discussed during the meeting and they were all approved as follows:
6. ICID was requested to liaise and monitor all National Committees and Work Bodies to effectively contribute to promote ICID's role in WWF9 by presenting valuable material as position papers/successful case studies related to Action Group 2.D to be further described in the following sections of the minutes.
7. In addition, ICID was requested to liaise with international organizations including FAO, IWMI, GWP, IWA, WB, IsDB, APPC, etc. to co-host the sessions as panelists under action group 2 of priority 2 "Rural Development" in close cooperation with ICID with the aim of enriching the material to be presented to the Forum. Chair agreed to attend online meetings with the aforementioned entities arranged by ICID.

8. All TF members were encouraged to promote ICID's visibility in the World Water Forum by inviting their National Committees to get involved. As informed, necessary coordination has been made with the authorities running Action group 2.D for allocating three main sessions for ICID to run. Further coordination and detailed information exchange will be made by the Chair upon being liaised by ICID via Online meetings.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 3: Liaison with the National Committee for preparatory work of 9th WWF

9. Chair requested ICID Central Office to set up joint online meetings between TF chairs and NCs, during which NCs would be invited to contribute to the WWF9 sessions. Chair will explain the framework, structure and WWF9 priorities, action groups and sessions to the NCs representatives to receive their attention and interest to further collaborate and take effective roles. All members showed their willingness to attend this online meeting with prior notice.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 4: Liaison with the ICID Work Bodies for Preparatory work of 9th WWF

10. Similar to item no. 3, ICID was requested to arrange an online meeting with the Chairs of the work bodies so that complementary coordination could be made to receive their interest to contribute and submit presentations in the Sessions where ICID would be responsible during WWF9.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 5: Identify areas for ICID contributions to the Forum

11. The task force noted that during Bali meeting, 6 topics were defined for presenting ICID's inputs during the Action Group 2.D and updated the topics as follows:

- (a) Switching from Rural Development towards Rural Transformation, Mr. Dominique Rollin as coordinator (France)
- (b) Gender Mainstreaming Issues in Irrigation and Drainage, Ms. Narges Zohrabi as coordinator (Iran)
- (c) Water, Food and Energy Nexus, Mr. Jeonyoung Ryu as coordinator (Korea, Republic of)
- (d) Smart Water Management Practiced, Mr. Jeonyoung Ryu as coordinator (Korea, Republic of)
- (e) Climate Change Impacts on Water Systems Particularly in Arid and Semi-arid Regions, Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe as coordinator (Japan)
- (f) ICID-YPF Capacity Development Activities, Ms. Eman Ragab Nofal as coordinator (Egypt)
- (g) Farmers Collective Participation in Ground Water Resources Operation and Management, Dr. Dehghanisani (Iran) under action group 2.D.

12. Item nos. a, d and g will be directly presented via 3 sessions under Action Group 2.D entitled under the main topics and other items will be accommodated indirectly in the aforementioned sessions.

13. Necessary Action Submission Templates as well as concept notes were filled out and sent to the concerned WWF9 partners. A working group set up by the Iranian National Committee (IRNCID) under the supervision of the Chair and Vice Chair have undertaken the above-mentioned measures.

14. As mentioned by the Vice Chair, Mr. Watanabe, Ms. Zohrabi, Mr. Ryu and Dr. Dehghanisani have prepared the initial materials for items e, b, d, and (a and g) respectively and already presented to the WWF9 authorities by the Chair officially.

15. In concern with Gender Mainstreaming, the Vice Chair called for contribution on "Enhancing the Status of Women in Irrigation Systems Management from Unskilled Workers to High Level Managers" by presenting position papers/successful case studies, etc.

16. The Chair sincerely thanked all members for their active contribution towards promoting ICID's role in one of the most important water events i.e., World Water Forum.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 6: Any other business

17. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all members for their active participation and contribution.

