

**AGENDA FOR THE 74TH MEETING OF
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (IEC) OF ICID
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State, India
Opening Plenary (First Session): 04 November 2023, 09:30 – 11:00 hours
Second Session: 08 November 2023, 09:30 – 13:00 hours
Third Session: 08 November 2023, 14:00 – 17:30 hours**

The International Executive Council (IEC) is vested with the management of the affairs of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). The IEC considers all matters of policy which may be initiated or sponsored by any member National Committee or Office Bearer or by the Management Board and may itself initiate and determine or otherwise advise and lay down any matter of policy. All matters affecting the executive or administrative function and financial liabilities of ICID must come up before the Council and its decision shall be conclusive. The IEC consists of the Office Bearers and representative from each National Committee and meets annually.

Opening Plenary (First Session): 04 November 2023, 09:30 – 11:00 hours

IEC Agenda Item 1: Welcome and opening remarks by the President

1. President Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab will welcome the members and make his opening remarks. President will put the role of ICID within the international water community in perspective, highlight the main achievements of the Commission during the last year since 73rd IEC meeting, brief members on the issues that are before IEC for deliberations, and delve on the need for a coherent approach towards the mission of ICID among its various stakeholders.

IEC Agenda Item 2: Scoping out the issues to be addressed during the workbody meetings: Secretary General, Chair of PCTA and Chair of PCSO

2. Secretary General will introduce the agenda and draw the attention of the members to certain issues such as the Action Plan of Road Map to ICID Vision 2030, International Research Program on Irrigation and Drainage, Knowledge Management Strategy and other issues that need the special consideration during the session. He will also give a brief about the procedural aspects regarding the conduct of IEC and Meetings of workbodies, including permanent committees.

3. VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chairman, PCTA and VPH Dr. Mochammad Amron, Chairman, PCSO will make short presentations on the important aspects that need attention of various Working Groups and how to make the meetings of workbodies reporting to their respective permanent committees, more vibrant and productive.

IEC Agenda Item 3: Presentation by the National Committees

4. The representatives of National Committees of India and Saudi Arabia have been approached to make presentations to showcase the activities of INCID and SACID, respectively and share some important aspects regarding the agriculture water management scenario in their countries. The NCs look forward to feedback and suggestions from the members on conclusion of their presentations.

IEC Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Awards: WatSave, Best Paper, Best Performing National Committee, Best Performing Workbody, World Heritage Irrigation Structures

IEC Agenda Item 4.1: Presentation of the WatSave Awards

5. The President, in consultation with the Management Board, constituted a Panel of Judges (PoJs) comprising of PH Felix B. Reinders (South Africa) as the Chair and VPH Dr. Brian T. Wahlin (USA), VPH Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy), VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba (Egypt), VPH Dr. Shinsuke Ota (Japan) and VP Rafat Nael Abdul Ghani Al-Intaki, Chair, WG-WATS (Iraq) as the members for evaluation of the nominations received for WatSave Awards 2023. The Chair of the Panel will present his report to the Council introducing the works for which the awards have been recommended.

6. President will hand over the plaques and the representative of the host National Committee will present the prize monies to the winners.

IEC Agenda Item 4.2: Presentation of the Award for the Best Paper in the ICID Journal “Irrigation and Drainage”

7. Out of the papers published in the ICID Journal “Irrigation and Drainage” during the year 2022, the best paper to be recognized by the Best Paper Award for 2023, will be announced by Chair of EB-JOUR, Prof. Jiusheng Li.

IEC Agenda Item 4.3: Presentation of the Best Performing National Committee Award – 7th Edition (BPNCA-7)

8. A Panel of Judges comprising of PH Felix B. Reinders (South Africa) as Chair and VP Prof. Choi, Jin-Yong (South Korea), VP Dato, Ir. Hj. Nor Hisham bin Mohd Ghazali (Malaysia), VP Eng. Rafat Nael AbdulGhani Al-Intaki (Iraq) as members, besides President and Secretary General, ICID acting as resource persons, has been constituted for evaluating the nominations received for BPNCA-7. The Chair will introduce the Best Performing NC based on the work undertaken during the last three years and the President will present the trophy and citation plaque to the winner.

IEC Agenda Item 4.4: Presentation of the Best Performing Workbody Award – 6th Edition (BPWA-6)

9. Since, ICID CO has not received any nomination for the BPWA-6 award, there will not be any presentation.

IEC Agenda Item 4.5: Recognition of World Heritage Irrigation Structures (WHIS)

10. In accordance with the provisions in the revised WHIS Scheme approved vide Resolution No.IEC-2/69 of the 69th IEC meeting, the Management Board constituted a Panel of Judges comprising VPH Dr. Mochammad Amron, Chairman, PCSO (Indonesia) as the Chair and VPH Dr. Karmran Emami, Chair, WG-HIST (Iran), Prof. Dr. Yutaka Matsuno (Japan), VPH Prof. Dr. Hesham Mostafa Mohamed Ali (Egypt), VPH Chaiwat Prechawit (Thailand) as members and Secretary General, ICID as Member-Secretary for the evaluation of the nominations invited under WHIS Scheme for the year 2023. The Chair of the Panel of Judges VPH Dr. Mochammad Amron, PCSO Chairman, will present the report to the Council about the identified historical irrigation and drainage structures that will be accorded recognition as “World Heritage Irrigation Structures” and later included in the ICID Register of WHIS on Council’s approval. The representatives of the NCs whose WHIS have been recognized and recommended to be included in the ICID Register of WHIS will be handed over a “Plaque/Certificate” to this effect.

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IEC Agenda Item 5: Action Taken Report on the decisions of 73rd IEC and the decisions taken by the Management Board (MB)

11. Actions on all the decisions by the 73rd IEC meeting were initiated/completed during the year. A brief report on the action taken on the decisions of the 73rd IEC, other than the routine and administrative in nature, is presented in **Annex 1, page 11**. The Secretary General will also present before the Council, the decisions taken by the Management Board on behalf of IEC in accordance with Article 8.1 of the ICID Constitution and Clause 3.9.2 of ICID By-laws, which are listed in **Annex 2, page 13**, for ratification by the Council.

IEC Agenda Item 6: Report by the Secretary General

12. Secretary General Er. Ashwin Pandya will briefly present the Annual Report 2022-23, already circulated, and also present the physical and financial progress on activities undertaken during the period from April 2023 till date to the Council, including report on cooperation and collaboration with various international organizations.

IEC Agenda Item 7: Presentation on Strategy Theme “Scheme”

13. Co-Theme Leaders of Strategy Theme: Schemes, Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Mr. Aziz Fetahi and Mr. Bruno Grawitz will make a presentation on Strategy Theme “Schemes” to analyze the work undertaken by the group of work bodies under the strategy theme and identify gaps, if any, in fulfilling the objectives of ICID relating to that theme as well as exploring/using interconnections with other themes. The presentation also aims to help in undertaking a creative analysis of functioning of ICID workbodies, their success in achieving mandates and invigorating them within the framework of ICID mission and objectives.

IEC Agenda Item 8: International Research Program for Irrigation and Drainage (IRPID) Scheme

14. VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chair, Advisory Committee for International Research Program for Irrigation and Drainage (AC-IRPID) will present the report of the Advisory Committee to the Council for its consideration and guidance to make the IRPID Scheme a globally balanced one in fostering research in irrigation and drainage.

IEC Agenda Item 8.1: IRPID-IRN to be considered as a formal Workbody

15. Ahwaz Regional Node has been hosted by the Iranian National Committee (IRNCID) since 2011 under the rechristened program, titled 'International Research Program for Irrigation and Drainage (IRPID)'. Since then, IRPID-IRN are carrying multiple activities at regional level.

16. For the continuity and sustainability of the research activities within this platform on the ICID stage, IRPID-IRN requested to consider Ahwaz Regional Node and its activities as a formal workbody, similar to other regional Workbodies. The details are given as **Annex 3, page 17**.

IEC Agenda Item 9: Reports by the Chairs of Permanent Committees

IEC Agenda Item 9.1: Permanent Finance Committee (PFC)

17. VPH Dr. Marco Arcieri, Chairman, PFC will present his report on the 44th meeting of the PFC (to be held on 05 November). The agenda of PFC is given at **Appendix I, page 31**.

IEC Agenda Item 9.2: Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO)

18. VPH Dr. Mochammad Amron, Chairman, PCSO will present his report on the 34th meeting of PCSO (to be held on 06 November). The agenda of PCSO is given at **Appendix II, page 53**.

IEC Agenda Item 9.3: Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA)

19. VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chairman, PCTA will present his report on the 43rd meeting of PCTA (to be held on 07 November). The agenda of PCTA is given at **Appendix VIII, page 105**

IEC Agenda Item 9.4: Discussions and Decisions on the Recommendations of the Permanent Committees

20. The Council will deliberate on the reports and recommendations of PFC, PCSO and PCTA together in totality and will take decisions through resolutions as appropriate duly taking note of the report of the Secretary General under Agenda Item 6. Draft Resolutions (DRs) on the Financial Matters of ICID presented through PFC Report and on the Organizational and Technical Matters of ICID presented through the Reports of PCSO and PCTA, are placed as **DR-1/74** and **DR-2/74** (**pages 15 and 16**).

IEC Agenda Item 10: Overall Long-Term Financial and Technical Sustainability of ICID

IEC Agenda Item 10.1: Bringing better spread of ICID community with increased membership

21. Over the period of time, the membership has been fluctuating with some steady erosion noticed recently. The subscription income is relatively steady provided the country persists with the membership. Due to various issues faced by the individual country, the membership dues are not cleared in time and consequently, the anticipated income is not realised. To strengthen the subscription income, the member countries have to set internal mechanisms for funding their national committees on a reliable basis, so that the committees are able to provide subscription on a sustained basis. This translates into the durability of membership issue, which is dealt with later in the pathways for achieving sustainability.

22. The subscription income does not keep pace with the inflationary trends on salaries and other expenses necessary for the organization. The present sphere of activities requires resources, which are much beyond the subscription revenues. The concessions provided further stress this source. Recently, the effects of COVID pandemic generated the necessity to postpone the increases due to inflation and also waiving off of the delays in the payments. While there was a genuine calamity for the organization as well as the members, the burden of servicing the calamity rested with the organization alone.

23. Since, the subscription is related to the development status of the country, the participation of the developed countries provides better resource base which can then be used for the common good. However, of late, there has been a trend of developed countries falling back on their membership. The developmental and challenging opportunities does exist in the developing and Least Developed countries. However, a first-hand feel of the issues at hand is missed by the developed country professionals by remaining away from the organization. Irrigation and drainage professionals of the developed countries need to introspect on this aspect.

IEC Agenda Item 10.2: Achievement of Financial Stability through Redevelopment of ICID buildings Arrangements and Progress

24. The rental income has emerged as a bulwark against the fluctuating and often declining subscription income. The support given by the members during putting up of the additional construction which was an advance investment for the future of ICID has performed well so far and have yielded the fruits of sustainability. Concerns over growing proportion of the rental income over the overall income has been raised by the learned members frequently. Some amelioration measures were also planned.

25. The fears did come true as the then tenant M/s Yes Bank faced some financial difficulties and the new management of the bank decided to quit the premises. This could have been a single shock which could have been weathered in stable market conditions. However, the almost simultaneous occurrence of pandemic lead to a crash in the rental market in India generated due to increasing business vulnerabilities, work from home paradigms and general weakening of economic activity. This has led to serious reduction in the financial stability for the organization.

26. There are multiple options available in form of further increasing the area for renting and having multiple clients so that the failure of one of the clients does not result in the drastic cuts in income as witnessed now. However, the same requires infusion of additional capital in construction. Taking loan will generate a significant burden of repayment and the beneficial effects may show the impact after about five years of sustained occupation of the new premises along with the presently existing one. Rental income does provide a quick fix solution but cannot help in increasing the technical relevance of the organization, which is the other aspect of sustainability.

27. At the beginning of the year 2023, ICID was able to identify a prospective tenant M/s Bharati Enterprises Limited, who instead of taking premises on rent proposed to redevelop and rebuild the property at ICID premises to take maximum advantage of the increased Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to create additional area as well as construction of structurally sound new building with all modern amenities. M/s Bharti Enterprises Limited (M/s Bharti), has also proposed to fund the redevelopment process and to recover the cost of redevelopment with subsidized rentals as well as ensuring the revenue stream over a long time and servicing of entire redevelopment expenditure. ICID will get some additional area after redevelopment and the ownership of the building will remain only with ICID. More details are given as **Annex 4, page 19**. The proposals were discussed in detail at a special expert committee set up including MB and PFC members as well as the past office bearers. Subsequently the proposals have also been brought up at a special IEC session organized on 27 March 2023, where the proposals were ratified. Present status will be provided by Secretary General during the IEC.

IEC Agenda Item 10.3: Intermittent Income from Flagship events

28. In order to organize and provide technical management of large international events which are flagship of ICID, the organization receives a share of the registration income received by the host national committee organizing the event. The quantum and the receipt of the income is generally post-facto and quantum cannot be assured in advance as the participation sizes are variable.

29. This part of the income suffered the worst impacts of pandemic and thereby depriving the income source for the last three years from 2020 to 2022. It is likely that the revenue stream will come back to general normalcy in 2024. This income also faces threat due to online meeting platforms and their cost effectiveness from participation point of view. However, due to limitations of networking opportunities and the strait jacketed environments for delivery of the knowledge, the physical meetings are staging a comeback. Building back such momentum will take time.

30. This income group forms the smallest component of the income when compared with the other three. There is a limited scope of increasing the revenues through this channel as the limitations of increasing participation fees are great. Also, the fee will have to be in tuned with the other expenditures being made by the concerned National Committee for the event, so that the organization of an event is viewed favourably. Thus, the balance has to be achieved between these two requirements. The income can best be employed for the promotion and support to other activities like Young Professional and capacity building efforts.

IEC Agenda Item 10.4: Achievement of Technical Sustainability through Value addition for the Participants

31. This is an important aspect of maintaining relevance of ICID and also act as incentives for the countries to become part of ICID network. At present, most of the activities and outputs are in public domain except the awards. There is no premium on joining the network as a member. This fact has been highlighted by many members and is a relevant concern. There has to be an added value by participation in the network. The value addition can come in many terms.

32. In case of developed countries, the knowhow, services and products that can be offered by them may find a platform in form of ICID for promotion in the target countries. With adequate financial and logistic support for such activities in any specified region, ICID can lend its goodwill and branding under which such an initiative can be planned. This will help the target country to have confidence in the outcomes and simultaneously go a long way in establishing the need of ICID for a relatively developed and outward looking country. In such case, the direct membership structure can be re-visited and better options for the industrial and institutional direct members may be provided wherein an exclusive platform is provided and also the preliminary ground work for such initiative is supported through the network. Perhaps, large corporations and agencies (voluntary or commercial) can also be given a role in the management as office bearer posts through election.

33. In case of developing countries at various levels, ICID can offer taking up self-sponsored or supported studies and investigations in the area of agriculture water management for identifying their needs and articulating them for support. This will help them in justifying their needs for larger developmental efforts internally as well externally. ICID has a huge knowledge base in form of our outputs since last 70 years and counting. This knowledge base can provide an authenticity and weight to the outputs of the study/investigations. Since ICID report will carry a weight, the professionals may find it useful for maintaining association with ICID. Naturally, this will require funding though to a limited extent. Such funding can be generated out of additional incomes through rental or professional services-based sources or international donor agencies contributions. At the initial stage, the surpluses as and when generated out of the rental income can be ploughed into the initial efforts and later on the activity can become neutral and self-supporting.

34. Such an initiative was conceptualized under the Service Unit proposal which was approved by 70th IEC in 2019 at Bali. However, the pandemic related lockdowns have prevented operationalization of the initiative. Also, still some seed funds are generated out of income sources, the initiative cannot be supported with a minimal human resource on a full or part time basis. Pending restoration of the funding stream, individual existing members can consider providing some services in this regard to the effort. The local donor agencies can support their requirements. The groundwork of establishing the study can be led under ICID and the National Committee banner. We have such prior experience in terms of CPSP and similar other initiatives such as organizing /supporting study tours, capacity development programmes etc.

IEC Agenda Item 10.5: Sustainability at National Level

35. Historically, ICID was designed as a grouping of nations in the area of water management and irrigation. The structure was well supported at the national level by the relevant governments. In case of many a developed country, the agricultural water management increasingly got out of government involvement and more into individual private agencies. With this, the governmental support in terms of subscriptions support has dried up and the National Committees have to generate its own resources in order to maintain its internal activities as well as support the membership subscriptions. Such a scenario requires continuous efforts of maintaining the national membership base for generating resources. The national committee has to have adequate liaison with the governmental sources so that at least the subscription to the parent body is supported by the government or any one of its specialized agencies.

36. In respect of developing and least developed countries, role of the government remains pivotal in agricultural water management. The National Committee is required to have ex-officio membership structure housed in a specific department of the government so that the subscription and continuation of the membership is assured. In such countries enough resources and interest may be lacking at the private and individual level. There is a steady erosion in the membership base from this group as the national committees are based on individuals' leadership with no adequate line of succession for maintaining relationship with the governmental structures. An internal critical review of the position existing in the country and sustainability of the National Committee as a part of ICID network should be carried out and measures adopted.

37. With the good offices of a number of advanced countries, there are continued efforts to bring in new member countries out of their own regions of interest. The support generally translates to sponsorship of the membership fees for initial period, say one year and after which the new country is required to continue on its own resources. With a few recent experiences, it is seen that the sustainability of such support is not adequate. With one year subscription, the national committee maintains association in the network for 3 years and thereafter, the country quietly withdraws from the network. It is necessary to support the concerned national committee in finding its feet

especially in the area of subscription support from the government. Some handholding and networking on part of the donor agency can help in such a case. The effort should be to retain the membership over a long term basis. Many times, the related departments of governments undergo transformation and re-allocation of responsibilities. In such cases, the National Committee can flag up this issue and internally take up efforts to maintain its character under one of the successor departments/ agencies. If the member countries having familiarity with the changes and their implications can help, timely support can be extended for continuation of such members. In such cases, an international study on present governance structures and enumeration of agencies entrusted with the water management can be of a help. This can also add to the knowledge base of ICID.

38. Sustainability of ICID at national level depends upon the status of water management in the country and also the development status of the country. A country specific view is necessary for ensuring the sustainability. This has the advantage of stronger network and better income from subscriptions.

IEC Agenda Item 10.6: Professional Footprint for Sustainability

39. Providing professional services to the community is an important part of ensuring the image and relevance of ICID in potential professional groups for keeping the activities alive. Water management advice and solutions have a long lasting and fundamental impact on the society and present a soft influence. Such influencing is long lasting as the sound solutions also have a long life and recall potential.

40. Attempts to provide professional services to the members through a Service Unit were steps in this direction. During the early phase of the activity, we had good results in capacity building field. On line capacity building programmes on dam safety and micro irrigation received very good response. This has indicated one of the potential fields for service offerings. Once the pandemic related effects wear off, this can be restarted with the help of national committees who can identify such tasks. Establishment of such an activity will require seed capital to support the minimal expert manpower and also ancillary funds for sales promotion.

41. ICID needs to work towards achieving recognition and association with the world bodies especially the United Nations and also with the leading political and social agencies in the world of philanthropy and harmony. Irrigation being the largest consumer of water and a source of livelihood to a large part of world's population, it is necessary that the organisation has the seat at the global policy table. Our members need to work towards this goal. Having powerful persons as patrons will enable ICID to generate bigger avenues of work and also the sustainability.

42. ICID needs to enlarge its foot print across the entire water management field. In fact, in the early days of its life, the organization had such an approach. At present, our focus is limited to agricultural water management which concentrates on the last mile aspect of irrigation water delivery on-farm. However, water management systems involve components like dams, canal networks, hydrological, structural and hydraulic analysis and modelling for yield prediction and service delivery, asset management and upkeep technologies for the hardware components, flood disasters, advanced analytical techniques like AI and machine learning, application of other associated technologies like drone applications and automation of water delivery systems and so on. By including such areas in the work programmes, it will be possible for the National Committees to expand the areas of activities and thereby increase the importance of the Committee. Eventually, it will provide us with a better and sounder membership base. The individual national committee needs to have an internal review to select such additional relevant topics where they will be able to generate inputs for expanded footprint. Collaboration with other technical bodies can be sought within and outside the country.

43. Professional footprint has the potential of expanding the sphere of influence as well as establish a potential source of income for the future. This part needs to be firmed up further.

IEC Agenda Item 10.7: Reorganisation of Working Groups with Introduction of Revamped Themes and New Subjects

44. At 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 mandate. The ICID President in consultation with PCTA Chair, PCSO Chair, Working Group Chairs, 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 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. The new structure was approved by the 18 WG chairs and the 11 remaining WG chairs after November 2023 adapted their mandates, WG names and created tasks to accommodate the amalgamated outgoing WGs. More details of the new structure of the WGs are given as **Annex 5, page 23**.

Third Session: : 08 November, 2023, 14:00 – 17:30 hours

IEC Agenda Item 11: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Activities under ICID Action Plan – A Review

45. The 'Road Map to ICID Vision 2030' (http://www.icid.org/icid_vision2030.pdf), which was launched during the plenary session of the 68th IEC meeting at Mexico City, Mexico in 2017, included the new vision, mission, organizational goals and strategies to put 'Vision into Action', besides the Action Plan 2017-21 enlisting the activities identified by RWGs and WGs committed to be achieved over a period of five years. As decided at the 69th IEC meeting at Saskatoon, Canada; the existing monitoring mechanism to monitor the Action Plan is to continue and the report on the progress of activities under Action Plan will be presented by the Strategy Theme Leaders and WG Chairs to respective Permanent Committees.

46. The Action Plan appended to the Vision Document is designed to be living and dynamic and rolling in nature and the Council to monitor the Acton Plan annually and review the same triennially, as envisaged in 'Road Map to ICID Vision 2030'. Accordingly, the Council may monitor the progress achieved in the activities identified under the Action Plan based on the reports of the WG Chairs and Strategy Theme leaders presented at PCSO and PCTA and provide its guidance and inputs in optimizing the activities to put 'Vision to Action' within the time frame.

IEC Agenda Item 12: Status of Future ICID Conferences / Congresses / Forums

47. As required under By-law 5, the IEC has approved the venue of the following seven events:

1. 1st Middle East Regional Conference, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 26-28 February 2024

The 1st Middle East Regional Conference will be held at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 26-28 February 2024 on the theme of "Irrigation Development and Sustainability". The Saudi Irrigation Organization has also created a website <http://sacid2024.sio.gov.sa/> for the event giving details of submission of abstract and other logistics arrangements.

2. 14th International Drainage Workshop, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 30-31 May 2024

The 14th International Drainage Workshop will be held in Dushanbe from 30 May 1 June 2024 instead of the earlier approved date of 23-25 May 2024. The theme of the IDW will be "*Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems for adaptation to climate change and sustainable development*". This date is also subject to change depending upon the request of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

3. 75th IEC Meeting & 9th Asian Regional Conference, Sydney, Australia, 1-7 September 2024

The representative of IACID will make a presentation before the Council and update the status.

4. 6th African Regional Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, 14-18 April 2025

The representative of NINCID will make a presentation before the Council and update the status.

5. 76th IEC Meeting & 4th World Irrigation Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-13 September 2025

The representative of MANCID will make a presentation before the Council and update the status.

6. 77th IEC & 26th ICID Congress, Marseille, France, 12-18 October 2026

The representative of AFEID will make a presentation before the Council and update the status.

7. 78th IEC & 5th World Irrigation Forum, Beijing, China, 2027

The representative of CNCID will make a presentation before the Council and update the status.

48. ICID Central Office has invited nominations for hosting the following future events from all the National Committees vide e-mail dated 22 April 2023 and 14 June 2023.

- (a) 1st American Regional Conference (Nov / Dec 2024 onwards)
- (b) 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference (Jan 2025 onwards)
- (c) 27th European Regional Conference (Jan 2026 onwards)
- (d) 79th IEC + Regional Conferences (2028 onwards)

- (e) 80th IEC & 27th Congress (2029 onwards)
- (f) 81st IEC and WIF6 (2030 onwards)

49. In response to the call for nominations for hosting future events, the expression of interest of the following National Committee has been received to host the events, as indicated below:

50. Iraqi National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRQCID) has shown interest to host the 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference in the first week of April 2025 at Baghdad, Iraq, on the side lines of the Baghdad International Water Conference. They have sent to ICID filled-in Form-A. ICID has indicated to them that there are already two events in 2025, i.e. (i) 6th African Regional Conference (April 2025) and 76th IEC & 4th WIF at Kuala Lumpur (September 2025), which may be taken into account while finalizing the date for 11th International Micro Irrigation.

IEC Agenda Item 13: Election of the Office-Bearers 2023-2026

51. The 3-year term (2020-2023) of President Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab and three Vice Presidents listed below will conclude at the end of 74th IEC and 25th ICID Congress at Vizag and its appurtenant study tours, as per the provisions of Articles 7.2.3 and 7.24 of the ICID Constitution.

- (a) Prof. Choi, Jin-Yong (South Korea),
- (b) Dato. Ir. Hj. Nor Hisham bin Mohd. Ghazali (Malaysia)
- (c) Eng. Rafat Nael Abdul Ghani Al-Intaki (Iraq)

52. In response to the Central Office circular inviting nominations for the positions of President and three Vice Presidents for the term 2023-2026, the following nominations were received in the Central Office by the due date of receipt i.e. 7 July 2023, in compliance with ICID By-laws 2.3.1

Sl. No.	Name of the nominee	Country	Position Applied for	Date of receipt in the Central Office	Validity (including Clause 13.1 of the By-law)
1	Dr. Ir. Mochammad Amron	Indonesia	President	22 June 2023	Valid
2	Dr. Marco Arcieri	Italy	President	4 July 2023	Valid

53. As there is only one vacant position and two nominations, election will be held for the position of President.

Sl. No.	Name of the nominee	Country	Position Applied for	Date of receipt in the Central Office	Validity (including Clause 13.1 of the By-law)
1	Dr. Vadim Sokolov	Uzbekistan	Vice President	17 April 2023	Valid
2	Dr. Watchara Suiadee	Thailand	Vice President	6 July 2023	Valid
3	Dr. Tian Fuqiang	China	Vice President	7 July 2023	Valid

54. Since, there are only three candidates for three vacant positions of Vice Presidents, the voting will take place only to decide the seniority of the three candidates as per By-law 2.8.

IEC Agenda Item 14: Presentation of ICID Plaques to Retiring Office Bearers and Chairs of Workbodies

IEC Agenda Item 14.1: Retiring Office-Bearers

55. Citation plaques will be presented to the retiring President and three Vice Presidents for their services and guidance to the ICID activities during their tenure 2020-2023

Sl. No.	Name	Country	Position
1	Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab	United Kingdom	President
2	Prof. Choi, Jin-Yong	South Korea	Vice President
3	Dato. Ir. Hj. Nor Hisham bin Mohd. Ghazali	Malaysia	Vice President
4	Eng. Rafat Nael Abdul Ghani Al-Intaki	Iraq	Vice President

IEC Agenda Item 14.2: Retiring Chairs of Workbodies

56. The following retiring Chairpersons of workbodies will be honoured with the presentation of citation plaques for their commendable guidance to the activities of the concerned workbodies:

- (a) VPH Dr. Engr. A. Hafied A. Gany (Indonesia), Chairman, Working Group on Institutional and Organizational Aspects of Irrigation / Drainage System Management (WG-IOA) [2015-2023]
- (b) Ms Mary Jean M. Gabriel (South Africa), Chair, Working Group on Irrigation Development and Management (WG-IDM) [2015-2023]
- (c) VPH Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy), Chairman, Permanent Finance Committee (PFC) [2020-2023]

IEC Agenda Item 15: Any other business by the permission of the Chair

IEC Agenda Item 15.1: Revised WatSave Award Scheme – For Information of IEC

57. The WatSave Awards are given every year to individual(s) for an innovation that contributes to water conservation/water saving for increasing the beneficial and/or efficient use of water to develop and improve the sustainable use of the critical resource. The WatSave awards are presented each year in four different categories namely, technology, management, young professionals, and farmers, respectively.

58. As per the originally drafted WatSave Scheme, the primary emphasis of the Award is on the achievement itself. However, over the last few years it has been observed that in some categories only one nomination is received under a specific category and, such single-entry nominations in a particular category end up winning by default without any competition.

59. Thus, keeping this in mind, certain changes to the existing WatSave Scheme have been approved by Management Board to ensure larger participation and a fair competition among candidates. **One of the major changes which approved is requirement of a minimum of three nominations in any particular category**, for evaluation purpose. In case of lesser entries, the nomination may be considered for the following year, with updated information from the nominees. PoJs may also consider not to award any candidate nominations despite receiving multiple entries in a specific category, if they do not deem innovative compliant with the ICID Evaluation Criterion or the content of the nomination(s) not up to the mark.

60. MB has approved the revised Scheme of WatSave Awards to ensure larger participation and a fair & healthy competition among candidates. A revised Scheme for WatSave is enclosed for the information of the National Committees as **Annex 6, page 27**.



Annex 1 [IEC Item 5, Para 11]

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS ON THE
MINUTES OF THE 73RD IEC MEETING
6 & 10 October 2022, Adelaide, Australia**

SI. No.	Item/ Recommendation	Decision of 73 rd IEC	Action Taken
1.	Resolution No IEC-1/73 (Sr.No.11)	Approved exemption of Honorary Presidents from Registration fees of ICID events	Action taken and a code was sent to Presidents Honoraire for Vizag Meeting.
2.	Resolution No.IEC-2/73 (Sr. No.1)	Recommended to approve the membership changes of various work bodies of PCSO & ICID website	Action taken by notifying the same.
3.	Resolution No.IEC-2/73 (Sr. No. 6)	Recommended to intimate the approval to AFEID and request for Form-A and LoA	Action Taken and email sent on 11 November, 2022 and AFEID is requested for Form-A and LoA.
4.	Resolution No.IEC-2/73 (Sr. No. 2)	Recommended to constitute the TF-WWF10 in consultation with President Ragab	Requested VP Alireza Salamat to share the Concept note for inviting International Organizations for TF-WWF10 however, the response is awaited.
5.	Resolution No.IEC-2/73 (Sr. No. 3)	Recommended to communicate to the members the formal closure of the TF.	Action taken by notification sent to all members of TF-WWF9
6.	Resolution No.IEC-2/73 (Sr. No. 5)	Recommended to constitute an expert group under Task Team on Trans Boundary AWM on Aral Sea to support efforts of Uzbekistan to transform Aral Sea region into a zone of ecological innovations and technologies	The issue is being discussed under TT-TWM and Dr. Vadim Sokolov shared a list of organizations and experts who preliminary committed to support (TF-ASB) and can contribute to this committee. Email sent to all the prospective members. As on 06/09/2023 Mr. Bahrom Gaforzoda, Secretariat of TajNCID; Saidrasul Sanginov, Deputy Chairman, Ecomovement of Uzbekistan; Dr. Dinara Ziganshina, Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia gave their consent.
7.	Resolution No. IEC-2/73 (Sr. No. 4)	Recommended to notify the establishment of Task Force to review the mandates and outcomes of the WGs. The TF may recommend the new structure and mandates of WGs in line with the demands of the sector and in consultation with WG members and Chairs. The President on behalf of the TF may prepare a strategic plan which may be reviewed at the next IEC meeting	President, ICID in consultation with PCTA Chair has taken up the task of restructuring of WGs. The detailed report is enclosed. Accordingly, the Setting of the Task Force has been made of All the 18 WG Chairs, PCTA Chair and PCSO Chair. Communication among the parties continued from November 2022 to September 2023. The collective outcome is presented in Annex 5



Annex 2 [IEC Agenda Item 5, Para 11]

**IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF IEC
BETWEEN
72ND IEC MEETING (MARRAKECH, NOVEMBER 2021)
AND
73RD IEC MEETING (ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA)
(And the Actions Taken Thereon)**

Decision	Request
(a) Special IEC approved the proposal of Redevelopment of ICID Building for Financial Sustainability received from M/s. Bharati Airtel Ltd. and the opportunities, which may augment ICID finances by the optimum utilization of the real estate resources available at its disposal.	IEC may review the progress
(a) Special IEC suggested to draft and sign a MOU/agreement on redevelopment of ICID Building with M/s. Bharati Airtel Ltd, keeping in view the future interest of ICID as well as to safeguard for any unforeseen circumstances during the implementation phase by taking proper insurance etc.	
(b) MB approved the revised WatSave Awards scheme to ensure larger participation and a fair & healthy competition among candidates. One of the major changes which was approved by MB is in any particular category, a minimum of three nominations may be considered for evaluation purpose.	Endorsement by IEC is solicited



DR-1/74 [IEC Item 9.4, Para 20]**INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (IEC)
DRAFT RESOLUTION IEC-1/74: FINANCIAL MATTERS OF ICID****THE Council**

Accepting the Report of the Chair of the Permanent Finance Committee;

Noting further the report of the Statutory Auditors M/s Tarun Kandhari & Co. LL.P. and

Considering the recommendation of the Management Board;

Decides Unanimously

1. To approve the nominations of Dr. David Cameron, (succeeding Mr. Bryan Ward, Australia), Mr. Muhammad Imran Kulat, (Turkey), Mr. Yahaya Dalha Kazaure, (Nigeria) Ir. Birendrajana, M.T. (Observer, Indonesia) and Mr. Husnain Ahmad, (Pakistan) to the membership of PFC.
2. That the individuals listed below, accorded the provisional membership by the Direct Membership Administering Sub-Committee be admitted as members of ICID for the periods for which they have paid subscription.
 - (i) Dr. Prijju CP (India, Individual, 2024, 1 year)
 - (ii) Dr. Srinivasa Varma Kothapalli (India, Individual, 1 year)
 - (iii) Eng. Rajesh More (India, Individual, Life Membership)
 - (iv) Prof. Mohammad Alwabel (Saudi Arabia, Individual, 2024-2026, 3 years)
 - (v) Dr. Kumar V. (India, Individual, Retiree, Life Membership)
3. That the National Committees of Ireland, Malawi, Sudan and, Ukraine be declared as “Associate Members” from 1 January 2024 as they have failed to contribute ICID subscription for last three years in accordance with By-law 13.2.
4. To approve the Audited Accounts of ICID for the Financial Year 2022-23 as given in **Annex 1** (of PFC Agenda), **page 47**.
5. To approve the Revised Budget of ICID for the Financial Year 2023-24 and the Budget for the financial year 2024-25 as given in **Annex 2** (of PFC Agenda), **page 52**.
6. To approve the Registration Fee Structure for the Middle East Regional Conference, to be held at Saudi Arab (SACID) in collaboration with Saudi Irrigation Organization (SIO) in March 2024.
7. To approve 11th International Micro Irrigation conference in the first week of April 2025, Iraq.

Appreciates

8. Japanese NC for contributing US\$ 5000 during the financial year 2022-23 as a special subscription for technical support to YP Activities.
9. Australian NC (IACID) for contributing the appropriate share to the ICID Budget, i.e. 35% that is AUD 77,096/- of the registration fee for the 24th Congress & 73rd IEC, in Adelaide, Australia, October 2022.
10. The Canadian NC (CANCID) for paying the advance membership subscription for the years 2024 and 2025.

Requests

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DR-2/74 [IEC Item 9.4, Para 20]

**INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (IEC)
DRAFT RESOLUTION IEC-2/74: ORGANISATIONAL AND TECHNICAL MATTERS OF ICID**

THE Council

Accepting the reports and recommendations of the Chairs of the Permanent Committees on Strategy & Organization and Technical Activities.

Considering the endorsement by the Management Board; and

Decides unanimously

1. To approve the membership changes of various work bodies of PCSO and PCTA (to be prepared as an outcome of PCTA and PCSO recommendations).
2. To approve the new / existing workbodies with revised mandate on the topics under thematic area of _____
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
3. To approve extension of term of the workbodies viz. _____,
4. To approve the structure of 11 new working groups under the following themes (IEC Agenda Item 10.7):
 - (a) Irrigation and Drainage Water Management (Long-term activities)- WG-IWM&D, WG-NWREP & LDRG;
 - (b) Natural Resources Management (Medium-term activities) RWH, WG-SCER, WFE-N & IDSST;
 - (c) Water Management under Climate Change & Water Scarcity (Medium to long-term activities) - CLIMATE;
 - (d) Sustainable Development and Management (Long-term activities) WG-I&O MVE, HIST & CDTE.
5. To approve the additional charges of USD\$180/ per person for the 75th IEC meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference, as a separate optional levy for the conference dinner due to cost escalation and other factors.

Appreciates

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Requests

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Annex 3 [IEC Item 5, Para 12]

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To: ICID <icid@icid.org>

Cc: bachivate@icid.org <bachivate@icid.org>; H. K. VARMA <varma@icid.org>; Narges Zohrabi <nargeszohrabi@gmail.com>; Behzad Navidi <behzad.navidi@gmail.com>; saeednairizi@yahoo.com <saeednairizi@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 08:56:27 PM GMT+5:30

Subject: Re: Nomination for ICID Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA) 2023: IRPID-IRN

Dear Mr. Varma,

I hope this email finds you well. I am grateful for your insightful explanations. I am eager to share certain matters with you and seek your guidance and assistance.

The topic I wish to discuss pertains to IRPID; an initiative that has been developed since 2010 to establish a research platform within the ICID framework. Consequently, it should not be expected that the nature of its activities is explicitly outlined in the charter. In a conversation I had with Dr. Nairizi on this matter, he indicated that IRPID represents a novel endeavor within the ICID framework. Initially, its purpose was to assess the feedback from various countries and subsequently stabilize it in a sustainable manner. It appears that the time has come for IRPID to be recognized as a permanent entity within ICID, akin to other established Workbodies such as those in Asia, Europe, America, and so forth.

For the continuity and sustainability of the research activities within this platform on the ICID stage, it is imperative that its activities be considered as a formal Workbody, similar to other regional Workbodies. Therefore, we kindly request that this matter be brought to the attention of ICID decision-making bodies and discussed during the 25th Congress and the 74th International Executive Council (IEC) Meeting of ICID this year.

Furthermore, we are also interested in the possibility of arranging an online meeting with you to delve deeper into this subject, should that be feasible.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your guidance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

Dr. Narges Zohrabi

Head of ICID International Research Program for Irrigation & Drainage
Iran Regional Node (IRPID-IRN)



Annex 4 [IEC Item 10.2, Para 27]**REDEVELOPMENT OF ICID BUILDING FOR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

1. ICID Central Office premises were vacated during the first half of June 2021 by the then tenant M/s. Yes Bank Ltd having prematurely served the notice as required under the lease agreement entered with them. ICID Central Office undertook an intensive campaign through advertisements in local newspapers, approaching embassies and foreign missions stationed in Delhi, engaging reputed real estate agencies for renting of the vacant premises. In view of the slow-down in economic activity owing to Covid-19 pandemic, which also affected considerably the rental market, the identification of another tenant proved to be an arduous task and ICID could not get any suitable tenant to take the vacant premises of ICID. As such, ICID premises have remained vacant for more than 20 months which has considerably impacted the ICID finances and reserve funds, as the rental income is the major contributor to ICID's annual budgets over the years (almost 64% of its income), with the revenues from other sources such as membership subscription, registration fees share from annual/triennial events of ICID, etc. became quite inadequate to meet the basic expenditures of the Commission such as staff salary, etc.

2. At the beginning of the year 2023, ICID was able to identify a prospective tenant M/s Bharati Enterprises Limited, who instead of taking premises on rent proposed to redevelop and rebuild the property at ICID premises to take maximum advantage of the increased Floor Area Ratio (FAR) so as to create additional area as well as construction of structurally sound new building with all modern amenities. M/s Bharti Enterprises Limited (M/s Bharti), has also proposed to fund the redevelopment process and to recover the cost of redevelopment with subsidized rentals as well as ensuring the revenue stream over a long time and also servicing of entire redevelopment expenditure. ICID will get some additional area after redevelopment and the ownership of the building will remain with only with ICID.

3. Combined (Virtual) Meetings of Management Board (MB), Permanent Finance Committee (PFC) & Invited Past Office-Bearers (OBs) was organized on 13 January 2023 to discuss the proposal of Redevelopment of ICID Building for Financial Sustainability. During the meetings Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, SG, ICID and Member-Secretary of MB and PFC made a presentation on the redevelopment proposal received from M/s Bharti. After detailed deliberations on various aspects of the redevelopment proposal and its terms and conditions, the members unanimously supported the redevelopment project of the ICID Central Office building. However, the Committee suggested to negotiate with M/s Bharti on the following points.

- (a) Try to make it a win/win project;
- (b) Lower the interest rate than the current proposed interest rate of 9% on the investment of 500 Million towards the construction cost;
- (c) Rs.10 Million given as 90 days security deposit shall be made non-refundable which is 1.3 months' rent only, as ICID losses income for 90 days/3 months @ Rs.7.8 Million @ Rs.300 per S.ft. following the withdrawal of the property from the letting market.
- (d) The Loan of Rs. 125 Million for covering the loss in income for ICID is only for 16 months (based on Rs.300 /S.ft.) not even two years. This should be a loss of income due to construction work by the prospective tenant and needs to be non-refundable
- (e) Rs.300/per S.ft. rent is really low and should go up, especially, ICID is paying an interest on the 500 Million investment for the direct benefit of the prospective tenant.
- (f) The Name of the ICID to be restored on the building and the building to be recognized as ICID Headquarter Building.
- (g) If possible the completion period to be made less than 2 years to minimize the period of ICID in exile and minimize disruption to ICID activities.

4. After in-principle approval of MB and PFC, M/s Bharti ICID signed an Exclusivity Letter (LOI) on 7 February 2023 to get exclusivity for 90 days and during this period ICID to get its internal approvals for the proposed transactions and M/s Bharti to complete its due diligence of the proposal. M/s Bharti also agreed to pay Rs.10 million as refundable/partially refundable deposit to get exclusivity for 90 days. Accordingly, M/s Bharti remitted a sum of INR 10,000,000 (Indian Rupees 10 Million) ("Exclusivity Fee") to ICID through cheque on 7 February 2023.

5. Subsequently, the matter was discussed with the concerned officials of the M/s Bharti on the points indicated in para 3 above. Another meeting of MB and PFC along with invited Office Bearers was held on 9 March 2023 wherein outcome of the negotiations/discussions with M/s Bharti was presented during the meeting. Members deliberated on the broad structure of the redevelopment proposal and suggested that MOU/agreements need to be finalised with due care keeping in view the future interest of ICID as well as to safeguard for any unforeseen circumstances during the implementation phase by taking proper insurance etc. Members also felt that there is a further need to discuss the following points with M/s Bharti:

- (a) Increase in the proposed rent of INR 325 per sq ft
- (b) Exclusivity fee of INR 10 Million to be made non-refundable
- (c) Security deposit of INR 125 Million to be made non-refundable

6. Further, after deliberations in detail, Members unanimously approved that the present proposal should be put up to the International Executive Council (IEC) for their consideration and approval and concessions provided by M/s Bharti team, if any, may be reported to the Committee/IEC.

7. Accordingly, meetings were held with the nodal person from M/s Bharti on 1 March 2023 and 15 March 2023. The outcome of the meetings with M/s Bharti were shared with the members of the Committee. Brief details of the original and revised proposal and the agreement reached with M/s Bharti is indicated below.

Sl. No.	Issue	Original proposal	Agreement with/ Final proposal from M/s Bharti after negotiations
1.	Lower the interest rate than the current proposed interest rate of 9% on the investment of 500 Million towards the construction cost;	Proposed interest rate of 9%	Presently the interest rate in the market is very high, however, keeping in view of nature of transaction and win/win for both the entities, M/s Bharti agreed to cap the interest rate to 9%, on the investment cost of the redevelopment towards the construction cost. However, in the event if the cost of the borrowing of M/s Bharti is less than interest rate of 9% then the interest rate to ICID will be reduced accordingly.
2.	Rs.10 Million given as 90 days security deposit shall be made non-refundable	M/s Bharati will pay Rs.10 million as refundable deposit to get exclusivity for 90 days and during the 90 days ICID to get its internal approvals for the proposed transactions.	<p>M/s Bharti Confirmed as follows:</p> <p>"M/s Bharti agrees, immediately upon execution of the Exclusivity Letter, to remit to ICID a sum of INR 10,000,000 (Indian Rupees 10 Million) ("Exclusivity Fee"). ICID agrees that in the event the Proposed Transaction is implemented, the Exclusivity Fee shall form part of the 'Security Deposit' payable under the relevant lease agreement. However, if the Proposed Transaction is not implemented by Bharti (except for reasons attributable to ICID), and this Exclusivity Letter terminates in accordance with the provisions set out herein, such Exclusivity Fee shall not be returned to Bharti and shall be retained by ICID. However, in the event any material issues are identified during the due diligence process to be conducted by Bharti as a result of which the Proposed Transaction is not implemented by Bharti, or in case of failure of ICID to obtain the necessary permission from L&DO, ICID shall refund 50% of the Exclusivity Fee to Bharti immediately upon receipt of request from Bharti in this regard. Notwithstanding the above, Bharti and ICID agree that in case of any breach by ICID and/or its affiliates of the provisions during the Exclusivity Period or if ICID does not implement the Proposed Transaction, the entire Exclusivity Fee shall be returned to Bharti by ICID immediately upon receipt of request from Bharti in this regard."</p> <p>The modified proposal evenly distributes the risk of either party in the event of proposal running into any risks due to any of the players i.e. Bharti, ICID and the Statutory Authorities.</p> <p><u>Accordingly, on signing of the Exclusivity letter (LOI) on 7 February 2023, M/s Bharti remitted a sum of INR 10,000,000 (Indian Rupees 10 Million) ("Exclusivity Fee") to ICID.</u></p>
3.	Security deposit of Rs. 125 Million to be non-refundable	M/s Bharati will pay Rs.125 million as security deposit in four six monthly equal instalments during planning and implementation phase. Out of this 65 million refundable deposit will be received along with recovery of investment cost and balance 60 million will be refundable after expiry of long term lease with M/s Bharti Airtel (not less than 15 years and extending to about 40 years or so).	<p>Security deposit amount of Rs. 125 Million will be refunded to Bharti after the end of the term or earlier determination of the lease agreement.</p> <p>Since the minimum lock-in period is about 15 years and at the prevalent interest rates amount can double in about 8 years. After 15 years lock-in period, the security deposit is effectively non-refundable</p>
4.	Increase in rate of rent	INR 300 per S.ft. to be increased by 10% every three years	Rate of rent increased from INR 300 per sq ft to higher rate of INR 325 per sq ft. Rate to be increased by 10% every three years

Sl. No.	Issue	Original proposal	Agreement with/ Final proposal from M/s Bharti after negotiations
5.	The Name of the ICID to be restored on the building and the building to be recognized as ICID Headquarter Building.	Property after development to be in the name of ICID	<p>In the present proposal, the title to the land and property continues to be with ICID only and there being no dilution, building will remain in the name of ICID and will be recognized as ICID building.</p> <p>M/s Bharti confirmed that definitely on completion of the building the name of the ICID will be restored on the building and the building will be recognized as ICID Headquarter Building forever.</p> <p>M/s Bharti will take space on long-term lease (may be up to 40 years or so) after completion of building.</p>
6.	If possible the completion period to be reduced to minimize the disruption to ICID activities.	Construction period to be 2 years	<p>M/s Bharti has confirmed as follows:</p> <p>“Considering the magnitude of the project and keeping in view of the limitation of construction in NDMC/Diplomatic area, M/s Bharti informed that their endeavor will be to finish the completion within the agreed timelines of 2 years, however, considering our expertise and infrastructure, we would try to achieve this before the agreed timelines.”</p>

8. ICID Constitution (2017) as per Para 6.4 states that “All matters affecting the executive or administrative functions and financial liabilities of ICID must come up before the Council and its decision shall be conclusive.” Accordingly, in order to deliberate on the redevelopment proposal of the ICID CO building and approve the proposal, a combined meeting of MB, PFC and invited Office Bearers suggested to organize this special meeting of the International Executive Council (IEC) meeting.

9. As indicated in para 6 above, a combined meeting of MB, PFC and invited Office Bearers has unanimously approved the present proposal and suggested putting up the proposal to the International Executive Council (IEC) for their consideration and approval.

10. Accordingly, a Special Meeting of the International Executive Council (IEC) on Redevelopment of ICID Building for Financial Sustainability was held on 27 March 2023 at 14:30 hrs. through virtual mode and all the National Committees / Committee, Office Bearers (present & past) and Chairman of Permanent Committees were invited through e-mail dated 17 March 2023 for their participation and input.

11. The final minutes of the Special IEC meeting was circulated to the National Committees / Committee of ICID, Office Bearers (present and past) and Chairman of Permanent Committees for their information and record.

12. The Central Office has approached the Land and Development Officer of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, of the Government of India to seek permission for the erection of new building and to lease out the permissible space to M/s Bharti Enterprises, post completion of the new building.



REPORT ON THE ICID WORKING GROUPS RESTRUCTURING

I. Rational

During our last 73rd IEC in Adelaide, it has been decided to restructure the working groups in order to:

- (a) Avoid overlapping and combine WGs of similar / close mandate
- (b) Replace the Old/exhausted and long running WGs with new WGs to reflect the new technologies such as Use of Drones, automation of irrigation & drainage systems, Nano-Irrigation systems, Trans-Boundary Surface and Groundwater Management, more new ideas are welcomed.
- (c) Reduce number of days allocated for WGs meetings in future IECs and reduce the time and cost of staying at the venue/event.
- (d) Have a reasonable number in each WG (some have a few only) and reasonable output

II. The Current situation

- (a) The ICID WGs number is not fixed and is very much a dynamic number because WGs have a maximum mandate of 3 years.
- (b) Next November we will have 9 WGs completed their 3-year term out of the current 18 WGs. Subsequently, we would have after November 2023 only 9 WGs to carry on with or without restructuring. This reduction in number of WGs is imminent and inevitable.
- (c) Some WGs advised in writing that they will consider a completion by November 2023 and do not wish to extend or carry on beyond November 2023. Some Chairs also asked to step down including.

Therefore, with or without restructuring, we will have a significantly reduced number of WGs after November 2023 and the restructuring has nothing to do with that. The restructuring came about during Adelaide's 73rd IEC to improve the current situation.

III. Actions Taken

(a) *A message has been sent in November 2022 to all Working Group Leaders*

They were asked the following questions:

- (i) If you are planning to consider completion and closure of the WG according to the current mandate? Please let me know.
- (ii) If you accept joining another/combine with another WG that is close in its mandate to your WG, if so, which WG you think is close to yours? This new structure with joining WGs will only take place after November 2023.
- (iii) If you are planning to suggest a new WG with a new topic after November 2023. If so, please specify.

(b) *Response received in December 2022 from the Working Group leaders*

The total number of WGs until November 2023 is 18. Out of 18 WGs, 9 WGs will complete their mandate by November 2023 and 9 WGs have mandates go beyond November 2023.

The response indicated:

- (i) **No objection to restructuring from all the WGs Leaders. On contrary, they contributed positively to the new structure as shown from their responses.**
- (ii) Some WGs leaders of the 9 working groups with mandate ends this November 2023, wished to complete their mandate this November 2023 with no desire to apply for applying for extension.
- (iii) Some WGs Leaders of the 9 working groups with mandate ends this November 2023, suggested to join other WGs and identified which WG to join. Very few suggested to extend but no application to extend was submitted to PCTA.
- (iv) Some WGs leaders with mandate beyond November 2023, requested to continue and willing to accept relevant Outgoing WGs.
- (v) Some WGs Leaders asked to step down due to the lack of participation and contribution from members of the Working Groups.

(c) Analysis of the responses and starting the groundwork for restructuring, December 2022 to May 2023.***The following activities took place after December 2022***

- (i) Mapping the WGs that are continuing beyond November 2023 and identifying the 9 outgoing WGs. A Number of Excel Files were produced to facilitate the comparisons.
- (ii) Comparing the mandate of different working Groups and Identify common /shared areas of Science, synergies and mutual interest
- (iii) Looking for relevant WGs to host members of the 9 WGs with mandate end this November, 2023.
- (iv) New 4 Themes were suggested to reflect the new WGs new structure.
- (v) Following these steps, the 4 themes and 11 WGs were suggested.
- (vi) The 11 WGs were assigned some of the outgoing WGs for amalgamation
- (vii) A draft document with the new themes and the 11 WGs were produced, discussed and agreed with PCTA Chairman, Prof. Watanabe, PCSO Chairman Dr Amron and ICID President.

(d) Producing the first and second Draft of the New WGs Structure

- (i) The first draft of the new structure was sent to all WGs Leaders on May 8. Some comments were received and there was no objection by the WGs Leaders on the new structure.
- (ii) The second Draft of the new structure was developed taking on board the feedback from WGs Leaders. This draft was associated with list of actions on some of the WGs Leaders especially those who will accommodate other outgoing WGs. This was sent to the 11 WGs leaders on June 11 with deadline July 30, 2023.

(e) Finalizing the new WGs structure August 2023

- (i) Taking on board the responses received as well as some further comments from WGs Leaders, the final draft of the new 4 themes and the 11 Working Group Structure has been finalized as shown below.
- (ii) Regional WGs such as European Regional WG, African Regional WG, and Asia Regional WG were not included in the restructuring. Also, Permanent Committees such as PFC, PCSO, Congress, ICID Journal, etc. are not part of the structure.

(f) WGs leaders sent their action list, adapted mandates and Names, July-August 2023

- (i) WGs leaders especially those who accommodated outgoing WGs sent their revised mandate, name, tasks and objectives to reflect the presence of the amalgamated WGs.

IV. Next steps

- (i) Approval of the new structure by 74th IEC in Vizag.
- (ii) Inform the outgoing WGs members to join the relevant ongoing WGs
- (iii) Ongoing WGs to implement the new mandate and name (if changed)
- (iv) New Theme leaders to be selected according to the ICID procedure
- (v) The new structure to be published by ICID CO
- (vi) ICID to relax the maximum number/country/WG during this transitional period and revisit the situation in the future.

THE FINAL ICID WGS STRUCTURE, AUGUST 2023

Theme	Continuing WGs beyond 2023	Outgoing WGs that will end by November 2023. These WGs are integrated /added to left side continuing WGs in red			Chairperson of the continuing Working Group	New Name of the Working Group
Irrigation and Drainage	SON-FARM	WATS	M&R	IDM)	A. K. Randev	WG-IWM&D
	NCWRI	ENV	MWSCD		Wenyong Wu	WG-NWREP
	LDRG				Willem Vlotman	LDRG
Natural Resources	RWH		MWSCD		Geoff Harvey	RWH
	SDTA	AFM	WG-M&R	WG-IDM	Ruey-Chy Kao	WG-SCER
	WFE-N				Ragab Ragab	WFE-N
	IDSST				Peter Kovalenko	IDSST
Climate Change & Water Scarcity	CLIMATE	MWSCD	AFM		Ray Shyan Wu	CLIMATE
Sustainable Development	IOA	VE	IDM	M&R	Hafied A. Gany	WG-I&O MVE
	HIST				Kamran Emami	HIST
	CDTE				Mohamed Wahba	CDTE

What are the changes?

A. The old themes have been replaced with new themes that closely reflect the ICID mandate: Irrigation and Drainage water management are given more weight (Irrigation and Drainage is part of ICID name and they represent the backbone of ICID). Climate change and its impact will be highlighted a bit more to reflect its importance. Management of natural resources (to include in addition to water, energy, land, etc.) as an integrated system is given more attention. Management for sustainable development (capacity building, socio economy, young professional, value engineering, etc.) is necessary for SDGs and ICID vision. The new themes are:

- (i) Irrigation and Drainage Water Management (Long-term activities)
- (ii) Natural Resources Management (Medium-term activities)
- (iii) Water Management under Climate Change & Water Scarcity (Medium to long-term activities)
- (iv) Sustainable Development: Capacity Building, History, Institutional and Socio-Economical Aspects of Irrigation and Drainage schemes. (Long-term activities)

B. **The Working Groups under the new structure will be allowed to work across the different scales** (in nature, scales are not separate entities). A field is an integral part and not an isolated part of a catchment. In the old themes, the farm and basin were separated. The future WGs will not be confined to a specific scale.

C. **The updated mandate of each WG will take on board the new themes.**

Instead of creating a new WG for new technologies, it is expected that all WGs will adopt the relevant new technologies (e.g. Use of Drones, Artificial Intelligence, Automation of Irrigation and Drainage Systems, Nano-Technologies, etc.). This will allow all WGs to advance with the new technologies and not to be confined to traditional, conventional, and classical technologies.

Please note:

- (i) WGs in blue text are to close by November 2023 and their members to join the WG in red text.
- (ii) Unaffected WGs might need to change their name to reflect the amalgamation with other WGs.
- (iii) The mandate of the new WGs will be modified to reflect the new added on topics of the amalgamated WGs.
- (iv) The Working Groups are not scale dependant. The Working Groups are allowed and are expected to work across the scales from farm to basin.
- (v) No new Working Group assigned for new technologies (Drones, Nano-Irrigation, Machine Learning, Automation, Artificial Intelligence, etc.). This is to help all Working Groups to adopt the relevant new technologies and not to focus only on traditional and common technologies.

- (vi) The continuing WGs will add more tasks to relevant to the amalgamated WG. The leaders of the new tasks could be the previous outgoing WGs Chairmen if they accept to lead.
- (vii) ICID will need to relax the rules of maximum number of members / WG /country and revisit the situation in next 2-3 years.
- (viii) Leader s of the Outgoing Groups to inform their members to join the other designated WGs during Vizag Meeting.
- (ix) The Chairmen of the unaffected WGs will remain in their positions if they are happy to do so.



Annex 7 [IEC Item 15.1, Para 60]**REVISED WATSAVE AWARD SCHEME****I. BACKGROUND**

As a follow-up to the 15th ICID Congress in the Netherlands in 1993, a WatSave Work Team was formed, which mooted a proposal in 1997 to institute WatSave Awards to promote and recognize water conservation success amongst member countries. The proposal was approved in principle by PCTA as well as IEC and ICID instituted WatSave Awards in the year 1997. The Work Team prepared the conditions and criteria for the Awards and presented these to the Management Board for approval. These were subsequently revised in 2007 and 2010 by IEC. The WatSave Scheme is presented herein to consolidate all the decisions taken by the IEC based on the recommendations of WG-WATS, Jury Members, and PCTA from time to time. It also includes some of the recommendations made, but not followed up or approved subsequently by IECs of that year, which needs special consideration.

II. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

The award(s) is/are presented to an individual or a team for an innovation that contributes to water conservation/water saving for increasing the beneficial and/or efficient use of water to develop and improve the sustainable use of the critical resource. The WatSave awards aim at:

- (a) Promoting and encouraging the best technological applications or projects which have been successful in saving and/or recovering waste waters/low-quality waters.
- (b) Promoting other non-technological interventions and/or innovative land and water management/ techniques for increasing the availability of water for different uses.
- (c) Promoting research that leads to substantial savings in water applications or uses.
- (d) Promoting the development of new policies/approaches for water saving leading to cost-effective and beneficial use of water.

(a) Scope

The primary emphasis of the WatSave Award is on the achievement itself. It is “an award for the achievement to the individual or team behind the achievement” in that order. The purpose and spirit behind ICID WatSave awards are as follows:

- (i) The awards are intended to relate to particular activities or related sets of activities and not to highlight the overall professional accomplishments of an individual or any particular group.
- (ii) The awards are not intended to acknowledge research studies, per se, but rather to recognize accomplishments in actually saving water.
- (iii) Savings can be on a pilot scale or over a larger area, but they must have been introduced in the field to farmers or managers and applied by them, rather than remaining purely hypothetical.

The WatSave Awards are given in four categories.

(i) WatSave Technology Award

This award is given for work promoting and encouraging the best technological innovations/applications or projects which have been successful in saving water and/or recovering waste waters/low-quality waters.

(ii) WatSave Innovative Water Management Award

This award is given for innovation promoting non-technological interventions and/or innovative land and water management/techniques for increasing the availability of water for different uses; Promoting research that leads to substantial savings in water applications or uses; or Promoting development of new policies/approaches for water saving leading to the cost-effective and beneficial use of water.

(iii) WatSave Young Professional Award

This award is given for water-saving/ conservation work by young professionals (less than 40 years). The work carried out by the Young Professional should have been carried out individually or as a group and not as a guided study (or part of the project).

(iv) WatSave Farmers' Award

This award is given to farmers for proven water-saving success stories to promote successful water conservation.

(b) Award

Each of the awards consists of an honorarium of US\$ 2000 and a Citation. In the event of the award being made to a team, the amount shall be disbursed to the nominated leader of the team which will be shared equally by all contributors. The Citation Plaque should bear the name of ICID as the promoter.

The award money may be disbursed either in USD or in the local currency of the host National Committee at the convenience of the National Committee.

In case a winner is unable to attend the IEC Meeting to receive the award money, he/she should provide written consent to the National Committee representative attending the IEC Meeting to receive the award money on their behalf.

(c) Dissemination of the awarded works

Based on the awarded works, ICID compiles and disseminates information on water-saving/ conservation practices adopted by member countries the world over through publications, websites and organizing regional workshops. The award winner should submit a chapter (about 2000 words) describing the technology (ies), along with images and/or videos before receiving the award. The awardees need to cooperate with the ICID Central Office for making any changes, including any missing information. The developers of the innovation in terms of technology or management techniques will have to give an undertaking that they would provide full intellectual support to the Central Office in disseminating the achievement.

III. PROCEDURE**(a) Application**

Nominations must comply with these rules:

- (i) Nominations for the Awards are open to all professionals/ teams from ICID member countries/associate member countries as well as non-member countries, but the nomination must be made and validated by a member National Committee/ Committee/ Direct Institutional Member of ICID.
- (ii) A completed Nomination Form
- (iii) A type-written discussion of about 1500 words in English or French summarizing the nominee's work related to water saving/conservation.
- (iv) Supporting documents to be submitted
- (v) Images and/or videos of the innovation should be provided
- (vi) A brief curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee(s)
- (vii) Recent photograph(s) of the nominee(s).
- (viii) Entries should be sent electronically to the Secretary General, ICID to reach the Central Office, New Delhi, by the Last Date of Receipt of Nominations at the ICID Central Office announced by the Secretary General.

The idea of routing the nominations through the NC is to receive only one nomination per category per country after an initial scanning of the nominations for a sequential ordering based on merit and recommending only one. ICID member countries can support one nomination from a non-member country but every country should present only one candidate per category.

National Committee can nominate newly developed work of previous WatSave Award winners provided it is for a different innovation, as the purpose of the award is to identify successful water-saving technologies and management techniques in practice among the ICID family and disseminate them across the world. A nominated innovation once rejected for the WatSave award by ICID should not be re-nominated, even under a different category.

Please note that any nomination papers, as listed above, if received after the Last Date may be considered in the following year with updated information and forwarded to the Panel of Judges. All the papers related to nomination received on or before the due date will be acknowledged within a week by the Central Office by e-mail/fax. In case of non-receipt of the acknowledgement, the concerned National Committee/ Committee should contact the Central Office immediately.

For a fair evaluation process, a minimum of three entries should be present in each category. In case of lesser nominations within any category, the nominations may be considered in the following year with updated information on the innovation. In addition, if the committee is not convinced with any of the submissions, it may defer the decision to the year after when more or better submissions become available.

(b) Jury

The nominations should be reviewed by a panel of 5 judges -- one each from the four regions of ICID (The Americas, Africa, Asia -Oceania and Europe) and the fifth from any region but there shall not be two judges from the same country. The Chair of PoJ shall submit his report to the President of ICID giving reasons for selecting particular innovation for the award along with suggestions for improvement in the Scheme and its implementation or the way to disseminate it. A judge shall not evaluate a nomination from his or her own country. The panel will be appointed by the President of ICID in consultation with the Chairman of the Working Group on Water Saving for Agriculture (WG-WATS).

The decision of the President ICID as arrived at through the process described herein will be final and binding. No discussion or correspondence relating to the award will be entered into.

(a) Schedule

The following schedule for receipt of applications and announcement of the WatSave Awards will be adhered to as far as possible:

- Last date for receipt of nominations — 120 days before the IEC date
- Review by the Panel of Judges — Within 60 days from the Last Date
- Declaration/Announcement of the Award — 45 days before the IEC date.

(b) Evaluation Criterion**(1) Technology and Management Awards**

- (i) Has the innovation made an outstanding contribution to water conservation and increased the beneficial use of water and/or freed water for other uses?
- (ii) Have the quantities of water saved been quantified and documented in the submission?
- (iii) Is there a reasonable expectation that the innovation will be sustainably practised?
- (iv) Has the input and responsibility of each involved individual been delineated in the submission?

(2) Young Professional Award

- (i) Does the innovation promise to make an outstanding contribution to water conservation and increased the beneficial use of water and/or freed water for other uses?
- (ii) Has the innovation been pilot tested in the field and is the potential water savings estimated and documented in the submission?
- (iii) Is there a reasonable expectation that the innovation can be sustainably practised?
- (iv) Has the input and responsibility of each involved individual been delineated in the submission?

(3) Farmer Award

- (i) Is the innovation easily adoptable by other farmers in the region?
- (ii) Has the innovation made an outstanding contribution to water conservation and increased the beneficial use of water and/or freed water for other uses?
- (iii) Is there a reasonable expectation that the innovation will be sustainably practised?

The Jury is empowered to shift a nomination from the category under which it is submitted to another category if such a shift is appropriate and beneficial and essentially warranted.

(c) Authentication by the National Committee

For the Jury to adjudicate the awards, which are highly dependent on the actual application of the technology in the field, the nominating National Committee/Committee has to play a crucial role since members of the Jury will often not have detailed first-hand knowledge of the situation in a particular country, and thus would not be in a position to judge the realism of individual submissions.

National Committees should establish a broad-based WatSave Awards National Screening Committee for screening the nominations at the national level against criteria laid down for each category of Award for which the nominations are proposed to be submitted to the Central Office and ascertain their eligibility. The Screening Committee should authenticate the innovation and its implementation and ensure that it is an original work carried out by the authors. The NCs need also to confirm the age of the applicant for the Young Professional Award.

(d) Financial

The host National Committee of IEC meeting of each year shall sponsor the Awards presented for that year.

Central Office shall make adequate provisions in the annual budget as appropriate to disseminate the works awarded.

(e) Contact

The ICID Central Office may be contacted for further information on the WatSave Awards,

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