

**AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL 27TH MEETING OF THE
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)**

20 October 2020, 12:30 hours (IST)

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1996

Mandate: The general objective of the Asian Regional Working Group is to focus on common topics and issues and to enhance the transfer of appropriate technology in irrigation and drainage to and from the Asian Region. The mission of ASRWG is to encourage membership and to coordinate activities in the region.

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ASRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair¹

1. The Chair will present the report on the action taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held at Bali Indonesia at September 2019.
2. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted one and all and the irrigation sector is no different. Given the emerging situation of COVID-19, many meetings have been postponed until the situation comes under control. With this difficult situation, members were requested to make full use of web-ex platform for virtual meeting so as to ensure regular contribution from the WG members as well as to discuss and initiate follow-up actions emerging from the minutes of the previous WG meeting and review the progress of the action points. Accordingly, in order to organize the WebEx Meetings, Webinars and e-Discussions, ICID Central Office requested Chairs of the workbodies to initiate the processes.
3. In May 2020, ICID Central Office has contacted the National Committees of Asia viz. Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Syria and motivated them to reactivate/ renew their membership by becoming member of ICID.
4. Similarly, in order to bring more African countries into ICID fold, ICID Central Office has followed-up with the countries of Bhutan, Cambodia, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Mongolia, Yemen and requested their Ministry of Water Resources or Agriculture to join the membership of ICID. ICID Central Office has followed up the Embassies of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Maldives, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Singapore, and UAE. In response, Mongolia has shown their interest however, filled-in application form is yet to be received.
5. In February 2020, Chair VPH Karim Shiati welcomed Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe as the new Chair of the WG. Chair in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG and the Central Office have updated the membership of the WG as given at **Annex 1** (refer electronic version for latest list). New nominations, if any, for the membership received will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in Asian region

6. At Bali meeting, the group reviewed the Action Plan on the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 and modified it (refer **Annex 2**). During the meeting, Chair VPH Karim Shiati informed that the activity of ASRWG is to contribute to 3 goals out of 6 organizational goals of ICID vision 2030 which includes - (a) To promote the technical support program (TSP) among Asian NCs, (b) The international forum in 2019, and (c) Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG.
7. The 70th International Executive Council (IEC) vide **Resolution IEC-2/70** has approved the Action Plan 2018-2022, including activities identified by Regional Working Groups (RWGs) and Working Groups (WGs) under PCSO and PCTA, committed to be achieved over a period of five years. In order to develop fresh action plans for 2018-2022, WG may revisit the Action Plan appended to Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 and review the same during virtual meeting and update it till 2022 (refer **Annex 2**). The ICID CO created a new column i.e. 'Milestone for Year 2022' in the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 of the WG activities for finalizing it during the meeting and provide its input to PCSO. WG Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

¹ This will also include details of membership of WG as **Annex**

ASRWG Agenda Item 3: Linkages with Regional and Transnational Organizations for Cooperation

8. During Bali meeting, the working group noted that CTCID will organize an international forum with PNC-ICID and THAICID in October 2019. WG appreciated CTCID efforts and requested to inform the WG about their events. In April 2020, ICID Central Office has contacted CTCID, INACID, MANCID, PNC-ICID, THAICID and invited them to share their international cooperation.

9. In response, CTCID has informed that they invited Malaysian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (MANCID) to Chinese Taipei for the 2019 CTCID Annual Conference on “Contribution of Agricultural Water to Rural Development in Asia” followed by a technical tour. CTCID also informed that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the visit to Japan National Committee (JNC-ICID) has been postponed. Similarly, Chairman, MANCID welcomed Vice President Kamran Emami (Iran) and Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar (India) from ICID Central Office at the Smart Control Centre, Department of Irrigation and Drainage at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in early September 2019. Ir. Salwa Binti Ramly and her team explained the functioning of the tunnel through the models and executing the commands in the control room. Malaysia’s capital of Kuala Lumpur is regularly subjected to flash floods after heavy rains that remain for three to six hours, flooding the city center. Representative from the above National Committees will provide further updates at the meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 4: Developing cooperative arrangements with International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and International Network of Water Environment and Paddy Fields (INWEPF)

10. At Bali meeting, the group discussed about the cooperation and noted that ASRWG and PAWEES/INWEPF is the main activity within the ASRWG agenda since 2004. International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) and International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) jointly held 2019 Seoul INWEPF- PAWEES International Conference with the theme of “New, Green and Smart Paradigm of Agricultural Water” from 5-7 November 2019 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The 2019 Seoul Conference aims to bring together INWEPF and PAWEES members including policymakers, academics, international organizations, experts and students from governments, institutions and academic bodies from participated countries. The 2019 Seoul Conference promotes discussion between INWEPF which consists of policymakers and the PAWEES which consists of academics, to find solution to the development of sustainable paddy farming while protecting and conserving the environment. In the 2019 Seoul Conference, 235 participants from 22 countries and from 6 international organizations, shared their thoughts and ideas about policies and researches under the joint theme of 2019 Seoul Conference while facing the challenges of climate change. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 5: Organization of internal workshop

11. During Bali meeting, it was decided that the WG would organize internal workshop on every occasion of ASRWG meeting starting from the ICID meeting in 2020². It was proposed that first half of the WG meeting will be used for the discussion of the agenda items and second half of the WG meeting will be used for the internal workshop.

12. In June 2020, Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar has followed up with the Chair, Vice Chair and Dr. Watanabe and invited them for the Online Zoom meeting towards organization of internal workshop. In response, Dr. Watanabe has suggested that organizing internal workshop is not feasible as the number of participants would be less due to COVID-19 pandemic. He therefore proposed that the internal workshop of the ASRWG will be held in July next year during 72nd IEC in Sydney.

ASRWG Agenda Item 6: Any other business



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat after the meeting.

² 24th ICID Congress at Sydney has been rescheduled to July 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership of Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Iran (1955)	VPH Karim Shiati, Chairman, 2006 (1997)	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017, 2019 and contributed
2.	Japan (1951)	VP Naoki Hayashida, Vice Chair (2014)	Attended meetings in 2015,2016,2017,2018, and 2019
3.	Afghanistan (2017)	Representative from AFGICID	AFGICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
4.	Australia (1952)	Mr. Stephen Mills (2015)	Attended in 2016
5.	Australia (1952)	Ir. Felipe Dantas (2019)	Provisional Member
6.	Bangladesh (1973)	Representative from BANCID	BANCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
7.	China (1963)	Mr. Wang Aiguo (2016)	Attended meetings in 2016 ,2017 and 2018
8.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr.Ray-Shyan Wu (2018)	Attended meetings in 2018, 2019
9.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr. Gwo-Hsing Yu (2015)	Attended meeting in 2016 and represented in 2017
10.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr. Wen-Pin Shu (2019)	Attended meeting in 2019
11.	India (1950)	Dr.Vijay K Labhsetwar (2018)	Attended meeting in 2018
12.	India (1950)	Dr. Rajinder Kumar Gupta -Direct Member (WAPCOS) (2014)	Contributed an abstract for internal workshop in 2015
13.	Indonesia (1950)	Dr. Mochammad Amron (2015)	Attended meetings in 2016, 2017,2018, 2019
14.	Iraq (2006)	Representative from IRQCID	IRQCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
15.	Japan (1951)	Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (2019)	Contributed in 2019
16.	Kazakhstan (2006)	Representative from KAZCID	KAZCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
17.	Korea, Rep. of (1970)	Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi (2015)	Attended meeting in 2017 and contributed in 2016 , 2017, 2018, 2019
18.	Korea, Rep. of (1970)	Ms. Jeong Min, Ryu – Young Professional (2017)	Attended meeting in 2017
19.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Syed Abdul Hamid bin Syed Shuib (2013)	Represented MANCID in 2016 , 2017 and 2018
20.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Hj. Ahmad bin Darus (2019)	Attended meeting in 2019
21.	Myanmar (1962)	Dr. (Ms.) Mu Mu Than (2017)	Attended meetings in 2017, 2019
22.	Nepal (1973)	Mr. Bashu Dev Lohanee (2017)	Represented by NENCID in 2017 and attended meeting in 2018
23.	Pakistan (1953)	Mr. Ahmed Kamal (2017)	Represented by PANCID in 2017
24.	Philippines (1956)	Representative from PNC-ICID	PNC-ICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
25.	Sri Lanka (1950)	Eng. W.B. Palugaswewa (2016)	---
26.	Tajikistan (1997)	Mr. Dilshod Kimsanov (2018)	Attended meeting in 2018
27.	Thailand (1950)	Mr. Arthon Suttigarn (2012)	Attended meetings 2015 ,2016, 2018, 2019
28.	Turkey (1954)	Dr. Aynur Fayrap (2012)	Attended meeting 2015 and represented in 2016
29.	Uzbekistan (1994)	Mr. Ilkhom Juraev (2015)	Contributed in 2016
30.	Vietnam (2018)	Dr. Dao Trong Tu (2018)	---



ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022
Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology								
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.5 Enhance Linkages between National Committees for International Cooperation	Technical Report						
	3.6 Broaden relationship and mutual understanding and cooperation between NCs from developing countries and developed countries	Collaboration/ MoU	Exchange visits/ training between TUCID and IRNCID					
			MoU between IRNCID and KCID					
	3.7 International conference/ workshop/ seminar	Compilation of proceedings		8 th Asian Regional Conference, May 2018, Nepal	International forum in Oct 2019	Workshop		
C4. Strategy: Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.4 Special joint Publication on Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development	Side Event with AARDO	Special Issue of AARDO Journal					
	4.21 Report on “Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia”	Technical Report	Publish the Technical Report based on workshops/ Side Event	Formal release of the Report at 8 th ARC	Promote the Technical Support Program (TSP) among Asia NC's			
GOAL D: Enable Cross Disciplinary and Inter-Sectoral Engagement								
D3. Strategy: Facilitate Development of Inter- sectoral Platforms Involving NCs	3.1 Developing inter-sectoral engagement			Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG			

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)

