



Members Present: (1) Vice President Prof. Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Chairman (South Africa); and (2) Ms. Li Ruoxi (China).

Terms of Reference (ToR):

The Advisory Committee is responsible for developing a Framework Action Plan for the program, guided by the concept document as was presented at the 61st IEC in Yogyakarta in 2010 and keep overall coordination among the Nodes duly supporting their autonomy and maintaining flexibility in fulfilling their roles. These can be categorised as follows:

- (a) Develop the Strategy duly describing the strategic objectives and a Framework Action Plan for the program;
- (b) Review and monitor the implementation of the program to ensure the quality of outputs and their effectiveness; and
- (c) Mobilize and allocate extra-budgetary resources through joint activities.

Webpage: <https://icid-ciid.org/wbody/IRPID>

Minutes Item 1: Brief introduction by SG, ICID

1. The Secretary General, ICID, could not attend the AC-IRPID meeting on 11 September 2025 due to his busy schedule with other ICID meetings at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Minutes Item 2: Inputs from Beijing Regional Node

2. The Beijing Regional Node was represented by Ms. Li Ruoxi. The Beijing Node is currently engaged in putting systems in place. During the meeting, representatives of both the Southern African Regional Node and the Beijing Node proposed establishing a partnership between the two nodes. It was agreed that the two nodes need to work together, and formal Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) needs to be established. Prof Sylvester Mpandeli, Chairman of the AC-IRPID is planning to visit the Beijing Node in Mid-2026. The Chinese National Committee will facilitate this partnership him.

Minutes Item 3: Inputs from Ahwaz Regional Node

3. There was no representative from the Ahwaz Regional Node. Membership status is given in **Annex 3, page 21**.

Minutes Item 4: Inputs from Southern African Regional Node

4. It was noted that there are currently four research projects being undertaken under the IRPID Node. The titles of these projects are as follows:

- (a) The development of the WEF Nexus Index and its application to the SADC region,
- (b) Water–WEF Nexus narratives and resource securities,
- (c) From theory to practice: developing case studies and guidelines for WEF Nexus implementation in Southern Africa, and
- (d) From theory to practice: developing case studies and guidelines for WEF Nexus implementation in Africa.

5. This work is in progress, and the second workshop is planned to be held at the earliest.

6. All four projects collectively involve 15 postgraduate students, the majority of whom are pursuing Master's and Doctoral degrees. Since 2022, several research outputs including scientific papers, book chapters, books, and conference/workshop proceedings have been generated or published based on these projects. A second IRPID–Southern Africa Regional Node Workshop is scheduled to be held soon in Pretoria, South Africa.

Minutes Item 5: Inputs from Central Asian-Caucasus Regional Node

7. There was no representative from the Central Asian-Caucasus Regional node.

Minutes Item 6: Evolving Collaborative Research Mechanism among the Regional Nodes

8. As highlighted under item 4, there are four research projects under the IRPID Node. These projects are funded by the Water Research Commission of South Africa in partnership with institutions in Southern Africa. The titles of the projects are as follows:

- (a) Development of the WEF Nexus Index and its application to the SADC region;
- (b) Water–WEF Nexus narratives and resource securities;
- (c) From theory to practice: developing case studies and guidelines for WEF Nexus implementation in Southern Africa; and
- (d) From theory to practice: developing case studies and guidelines for WEF Nexus implementation in Africa.

9. This work is in progress, and the second workshop is planned to be held soon.

10. All these four projects have a total number of 15 post-graduate students and the majority of them are Masters and doctoral students.

Minutes Item 7: Dissemination Mechanism on Exchange of Research Findings

11. The Southern African Regional Node has produced several research outputs, including scientific papers, book chapters, books, and conference/workshop proceedings, based on the four ongoing projects. The second IRPID–Southern Africa Regional Node Workshop is planned to be held in November 2025 in Pretoria, South Africa.

12. Members of the Southern Africa Regional Node have also shared their research outputs at the Combined Congress held in January 2025. Furthermore, the Vice President of ICID delivered a keynote address at the Water–Energy–Food (WEF) Nexus and WEF Nexus Winter School, held from 18 to 22 August 2025.

Minutes Item 8: Establishment of Additional Regional Nodes

13. There was no discussion regarding the establishment of additional Regional Nodes during the meeting.

Minutes Item 9: Leveraging National Funding for Raising Financial Resources by RNs

14. These Regional Nodes are still mobilizing financial resources from several institutions. For example, the Southern African Regional Node is working very closely with the South African National Department of Agriculture to secure funding for capacity building and for research and development initiatives.

Minutes Item 10: Any Other Business

15. There was no any other business discussed during the meeting.

