

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL 3RD INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON VALUE ENGINEERING (WG-VE)**

04 November 2020, 17:30 Hours (IST)

Strategy Theme: Knowledge

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2017

Completion of the Mandate: 2023

Members Present: (1) Dr. Kamran Emami (Iran), Chairman; (2) Mr. Suman Sijapati (Nepal); (3) Dr. Toshihiko Kuno (Japan); and (4) Secretary General, ICID represented by Er. Harish K. Varma, Executive Director, ICID Central Office.

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WG-VE Minutes Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chair

1. Dr. Kamran Emami (Iran), Chairman of the Working Group on Value Engineering (WG-VE) presented report on actions taken on the decisions made during the last meeting held at Bali, Indonesia in September 2019.
2. The Chairman informed the members about the publication of his paper on “Value Engineering: Opportunities and Challenges” published in IRD in May 2020.
3. As the new working group needs at least 10 members, it was decided to encourage the National Committees (NCs) of ICID to introduce new nominations for the membership of the WG. Maximum four members, including one young professional (YP) subject to maximum of 20% of the total membership of the WG, whichever is less, can be nominated for the membership of the group from each member countries. Membership status is given in **Annex 3 (page 43)**.

WG-VE Minutes Item 2: Introduction of the Scoping Document for a new Working Group on Value Engineering

4. The WG decided to include virtual trainings for selected engineers from different countries on ‘Value Engineering application for saving in Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Projects’ for including in the scoping document of the WG. The Chair will update the scoping document based on the mandate, accordingly. The ICID Central Office will support the planning and the execution of the virtual trainings. The following revised mandate of the WG-VE was presented in 2019 which is as follows:

Revised mandate of the WG-VE:

- (a) To motivate ICID National Committees in various countries to set up their National Working Groups.
- (b) To provide guidance to compile, publish, update and/or translate documents on Value engineering projects (irrigation, drainage, flood management, and river engineering);
- (c) To promote inter-disciplinary exchange of information, knowledge and experience, as well as networking on the topic;
- (d) To organize seminars at ICID Congresses and meeting to enhance awareness of importance of Value Engineering;
- (e) To prepare a paper on “Application of Value Engineering in Irrigation and Flood Projects” for publication in Irrigation and Drainage (IRD);
- (f) To finalize a book on Application of Value Engineering in Irrigation and Flood Projects”.
- (g) To encourage member countries to produce papers on Value Engineering case studies

WG-VE Minutes Item 3: Publication of the Working Group

5. The Chairman that the publication of the WG on ‘Value Engineering for Saving in Irrigation, Drainage and flood projects’ will be finalized by the end of 2020. The ICID Central Office will finalize the publication one month after receiving the edited version from the Chair for wider dissemination.

WG-VE Minutes Item 4: Closure Report of the erstwhile TF-VE

6. It was decided that Chair of the WG-VE will finalize the closure report of the erstwhile TF-VE and will submit it to the ICID Central Office for circulation amongst members of the WG for their views and comments, if any.

WG-VE Minutes Item 5: WG-VE Minutes Item 5: Any other business

7. The members of the WG were asked to submit their relevant documents, films and presentations on application of VE in water project for WG website.

8. It was informed that Philippine National Committee of ICID (PNCID) is active on Value Engineering. The Chair will contact them for more information on their activities and possible contribution to the activities of WG-VE.

