

**MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> VIRTUAL MEETING OF  
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)  
27 October 2021, 13:30 to 15:30 hours (IST)  
Presented by the Chair**

**Year of Establishment: 1996**

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**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.

**Members Present:** ((1) Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chair (Japan); (2) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, Vice-Chair (India); (3) Dr. (Ms.) Aynur Fayrap, Secretary (Turkey); (4) Dr. Ray Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee); (5) Dr. Wen-Pin Shu (Chinese Taipei Committee); (6) Dr.(Ms) Kyung Sook Choi (South Korea); (7) Mr. Arthon Suttigarn (Thailand); (8) Mr. Momir Vranes (Australia); (9) Mr. Bryan Ward (Australia); (10) Mr. Dang Ping (China); (11) Ms. Li Ruoxi (China).

**Observer:** Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office (India).

**Website:** [http://icid-ciid.org/inner\\_page/104](http://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/104)

Condolences: According to the information from TAJCID, their representative Mr. Dilshod Kimsanov passed away in December 2020. Chairman and members offered their condolences. The WG will miss Mr. Kimsanov.

**ASRWG Minutes Item 1: To follow up on regular membership strengthening**

1. Chairman Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe welcomed all the members and presented the membership list (**Annex-1**) which was updated by Central Office since July 2021. It has been requested that AFGICID, BANCID, KAZCID, PNC-ICID and SACID inform their formal nominations for the ASRWG. New nominations were received from IACID, CNCID and IRQCID. The proposed six new nominations, Mr. Bryan Ward and Mr. Momir Vranes from IACID, Mr. Dang Ping and Ms. Li Ruoxi (as young professional) from China, Ms. Shaimaa Shihab Ahmed and Ms. Zainab Saleem (as young Professional) from IRQCID were welcomed by members present. With passing away of Mr. Dilshod (Tajikistan), TAJCID is also requested to send their new nomination.

**ASRWG Minutes Item 2: Collaboration with IACID for the 9th Asian Regional Conference in 2024**

2. The proposed members for the Task Team (TT) for ARC9 were considered and confirmed by the WG to facilitate organizing the ARC9 during the virtual meeting. The members of TT are;

- (a) Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar/India (candidate to head the Team)
- (b) Dr. Aynur Fayrap/Turkey
- (c) Dr. Wen-Pin Shu/Chinese Taipei Committee
- (d) Dr. Mochammad Amron/Indonesia
- (e) Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi/ South Korea
- (f) Mr. Arthon Suttigarn/Thailand
- (g) Mr. Momir Vranes/Australia
- (h) Mr. DANG Ping/China
- (i) Er. B. A. Chivate/CO

The areas of collaboration with IACID/ToRs were also considered and confirmed by the WG as below:

- (a) Development of theme and sub-theme of ARC9 and International Workshops (“the Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Asian agriculture and food security” possibly could be a sub-theme of ARC9)
- (b) The program of ARC9
- (c) Review papers
- (d) Promote ARC9
- (e) Organize YP Training on “Advances, techniques and modernization of the irrigation systems”
- (f) Organize a workshop on ‘Australian experiences on modernization’

**ASRWG Minutes Item 3: Propose the activities to update the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030**

3. The Chair discussed the activities emerging from the Road Map to Vision 2030 (**Annex 2**) and its lead person. All members present at the virtual meeting agreed with the following proposals:

**Item 3.1:** Report on "Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia (C4.21)  
The expected "Outcome/ Output" is "Technical Report".

Assigned to: Task Team for ARC9

**Item 3.2:** Enhance Linkages between National Committees for International Cooperation (C3.5) and Broaden relationship and mutual understanding and cooperation between NCs from developing countries and developed countries (C3.6)

Assigned to: Chair Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe and Vice-chair Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar with the CO

**Item 3.3:** International conference/ workshop/ seminar (C3.7)

Assigned to: Chair Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Vice-chair Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar and the Task Team for ARC9

**Item 3.4:** Special joint Publication on Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development (C4.4)  
[including WG Workshops on Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management in Asia]

Assigned to: VP Dr. Mochammad Amron and the Secretary Dr. Aynur Fayrap

**Item 3.5:** Developing inter-sectoral engagement (D3.1)

Assigned to: Chair Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe with the CO

**Item 3.6:** Internal Workshop on "Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management and Countermeasures in Asia"

Assigned to: Chair Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Vice-chair Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar

4. Also, it was informed that the Office Bearers (Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary) of the WG will be involved in all activities and items.

5. It was proposed by the Chair that based on the contents of the Report on "Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia", the main theme of the 9th ARC could be derived in consultation with IACID. The relevant papers from the 9th ARC could find place in the technical report of the WG. In addition, the papers to be presented at the WG Workshops on 'Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management in Asia' could also find place in the technical report and be further discussed at the 9th ARC.

6. In order to seek contributions from the members on impacts of COVID-19, the Chair has designed a questionnaire as below:

- (a) General over view of the spread of the COVID-19 (could be collected from international archives)
- (b) Impacts on agriculture and lives in rural area
- (c) Impacts on water resources management including domestic water supply
- (d) Impacts on agricultural water management
- (e) Measures taken for the impacts, including governmental project
- (f) Challenges for the future gained from experience

The Chair announced that an internal workshop will be held on 'Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on Agricultural Water Management and Countermeasures in Asia' on 27 November 2021 during the WG meeting at the 72nd IEC in November 2021. The members agreed to prepare a presentation of 5-7 minutes each, based on the above-mentioned questionnaire.

**ASRWG Minutes 4: Strengthening linkages among NCs**

7. The linkages among NCs of the member countries need to be strengthened for close/smooth communication among the WG members but it has been difficult during this ongoing pandemic. As an effect of pandemic, Dr. Arthon (Thailand) informed that THACID has canceled their visit to Indian National Committee (INCID). However, PANCID reported that they

are planning to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with CNCID (China). Dr. Wen-Pin Shu (CTCID, Chinese Taipei) also gave information about the online activities of their NC within the scope of strengthening linkages among NCs. The Chair requested Dr. Shu to share this information by e-mail.

**ASRWG Minutes 5: Cooperation with PAWEES and INWEPF**

8. The WG members were informed in detail about the PAWEES 2021 International Conference and the INWEPF meetings. In addition, Chair Dr. Watanabe informed that joint programs with PAWEES and INWEPF would be worked out for subsequent meetings.

**ASRWG Minutes 6: Develop the topics/subtopics for the Working Group Events**

9. A few topics, suggested by President Dr. Ragab Ragab during 2nd virtual meeting, such as Improving Water Productivity, Water-Food-Energy Nexus, and Floods in the Asia/World would be considered by the TT in due course of time.

**ASRWG Minutes 7: WG Webpage update**

10. Secretary Dr. Aynur Fayrap has updated the WG webpage based on the information available from members. However, information available from members is meagre and members were solicited to provide more information to enrich the webpage.

**ASRWG Minutes 8: Any other business**

11. The Chair announced that the 28th Annual Meeting of the ASRWG will be held during 72nd IEC Meetings on 27 November 2021 at Marrakesh in Morocco. All members are strongly requested to participate in the meeting physically or virtually.



**A. Membership of Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)**

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Participated in virtual meeting in April / July/ Oct 2021	Remarks
1.	Japan (1951)	Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Chairman, 2020 (2019)	•	Attended in 2020 and contributed in 2019
2.	India (1950)	Dr.Vijay K Labhsetwar, Vice Chair, 2020 (2018)	•	Attended meeting in 2018, 2020
3.	Turkey (1954)	Dr. Aynur Fayrap, Secretary, 2020 (2012)	•	Attended meeting 2015, 2020 and represented in 2016
4.	Afghanistan (2017)	Representative from AFGICID		AFGICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
5.	Australia (1952)	Representative from IACID	Mr. Momir Vranes and Mr. Bryan Ward attended all the virtual meetings in July 2021	Nominations received from IACID in September 2021 ( <i>refer below table B</i> )
6.	Bangladesh (1973)	Representative from BANCID	Mr. Md Rahman attended the virtual meeting in July 2021	BANCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
7.	China (1963)	Mr. Wang Aiguo (2016)		Nominations received from CNCID ( <i>refer below table B</i> )
8.	Chinese Taipei Committee (1969)	Dr.Ray-Shyan Wu (2018)	•	Attended meetings in 2018, 2019, 2020
9.	Chinese Taipei Committee (1969)	Dr. Gwo-Hsing Yu (2015)		Attended meeting in 2016 and represented in 2017
10.	Chinese Taipei Committee (1969)	Dr. Wen-Pin Shu (2019)	•	Attended meeting in 2019, 2020
11.	Fiji (2010)	Representative from FIJICID		FIJICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
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, 2020
14.	Iran (1955)	VPH Karim Shiami (1997)	•	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017, 2019, 2020 and contributed
15.	Iraq (2006)	Representative from IRQCID	Mrs. Shaimaa Shihab Ahmed attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> virtual meeting in July 2021	Nominations received from IRQCID in August 2021 ( <i>refer below table B</i> )
16.	Japan (1951)	VPH Naoki Hayashida (2014)	•	Attended meetings in 2015, 2016 , 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
17.	Kazakhstan (2006)	Representative from KAZCID		KAZCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
18.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Syed Abdul Hamid bin Syed Shuib (2013)		Represented MANCID in 2016 , 2017 and 2018
19.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Hj. Ahmad bin Darus (2019)		Attended meeting in 2019
20.	Myanmar (1962)	Dr. (Ms.) Mu Mu Than (2017)	•	Attended meetings in 2017, 2019
21.	Nepal (1973)	Mr. Bashu Dev Lohanee (2017)		Represented by NENCID in 2017 and attended meeting in 2018
22.	Pakistan (1953)	Mr. Ahmed Kamal (2017)	Mr. Ather Hameed attended the 3 <sup>rd</sup> virtual meeting in Oct 2021	Represented by PANCID in 2017 and 2021

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23.	Philippines (1956)	Representative from PNC-ICID		PNC-ICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
24.	Saudi Arabia (1977)	Representative from SACID		SACID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
25.	South Korea (1970)	Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi (2015)	•	Attended meeting in 2017 and contributed in 2016 , 2017, 2018, 2019
26.	South Korea (1970)	Ms. Jeong Min, Ryu – Young Professional (2017)		Attended meeting in 2017
27.	Sri Lanka (1950)	Eng. W.B. Palugaswewa (2016)		---
28.	Tajikistan (1997)	Representative from TAJCID		TAJCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
29.	Thailand (1950)	Mr. Arthon Suttigarn (2012)	•	Attended meetings 2015 ,2016, 2018, 2019
30.	Uzbekistan (1994)	Mr. Ilkhom Juraev (2015)	•	Contributed in 2016
31.	Vietnam (2018)	Dr. Dao Trong Tu (2018)	•	---

#### B. New nominations received from the National Committee

No.	Name	Country
1	Mr. Momir Vranes	Australia
2	Mr. Bryan Ward	Australia
3	Mr. Dang Ping ( <i>in place of Mr. Wang Aiguo</i> )	China
4	Ms. Li Ruoxi – Young Professional	China
5	Eng. (Ms.) Zainab Saleem – Young Professional	Iraq
6	Mrs. Shaimaa Shihab Ahmed	Iraq



**ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES**

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023	Milestone for Year 2024	Responsibility
<b>C3. Strategy:</b> Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.5 Enhance Linkages between National Committees for International Cooperation	Technical Report	Enhancement of Linkages between NCs for International Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing and Event organization	Enhancement of Linkages between NCs for International Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing and Event organization	Enhancement of Linkages between NCs for International Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing and Event organization	Enhancement of Linkages between NCs for International Cooperation through Knowledge Sharing and Event organization	
	3.6 Broaden relationship and mutual understanding and cooperation between NCs from developing countries and developed countries	Collaboration/ MoU	Exchange visits/ training between NCs	Exchange visits/ training between NCs	Exchange visits/ training between NCs	Exchange visits/ training between NCs	
	3.7 International conference/ workshop/ seminar	Compilation of proceedings		MoU between NCs	Collaborated Preparatory Works for 9th Asian Regional Conference with IACID	Workshop and/or Session in 9th Asian Regional Conference, 01-08 Sept, 2024, Australia.	
				Participation in 9th World Water Forum (WWF9), March 2022, Senegal			
				Participation in 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS4), April 2022, Japan			
<b>C4. Strategy:</b> Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.4 Special joint Publication on Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development	Side Event with AARDO (African-Asian Rural Development Organization)	Special Issue of AARDO Journal				
			WG Workshops on Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management in Asia	Workshops on Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management in Asia	Release of Report on Impacts of COVID-19 on Agricultural Water Management in Asia		
	4.21 Report on "Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia"	Technical Report	Draft Table of Contents of the Technical Report to be published	Workshops on Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia, in 24th ICID Congress, Oct, 2022, Australia	Workshops on Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia, in 4th World Irrigation Forum, Apr. 2023, China	Formal release of the Report at 9th ARC, 01-08 Sept, 2024, Australia	
<b>D3. Strategy:</b> Facilitate Development of Inter-sectoral Platforms Involving NCs	3.1 Developing inter-sectoral engagement		Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	
			Organizing multi-sectoral events /workshops	Organizing multi-sectoral events /workshops	Organizing multi-sectoral events /workshops	Organizing multi-sectoral events /workshops	

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

