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**FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING OF
WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF
TIDAL AREAS (WG-SDTA)**

Date: 20 July 2021; Time: 13:30 Hours (Indian Standard Time)

Minutes of WG-SDTA

Members Present: (1) Dr. Ruey-Chy Kao (Chinese Taipei Committee), Chairman; (2) Dr. (Ms.) Hsiao-Wen Wang (Chinese Taipei Committee); (3) Prof. Budi Santoso Wignyosukarto (Indonesia); (4) Dr. Jeongryeol Jang (Korea); (5) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (6) Mr. Paavan Kumar Reddy, Young Professional (India); (7) Mr. Alok Paul Kalsi (India); and (8) Dr. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office, New Delhi.

Office-Bearer: Dr. Ragab Ragab, President of ICID

Other: Ms. Elena, Secretary of Chairman, WG-SDTA

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The Chair greeted the participants, especially Dr. Ragab Ragab, President of ICID at the virtual meeting. Dr. Ragab introduced the situations in the UK such as inundation in lowlands and marshlands, soil salinization problems, groundwater qualities, etc. He is also willing to contribute his researches and experiences with the members of WG-SDTA.

Prof. Budi Santoso Wignyosukarto (Indonesia) introduced the situations in Indonesia such as floods, peatland fire issues, etc.

Dr. Hsiao-Wen Wang (Chinese Taipei Committee) is glad to meet the members online. Her background is hydraulics engineering and now focuses on participatory action research. She is looking forward to learning from and work with all the members.

Dr. Joengryeol Jang (Korea) is now in charge of the fishery harbors on village project of the coast agency, Korea.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 1: Review of Membership

The Chair and the attending committee members reviewed the CVs of Dr. Dina Saleh (Egypt) and Mr. Alok Paul Kalsi (India) and proved they are qualified. The Chair welcomed the two members to join WG-SDTA.

The Chair once again thanked Dr. Ikuo Yoshinaga (JNC-ICID, Japan) for his contributions to the working group as Secretary and MTD affairs. WG-SDTA will wait for the new nominated member of JNC-ICID to join the working group

As for the new Secretary, the chair has consulted the willingness of the present members of the WG, Mr. Paavan Kuamr Reddy (India), Young Professional, is willing to take the responsibility as Secretary of the WG.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 2: ICID Action Plan 2030: Activities of Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas

For the COVID-19 pandemic, some activities were postponed or stopped in the past years. With the discussion with the members, the Chair will revise the Action Plan 2030, which will fit the vision of ICID and add the activities to proper years.

As for the International Workshop papers held in 2019 to be reviewed in 2020 to select advanced papers to be published a Special Issue in 2021, the Chair has revised the papers review in 2021 and to be published in 2022, and invites Professor Hsiao-Wen Wang to join the organizing academic committee to review papers based on her experiences of the previous publication of the special issue paper review.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 3: Upcoming WG Events

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 3.1: International Workshop on 'Integrated Solution for Irrigation and Drainage Tails and Land Subsidence in Tidal Areas' in 2022 at Australia

President Dr. Ragab Ragab suggested that the WG might take the cases in the UK. Prof. Hsiao-Wen Wang also stated the situations in Taiwan and will provide the suggestions to the Chair. The Chair will discuss and collect the suggestions for the preparation of the workshop with the members and announce them to the ICID Central Office.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 3.2: Short Course titled 'Tidal Prediction and Land Subsidence Prevention and Reclamation' in 2021

Concluding the opinions of the members, the Short Course will be changed to an online one with certificates to the participants. Dr. Ragab emphasized that the training courses are very important to young professionals so he suggested that the courses might be free to the members, especially the young professionals to motivate more members to join the course. The Chair will send a draft program to the ICID CO after discussing it with WG members.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 3.3: Side Event of the Working Group on SDTA in 2021

The Chair will discuss the preparation of the workshop with the members and share the announcement with ICID Central Office.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 3.4: Web-based Seminar and e-Discussions

President Dr. Ragab suggested, deciding a certain month that the members of the WG would prepare the programme for the web-based seminar and e-discussions, in advance. Further, Dr. Ragab suggested that September would be suitable time because the next IEC meeting will be held in November 2021 at Marrakesh, Morocco. The members will also have the chance to discuss the items that were not dealt with at the virtual meeting during the Web-based Seminar. The chair will prioritize planning activities with reference to topics of common interest among members' countries,

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 4: Updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD)

As Dr. Ikuo Yoshinaga (Japan) has stepped down from membership of WG-SDTA, the Chair will select a new member for the MTD within the working group.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 5: A format for the 2-page 'Country Note' – Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas

*There are country notes from the Netherlands, Japan, Malaysia, India, and Chinese Taipei Committee (Taiwan). Those from Korea and Indonesia will be expected afterward.

WG-SDTA Minutes Item 6: Any other business

Mr. Alok Paul Kalsi introduced himself to the members. He is the Director of Central Water Commission, India. The Chair welcomed Mr. Alok Paul Kalsi.

Dr. Ragab Ragab gave some suggestions such as the frequency of the meeting, the assignments of certain activities to certain members as teamwork.

Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar emphasized the Action Plan is the base of WG-SDTA. He also encouraged Mr. Alok Paul Kalsi to contribute to WG-SDTA by first add more current information to the country note of India.

