

APPENDIX III [PCSO Item 7.1]

**AGENDA FOR THE 29TH MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AFRWG)**

14 August 2018, 09.00-10.30 hours (Session I) and 11.00-12.30 hours (Session II)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1994

Mandate: To promote links and networking among the African countries as well as regional and international institutions for enhancing cooperation and coordination, and to support integrated river basin development, training and research issues and information system for African needs.

Website: <http://afrwg.icidonline.org/>

SUPP: Chair VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba vide his email of 15 July has informed that due to some unavoidable circumstances, he will not be able to attend the 69th IEC Meeting and International Conference. Regarding the AFRWG meeting, he requested Vice Chair Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli and Secretary Engr. Amali Abraham Amali to conduct the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair¹

1. The Chair/ Vice Chair will present the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held at Mexico City in October 2017.
2. ICID CO vide e-mail dated 8 December 2017 to all Chairs/ Vice Chairs/ Secretaries has suggested work bodies to make full use of web-ex platform for virtual meeting so as to ensure regular contribution from the WG members as well as discuss and initiate follow-up actions emerging from the minutes of the previous WG meeting and review the progress of the action points. In this connection PCTA in its meeting in Mexico in October 2017 accepted the recommendation of the Sub-committee to investigate the structure, scheduling of meetings and membership of working groups (SC-SSMWG) that WG Chairs make the WG meetings technically more attractive by taking preparatory steps through virtual meetings of the WGs before preparing the agenda for the meetings. No virtual meeting of the WG could be organised since last meeting of the WG in Mexico in October 2017.
3. At Mexico meeting, the group selected Eng. Amali Abraham Amali (Nigeria) as Secretary of the WG, subject to receiving nomination from Nigerian National Committee. Subsequently, the ICID Central Office has received confirmation from the Nigerian NC in January 2018 and hence, Engr. Amali has been accepted as Secretary of the group. No new nominations have been received for the membership of the working group. Chairman 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.

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

4. At Mexico meeting, the group discussed and reviewed the Action Plan for AFRWG (**Annex 2**) keeping in view the mandate and identified the following activities for action:
 - (i) Keeping in view the importance of exchange of knowledge, experiences, technologies and information among NCs, African National Committees are encouraged to have bilateral cooperation (MoU) with other NCs.
 - (ii) In order to develop capacity of professionals especially young professionals (YPs) from African region, ICID President and ICID Central Office requested to give a priority for the capacity development programme of Young Professional from the region. Members also suggested to approach International funding organization for support for capacity development programme in the region.
 - (iii) Members requested ICID to organize capacity development programme/ training workshop for YPs from African region in conjunction with all future ICID events in Africa in addition to training workshop for YP being organized with ICID annual events.

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

5. During the Mexico meeting, the 68th International Executive Council (IEC) encouraged WGs to monitor the progress of 'Activities identified under Various Strategies for Action Plan 2017-21' appended to 'A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030' and report to their respective Permanent Committees. ICID CO has followed-up with the members and requested them to take actions to achieve milestones decided by the WG in the action plan. WG Chair and members will provide updates on actions initiated to achieve milestones as per agreed Action Plan during the meeting.

6. As per decision of 68th IEC, the Central Office requested the Chairs of the Work bodies in January 2018 to monitor the progress of achieving milestones as indicated in the Action Plan and report status to the concerned Permanent Committee to enable the Theme Leaders to take stock of the progress of the Work body in achieving the Action Plan in their synthesis report. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 3: Position paper on Green Revolution in Africa

7. During Mexico meeting, WG deliberated the preparation of position paper on "Green Revolution in Africa" and proposed to organize discussion among members to finalize the draft strategy on supporting development of appropriate policies. It was agreed that Vice Chair Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli and Chair Dr. Wahba would coordinate and prepare a draft table of contents of the position paper on Green Revolution in Africa which would then be circulated to all National Committees in the region for their comments and providing material/information for preparation of position paper. It was proposed that the final draft paper for Green Revolution in Africa will be presented during the WG meeting in Canada in August 2018. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 4: Progress on implementation of the action program for Africa - Strategy for capacity building in Africa (Training Needs Assessment Report)

8. At Mexico, Chair provided status on implementation of action program and Strategy for Capacity Building in Africa and presented a draft questionnaire for training needs assessment (TNA) in Africa. It was proposed that the TNA questionnaire be translated in 4 languages viz. English, French, Portales and Arabic, which are the main languages in the African continent with the support of ICID Central Office and NCs in the region and then uploaded on the website of AFRWG-ICID for access by all African countries.

9. Accordingly, in consultation with the Chair, the ICID Central Office has uploaded the English and translated French version of TNA questionnaire on the ICID website and informed all NCs in the region to access and download it. The ICID CO followed-up with NCs and requested them to send the filled-in information to the WG Chair. In response, 60 responses were received from 6 National Committees viz. Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, Morocco, Nigeria, and Ghana Chair will provide further updates at the meeting and a report about the results of TNA will be given by the chair and secretary of the WG.

AFRWG Agenda Item 5: Exchange of information, knowledge and experience (progress in activating Young professional working group at Africa NC's)

10. The website of the working group <http://afrwg.icidonline.org/> has been updated with new membership list, agenda, minutes etc. Chair encouraged all members to share information, knowledge & experience and provide papers, presentations, articles, reports etc. related to scope of the WG to ICID Central Office for uploading on the WG website for wider dissemination. Chair also requested the African National Committees to update the e-mail, mobiles and any other contacts details of the member of AFRWG and the staff of the NCs for faster communication among the group. Accordingly, the ICID CO has followed-up with the members and requested them to provide interesting articles, papers and presentations for uploading on the website. The chair will give a short summary about the actions have been taken and future plan.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6: Updates on Regional Irrigation Associations- SARIA, NARAID, ARID-RAID by the Chair or Representative

11. During Mexico meeting, Chair VPH Dr. Wahba, VPH Dr Backeberg and Prof. Dr Mpandeli provided updates on the activities of the regional irrigation associations. It was stressed that all regional blocks such as Southern Africa Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA) and North African Regional Association for Irrigation and Drainage (NARAID), which is under establishment, be requested to encourage their members to become member of ICID and thus join the AFRWG. During the meeting, Chair VPH Wahba requested SARIA representative to arrange all the available materials related to the establishment of SARIA to initiate actions on the establishment of NARAID.

12. SARIA Workshop and Steering Committee Meeting on "Agribusiness and Value Chain: A Rapid Transformation of Agri-Food Systems" organized its annual Workshop from 21-24 May 2018 in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa to facilitate the exchange of ideas and practices between researchers, advisory agents and government officials from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries; these include

participants from South Africa, Malawi, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. Drs. Joe Stevens and Andrew Sanewe presented a research method through experimental learning that University of Pretoria is carrying out with farmers in various countries including Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, Republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe. This project is funded by Water Research Commission of South Africa and the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). A one day field visit to Mooi-River and Tugela Ferry Irrigation Schemes in the Msinga Local Municipality was conducted so that the workshop participants be exposed to water conflicts being experienced and how communities are solving or managing the issues. The two schemes play an important role in the local economy of Msinga as sources of food, employment and market for agricultural inputs.

13. After the workshop, participants attended the Steering Committee meeting on the 24 May 2018 and country reports on activities and progress made towards establishment of National Committees were discussed. The participants discussed various issues affecting the SADC countries and agreed that the strategic country development programmes will need to be tabled at various forum like SADC summit to try and lobby for Governments support. Also, as a matter of progress SARIA will partner with member country symposiums and other Regional Water Hubs. The first partnership will be with SANCID Symposium in 2018. Vice Chair will provide further updates at the meeting and give a brief presentation and status and the progress of SARIA

AFRWG Agenda Item 7: Updates on activities of member countries - First African Young Water Professional's Forum (Af-YWPF) in October 2018 in Cairo, Egypt and Establishment of AF-IYPeF

14. At Mexico, WG discussed and agreed to establish the African Young Water Professional Forum (Af-YPF) and organise its first meeting in Egypt in 2018. This Forum will bring together African future water industry leaders from the private sector, research and government around this central theme. This is an extraordinary opportunity for water professionals to showcase their knowledge and contributions to sustainable water management in an international setting, discuss what they learned from their experiences, and to broaden the minds and thinking of new and experienced water professionals. Young water professionals see a lack of leadership and political will as a key barrier to transitioning to a circular economy. A lack of understanding and education follows this, and hence it becomes crucial for the water sector to step up and advocate for these key issues. The 1st meeting of Af-YPF will include workshops and seminars which hopes to challenge and inspire young water professionals within the continent about leadership in the research and innovative space and motivate their action. This will give them the opportunity to reflect on the skills and attributes they can bring to leadership in their different organisations, encourage innovative thinking and motivate the researchers among them. Its primary focus is to build skills needed globally and strengthen the ability of young water professionals to engage in forms of team leadership that are common in the water sector, whilst recognising that to address team leadership adequately; participants need first to build some foundation knowledge and skills. The three-day forum and workshop will include the declaration of the establishment of Af-YWP Forum, training workshop and technical sessions.

15. Chair encouraged all African NCs to establish YPF at local level in their countries and requested them to encourage YPs to join this local YPF as well as to participate in the e-discussion and webinars. It was also agreed that all NCs must support and nominate Young Professional so that they can attend ICID events. WG discussed and suggested that all training initiatives provided by AFRWG in future should be accredited/ certified since this will attract many international experts from across the continent.

16. In April 2018, Moroccan Young Professional Forum was established to undertake activities within the AFRWG of ICID and the Forum will be coordinated by Ms. Sara Boularbah and will enable the Moroccan young professionals to benefit and contribute to various ICID activities including e-discussions, webinars, ICID Journal and various conferences/ seminars.

17. VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba assumed Chairmanship of ENCID from 1 April 2018. The first meeting of ENCID headed by VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair of ENCID/ AFRWG was organized on 10 April 2018. During the meeting, discussions were also held regarding the progress in the preparation of the Forum and to activate the young professional group of the committee. ANAFIDE, will publicize the event among its members and particularly will encourage the participation of Moroccan young professionals and faculty members. The conference will be preceded by a capacity building week for the African participants.

18. First African Young Water Professional's Forum (Af-YPF) will be held during the 1st Cairo Water Week from 14-18 October 2018 at Cairo, Egypt. The theme of the 1st Cairo Water Week is "Water Conservation for Sustainable Development". Due to budget constraint, Chair VPH Dr. Wahba through President Felix Reinders has approached several funding agencies viz. African Development Bank (AfDB), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), International Water Association (IWA), Global Water Partnership (GWP), African Water Facility (AWF) besides Chinese National Committee (CNCID) and Korean National Committee (KCID) for financial support of the Forum. ICID Central Office has agreed to provide support of US\$10,000 towards organization of 1st Af-YWPF while GWP has agreed to sponsor two YPs from Mauritania as well conduct one technical session. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 8: 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage, 16-18 March 2020, Rabat, Morocco (presentation by Dr. El-Hussein Bartali, Vice president of ANAFIDE)

19. At Mexico, Dr. Bartali Elhoussine (Morocco), Vice President of Moroccan National Committee (ANAFIDE) informed that ANAFIDE would like to host the 5th African Regional Conference and members appreciated it. ANAFIDE submitted formal application (Form A) to ICID Central Office so that it can be placed before the International Executive Council for its approval. After reviewing Form A, ANAFIDE has been requested to submit revised Form A, which is awaited.

20. Upon invitation from the ANAFIDE, PH Dr. Saeed Nairizi and VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba visited Rabat, Morocco from 16-20 April 2018. The meeting aimed to discuss and support the preparation of the 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage to be organized by ANAFIDE in collaboration with ICID and IAV Hassan II in Morocco in March 2020; enhance cooperation and exchange among ANAFIDE (Morocco), IRNCID (Iran) and ENCID (Egypt); and promote the activities of ANAFIDE within the AFRWG, particularly the Moroccan Young Professionals Forum. On 16 April 2018, PH Nairizi and VPH Wahba accompanied by Dr. El Houssine Bartali visited the IAV Hassan II conference facility, the designated venue of the 5th African Regional Conference and met with the ANAFIDE President and Board members. Moroccan representative will provide further progress of the Conference at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 9: Progress for the proposed third node for IRPID for African region

21. During the visit to Moroccan National Committee, PH Nairizi delivered a presentation on the “Role of ICID in Tackling Global Food Security Challenge” on 17 April 2018. He outlined the ‘Road Map to ICID Vision 2030’ and recalled the mandate of AFRWG. He presented ICID initiatives and programs to facilitate the implementation of the vision through the Technical Support Program (TSP) and the International Research Program in Irrigation and Drainage (IRPID) Nodal Centre. He also invited Morocco to be a member of the regional node. It was agreed that ANAFIDE and ENCID will collaborate with the Italian National Committee of ICID (ITAL-ICID) for the establishment of a Regional Node for the Mediterranean and North African Region. More discussion has been carried out between Sudanese, Egyptian, Moroccan and Italian NC's for the cooperation between them for this important node and it was agreed between them to prepare the documents for the joint node coordinated by the Italian committee and to work on the common areas between all NC's and submitted to the main office before the dead line 30 June.

AFRWG Agenda Item 10: Any other business



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Saskatoon, Canada after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 15 August 2018.

Annex 1 [Appendix III, Item 1]

A. Membership of African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017
2.	South Africa (1993)	Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017
3.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Amali Abraham Amali – Young Professional, Secretary (2017)	Contributed in 2017
4.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mr. Jean Bernard Dambre (2016)	Attended meeting in 2016
5.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mrs. Salamata Karambiri MIWENDE (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015
6.	Chad (2012)	Mr. Tchouadang Kadjonga (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015
7.	Egypt (1950)	Eng. Omnia Hassan Ahmad Salem – Young Professional	Provisional Member
8.	Ethiopia (1976)	Representative from ETCID	
9.	Madagascar (2014)	Representative from MADCID	
10.	Malawi (1967)	Representative from MALCID	
11.	Mali (2005)	Representative from AMID	
12.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. Sara Boularbah – Young Professional	Provisional Member
13.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. El Oumlouki Kaoutar – Young Professional	Provisional Member
14.	Niger (2007)	Representative from ANID	
15.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Joe Kwanashie (2014)	Represented by NINCID in 2015 & 2017
16.	Somalia (2017)	Mr. Abdullahi Hassan Hussein – Young Professional	
17.	Somalia (2017)	Eng. Mohamed Mohamud Abdi	Provisional Member
18.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. (Ms.) Hind Massoud Hamed Elneel	Provisional Member
19.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. Marwa Faisal Salman Mohamed – Young Professional	Provisional Member
20.	Tanzania (2011)	Representative from TANCID	
21.	Zambia (1966)	Mr. Mulako Cornelius Sitali (2015)	Contributed in 2016
22.	Zimbabwe (1955)	Representative from ZwCID	
Observers/ Permanent observers			
1.	Egypt	VPH Dr. Samia El-Guindy	Attended meeting in 2015 and represented by ENCID in 2016 As per revised ICID By-laws 3.5, “..... <i>not more than four members</i> may be nominated by a particular National Committee, provided at least one of the additional members is a young professional,” and hence now she can become member
2.		FAO Representative	
3.		World Bank Representative	
4.	Italy	Mr. Jean Syroganis Camara	
5.	Italy	Mr. A. de Vito	
6.		ARID Representative	Attended meeting in 2015
7.		SARIA Representative	Attended meeting in 2017
8.		AgWA Representative	Attended meeting in 2015



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
Goal B: Be a Catalyst for Change in Policies and Practices							
B1. Strategy: Supporting Development of Appropriate Policies	1.15 Position Paper on Green Revolution in Africa	Position paper	Prepare the draft paper	Finalise the paper			
GOAL C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology							
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.4 Activate or Establish Regional/sub-regional WGs	Regional WGs	Collaboration with AfYWP-Forum				
Goal F: Facilitate capacity development							
F2. Strategy: Support Capacity Development Activities of Member Countries	2.4 Strategy for capacity building in Africa	Strategy/ Policy	Identify new themes and revise the strategy	Update the strategy			

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

