

Agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of the
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AFRWG)
 11 October 2010 : 13.30-17.00 hours
 Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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.

Members: (1) Dr. Adama Sangare, Chairman, 2009 (Mali, 2008); (2) Mr. Andrew Senewe, Vice Chairman (2009) (3) Engr. D.B. Madu, Secretary (Nigeria, 2008); (4) Ms. Raphaela Ducrot (France, 1999); (5) Mr. Makonnen Loulseged (Ethiopia, 2007); (6) Morocco representative; and (7) Secretary General, ICID.

Observers: (i) FAO Representative; (ii) World Bank Representative; (iii) IPTRID Representative (iv) Mr. Jean Syroganis Camara (Italy); (v) Mr. Adriado de Vito (Italy); (vi) Mr. Deric S. Mono (Zambia); (vii) Ms. Felicity Chancellor (UK); (viii) ARID Representative; (ix) SARIA Representative; and (x) AgWa Representative

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Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 20th meeting held at New Delhi

The minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group held at New Delhi in December 2009 will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of membership of the group, permanent observers, and countries

2.1 Membership of the Group

No new nominations were received for the membership of the Group.

Attendance of the members during the meetings held at New Delhi (2009) and at Lahore (2008) will be circulated at the meeting.

2.2 Membership of African Countries

At the 60th IEC, the application of Cameroon was accepted and admitted for the membership. Subsequently, the Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development vide their fax of 8 July 2010 has informed the Central Office that their representative could not attend the New Delhi event due to difficulties in getting the VISA. However, they have agreed to pay the annual membership subscription and asked the Central Office to provide ICID Constitution and Rules and regulation regarding payment of subscription as well as details of bank. Accordingly, the Central Office on 13 July 2010 has sent the documents (*in French*) by both post and by e-mail and also the Bank Account details to the Ministry.

Central Office while appreciating the Ministry's efforts to join ICID has requested the Ministry to arrange to pay the first annual membership subscription (US\$ 1380) for the year 2010 so as to formally effect their membership. Response is awaited.

Presently in the Africa Region, there are only 8 active member countries, 15 deemed to be inactive countries, and 5 countries were admitted but have not paid their subscription. The details are shown below:

Active (Year of Joining)	Deemed to be inactive (Year of Joining) (Year of becoming inactive)	Admitted but not paid subscription (Year of Admission)
1. Egypt (ENCID) (1950)	1. Algeria (CNAID) (1965) (1999)	1. Burkina
2. Ethiopia (ETCID) (1976)	2. Angola (ANGCID) (1978) (1994)	Faso(BURCID)(2000)
3. Mali (AMID)(2005)	3. Ghana (CHANCID) (1958) (1982)	2. Cameroon (2009)
4. Morocco (ANAFIDE) (1959)	4. Ivory Coast (IVCID) (1969) (1982)	3. Chad (ATID) (2003)
5. Niger (ANID) (2007)	5. Kenya (KENCID) (1977) (2003)	4. Mauritius (MAUCID) (1992)
6. Nigeria (NINCID) (1970)	6. Libya (LICID) (1988) (2000)	5. São Tomé and Príncipe (SAOCID) (1985)
7. South Africa (SANCID) (1993)	7. Madagascar (MADCID) (1983) (1986)	
8. Zambia (ZACID) (1966)	8. Malawi (MILCID) (1967) (2004)	
	9. Mozambique (MOCID) (1978) (2006)	
	10. Senegal (SENCID) (1966) (1992)	
	11. Sudan (SUCID) (1964) (2003)	
	12. Tanzania (TANCID) (2000)(2006)	
	13. Tunisia (TUNCID) (1960) (1993)	
	14. Uganda (UGCID) (1963)(1983)	
	15. Zimbabwe (ZICID) (1955)(2001)	

At the New Delhi meeting, the Group suggested to reconsider the membership fees to encourage the African countries to join ICID and also that the Central Office to extend communication to the non-member countries to keep them abreast of ICID activities.

The Central Office had corresponded with the National Committees of Algeria (CNAID), Angola (ANGCID), Ghana (GHANCID), Ivory Coast (IVCID), Kenya (KENCID), Libya (LICID), Madagascar (MADCID), Malawi (MILCID), Mozambique (MOCID), Senegal (SENCID), Sudan (SUCID), Tanzania (TANCID), Uganda (UGCID) and Zimbabwe (ZICID) for their reactivation.

Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman, Acting High Commissioner and Minister-Counselor/ Head of Chancery, Ghana High Commission visited the Central Office on 2 June 2010. Secretary General, ICID made a presentation highlighting ICID's key activities and initiatives, the advantages and benefits for member countries, and recent publications. Mr. Agyeman was impressed with the task undertaken by ICID and the advantages that member countries gain by active participation. He lauded ICID's role in ensuring 'Global Food Security', its contributions in achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) aimed at halving the hungry population around the globe by 2015. The High Commissioner gave assurance for the reactivation of Ghana National Committee of ICID (GHANCID).

The Central Office has also written to Botswana, Guinea, Mauritania, Namibia, Swaziland, and Somalia by inviting them to join ICID membership network.

Countries of Burkina Faso, Chad and Mauritius whose membership application had been accepted by IECs at previous meetings, have been requested to pay their membership subscription to formally effect their membership. The Central Office had apprised the VP in charge of the region of these efforts so as to facilitate 'follow-up' action from their side.

The Working Group may like to discuss way and means not only to reactivate/ bring in more African countries in ICID fold but to push forward its agenda to give impetus to ICID's 'Preference for Africa'.

CONTINUING ITEMS

Item 3 : Progress on the implementation of the Action Program for Africa

3.1 Report of the Southern African Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA) Workshop, February 2009

Southern African Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA) was established as a developmental, professional, educational and voluntary regional organization, dedicated to enhance the South African Development Community (SADC)'s regional food security by improving water and land management. SARIA country members include: South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Mission of SARIA is to enhance research, training and development of appropriate science and technology in irrigation and drainage for gender-balanced poverty eradication and economic development to improve the livelihoods of the inhabitants of the SADC region of Africa.

SARIA held a symposium and the steering committee meeting on 16–18 February 2010 at Bloemfoemtein. The theme of the symposium was "Best Management Practices and for Sustainable Smallholder Irrigation development and other aspects of Small-scale Irrigated Agriculture". The purpose of the symposium was to promote the exchange of ideas and practices between researchers, advisory agents and government officials from the SADC countries with regard to smallholder irrigation. Participants included SARIA representatives from 10 SADC countries. Each country representative presented a paper on certain aspects of smallholder irrigation. In addition, discussions on rainwater water harvesting and conservation (RWH&C) practices continued from the previous workshop held in February 2009. A tour of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (Mohale dam) was also organized. A CD-ROM of the proceedings will be distributed at the meeting.

Dr. Andrew Sanewe, Chairman, SARIA may like to provide key highlights/ recommendations of the symposium at the meeting.

3.2 3rd African Regional Conference, Mali, 2011

59th IEC held at Lahore in 2008 had approved hosting of the 3rd African Regional Conference by Mali National Committee (AMID). At the New Delhi meeting Dr. Adama Sangare and Mr. Abdoulaye Dembele of AMID reported about the preparations for the Conference and said that event will be held in September 2011.

Central Office has followed up with the AMID to provide details of the administrative and financial aspects of the event for presentation at the Permanent Finance Committee meeting to be held at Yogyakarta. Dr. Adama Sangare vide his e-mail of 20 May 2010 has informed the Central Office that the 3rd General Assembly meeting of the Association Malienne des Irrigations et du Drainage (AMID) has nominated new Office-Bearers of AMID - Dr. Adama Sangare as the President, Mr. Seydou Bassie Toure as the Vice President and Mr. Paul Coulibaly as the Secretary General. He has also informed that the process towards organization of the event was in progress and the detailed information about the event would be provided to the Central Office after consultation with the Mali Ministry of Agriculture. Response is awaited.

Chairman Dr. Sangare will apprise updates on various preparations for the 3rd African Regional Conference.

Item 4 : Three-year work plan of the Group

Three-year work plan of the Group could not be discussed due to scarce attendance of members at the New Delhi meeting. The Chairman and Vice Chairman proposed to postpone the discussion for the Yogyakarta meeting and requested all members, ARID, SARIA, IMAWESA and representatives of other African Organizations to provide their ideas/ activities to him well in advance of the next meeting to formulate a framework of activities within the mandate of the WG.

The WG will discuss and prepare a three year work plan (2010-12) considering the ongoing activities and likely future tasks.

Item 5 : Cooperation with other Working Groups and International Organizations

5.1 ICID Working Groups

During the New Delhi meeting, the Group agreed on the decision about members to serve as liaison persons on related ICID workbodies for effective exchange of information and collaboration.

It was proposed that Dr. Sanewe, Chairman, SARIA would act as a liaison person to Special Work Team on Lake Chad basin (ST-LCB); while Chairman Dr. Sangare, will liaise with Working Group on the Role of Irrigation in Poverty Alleviation and Livelihood (WG-POVERTY). Chairman will also nominate a member to liaise with Asian Regional Working Group.

Liaison persons will present their report at the meeting.

5.2 Focus on Africa

At the New Delhi meeting, the Group appreciated the recommendation of the 'Special Committee of the PCSPOA' - to strengthen ICID Focus on Africa by increasing its share of activity in Africa and by developing a real "Preference for Africa" program with the aim to increase its visibility and its added value to African professionals. One of the possibilities suggested was to appoint two Vice Presidents in charge of Africa, instead of one, in particular to link with regional initiatives and associations (Lake Chad, ARID, SARIA, NEPAD, etc.). The WG however, reiterated the priority action that more African National Committees need to become active by contributing to WG activities. Central Office was requested to facilitate contact between National Committees and donors for supporting their activities.

Central Office has rigorously communicated with all the inactive National Committees for reactivation as well as new countries for joining ICID (please see item 2.2). However, responses are yet to be received.

5.3 Agriculture Water Partnership (AgWA)

Initiative for Agricultural Water in Africa (AgWA) is a partnership of African and international organizations with a common interest to support re-engagement in Agricultural Water Management (AWM). The AgWA was launched with the partnership of AfDB, IFAD, FAO, NEAPD, ICID, IMAWESA, IWMI and WB on the occasion of the Africa Ministerial Conference in Sirte in December 2008.

A meeting of AgWA was hosted by the African Development Bank during 23-24 March 2010 at Tunis. The objectives of the meeting were to forge strong connections with the operationalization of CAADP Pillar 1, to contribute to the finalization of the AgWA work plan 2010-2011, and the transition of the governance of AgWA from its current interim arrangements. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Mbogo Futakamba, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, and Secretary General of the Tanzanian National Committee of ICID (TANCID).

President Hon. Peter Lee (UK) and Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali) participated and represented ICID in the meeting. PH Lee prepared a brief 'Re-engaging Agricultural Water Management (AWM) in Africa – Potential Contribution of ICID to AgWA' for consideration of the organizers (**Annex**). A draft work plan (2010-11) based on the recommendations made at the meeting has been prepared by the AgWA Coordinator. ICID is identified to contribute to the AgWA activities through its knowledge sharing component.

Central Office has circulated the following documents among members and all National Committees of Africa as received from Ms. Andy Bullock, AgWA Coordinator, from time to time:

- AgWA Country Support Tool, Draft Final Report- by Andy Bullock, July 2010
 - Final version of the AgWA work plan (2010-11)
 - The Initiative for Agricultural Water in Africa (AgWA) - Briefing Note
 - AgWA Partnership Document-- by Melvyn Kay and Henri Tardieu
 - Preliminary AgWA workplan 2010-2011 tabled for discussion at AgWA Partners Meeting held at Tunis from 23-24 March 2010
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- Background Note on Advancing Governance of AgWA tabled for discussion at AgWA Partners Meeting held at Tunis from 23-24 March 2010
- Summary Report on the AgWA Partners Meeting, 23-24 March 2010, Tunis, Tunisia

The Central Office has published an article "Re-engaging Agricultural Water Management (AWM) in Africa" in the ICID News (2010/2 issue) and can be accessed at http://www.icid.org/icidnews_10_2.pdf

Members of the WG and National Committees of Africa Region are requested to provide their comments/suggestions to strengthen ICID collaboration with the AgWA with a view to evolve some common action.

5.4 UNW-DPC Workshop on AquaCrop, March 2010, South Africa

An International Workshop on 'Capacity Development for Farm Management Strategies to Improve Crop-Water Productivity using AquaCrop' was held on 1-5 March 2010 at Bloemfontein in South Africa. The workshop was organized by UN-Water Decade program on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Thirty-three participants representing institutions from Zimbabwe, Malawi, Cameroon, Ghana, Tanzania, Mozambique, Lesotho, Mauritius, Zambia, and the host country South Africa attended the training workshop.

Participants were trained in the practical applications of AquaCrop, the new crop-water productivity model recently developed by FAO, which focuses on simulating the attainable yield in response to water, which is the key driver for agricultural production. Some select case studies showcasing best practice on trainings using AquaCrop will be presented at the UNW-DPC-FAO-ICID Workshop scheduled to be held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 8-9 October 2010 under the Frame Work of Cooperation (FOC) between ICID and UNW-DPC.

5.5 Other International Announcements/ Initiatives

Central Office has circulated the following announcements/ documents among the member countries of the Africa and members of the AFRWG, as and when received.

- **Africa Agriculture and Food Security 2010 Conference and Expo, Durban, South Africa**

A conference and expo on the topic "Sustainable Agriculture for Improved Food Security in Africa: Investing in people and livelihoods" is scheduled to be held from 21-23 September 2010 at Durban ICC, South Africa. Over 2500 delegates representing agro companies, local government ministries, heads of state, partners in development, academic research institutions, civil societies and community leaders, agricultural societies, subsistent & commercial farmers are expected to attend. Private sector companies will also attend to discuss effective Public-Private Partnership opportunities so as to minimize food insecurity in Africa. This meeting has been specifically designed to address the impacts, strategies, best practices and new methodologies for resolving food insecurity in Africa through sustainable agriculture, agricultural innovation, knowledge management and knowledge sharing. More information about the event can be accessed at <http://www.africagri.com>.

- **1st Africa Agriculture and Water Dialogue – Cape Town South, Africa 2011**

The Central Office has received a letter from the 1st Africa Agriculture and Water Dialogue inviting ICID to be a partner for its Dialogue scheduled to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2011. The theme of the dialogue is "One voice for Africa's sustainable agriculture water management". This dialogue is a major collaboration between various institutions such as CAADP, NPCA and Ikap media as the official event organizer. The aim of the dialogue is to converge all those organizations that have an interest in Agricultural Water Management in Africa, with an expected outcome towards creating an effective mechanism that pools their efforts into a systematic process of working from one platform to improve agriculture productivity and access to water. More details can be accessed at www.ikapamedia.co.za.

The following reflects some key items forming the knowledge base:

- Report and Recommendations on Strengthening the Institutional Architecture for Promoting Agricultural Water Management in Africa Douglas J Merrey (dougmerrey@gmail.com), AWM Institutions Draft 2, 16 MARCH 2010
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- Summary Report of the 15th African Water Association's Congress held on 15-18 March 2010 in Kampala, Uganda
- Business Alliance against Chronic Hunger – A public-private partnership managed by the World Economic Forum; www.weforum.org/hunger or contact hunger@weforum.org
- Business Solutions for Sustainable Food Production – The World Economic Forum's work to address hunger and global food security, World Economic Forum; www.weforum.org/hunger or contact hunger@weforum.org
- IFPRI Discussion Paper 00993, June 2010 "What is the Irrigation Potential for Africa? – A combined Biophysical and Socioeconomic Approach" by Liangzhi You, Claudia Ringler et al. of Environment and Production Technology Division, International Food Policy Research Institute
- The brochure of Business and Water Conference held from 25-26 February 2010 at Gauteng, South Africa. Contact: mogorosicom@gmail.com
- The African Food Crisis Response (AFCR) of the African Development Bank Group; <http://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Policy-Documents/The%20Africa%20Food%20Crisis%20Response.pdf>
- Hydropower Africa 2010. Contact: Mario Haddon (mario.haddon@spintelligent.com) or visit: www.esi-africa.com/hpa

Item 6 : Publicizing Working Group's activities through a Newsletter and Other International Publications

During the New Delhi meeting, the Chairman urged all members to contribute information/ article so as to bring out 'AFRWG newsletter'. The Newsletter can include information about AgWA, SARIA, ARID and National Committees in Africa etc. The Chairman nominated the Chairmen of ARID and SARIA to compile/ edit and prepare the WG newsletter on regular basis. The Central Office will assist in wider dissemination of the Newsletter.

Item 7 : Webpage of the AFRWG

AFRWG webpage <http://www.afrwg.icidonline.org/> is active and contains lot of information for members to make good use. The Central Office has posted some documents and many useful links to the webpage. All members are requested to provide other information/ web links related to WG activities for posting on the webpage.

Item 8 : Report of the Task Force for Identifying Priority Issues for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Africa

With the finalization of the TF report, the 20th meeting of the Permanent Committee on Strategy Planning and Organizational Affairs (PCSPOA) held at New Delhi has advised to finalize the TF Report and close the Task Force.

Central Office has compiled the earlier versions of the draft reports and brought out a final version. The document will be circulated among all members and will be tabled at the meeting.

Item 9 : Any other business (with permission of the Chair)

**RE-ENGAGING AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT (AWM) IN
AFRICA: POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF ICID TO AgWA**

**By
(President Hon. Peter S Lee)**

ICID stands for “managing water for sustainable agriculture” and in 2007 declared a “Preference for Africa”, relevant to the AgWa objectives and the five “product lines” being targeted by the Collaborative Group (NEPAD, WB, AfDB, FAO and IFAD) under CAADP.

1. ICID’s ‘Preference for Africa’ is manifested by its relationship with the two region groupings of Africa countries: ARID and SARIA, which extends the ICID network in Africa well beyond that defined by formally active countries (which it would like to work with AgWa to extend).
2. ICID’s promotion of “broadbased” national committees each constituted according to the countries wishes provides a flexible model for bringing together the various interests in AWM in each country, facilitated by a regional and international context that could now include AgWa’s activities.
3. ICID has an active Africa Regional Working Group and task forces on LDCs in Africa and on Lake Chad Basin, and a series of regional conferences that can contribute to the advocacy and exchange of knowledge components of AgWa:
 - 2nd African Regional Conference, Johannesburg Nov-07 (completed)
 - 3rd African Regional Conference, Mali, 2011 (confirmed)
 - 4th African Regional Conference, Egypt, 2013 (proposed)
4. The ICID Task Force on Poverty Alleviation and Livelihoods brings together worldwide interests in improving the livelihood enhancement of AWM, particularly in relation to Africa. It is the focus of ICID promotion of “multiple use” of water services and infrastructure to extend the benefits of AWM to the landless poor.
5. ICID can help AgWa find voice at the 5th Forum, primarily through its coordination of the important topic “water and food for ending poverty and hunger” and through its involvement in other Forum processes relevant to AgWa.
6. ICID recognises that countries outside Africa have much to contribute to the AgWa objectives (most notably China and Brazil) and encourages them through their national committees to do so. ICID’s WatSave Awards, top-ten technologies and support for IPTRID all contain strong advocacy for Africa’s achievements and future needs.
7. ICID has a central involvement in IPTRID and its network, and supports the creation of IPTRID hub/s in Africa focusing on small scale irrigation and other technologies relevant to Africa.
8. ICID provides the secretariat for IWALC that brings together professional associations in water resources and use, which provides for potential bridge building between AgWa and professional interests in groundwater, dam-building, hydropower, bio-energy, urban water supply and water transport.

ICID is committed to support AgWa, and has common interest in advocacy and knowledge sharing in AWM and strengthening AWM networks in Africa.
