

**AGENDA FOR THE 28TH MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AFRWG)**

11 October 2017, 09.00-10.30 hours (Session I)
11 October 2017, 11.00-12.30 hours (Session II)
Mexico City, Mexico

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.

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AFRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair

1. The Chair will present report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held at Chiang Mai in November 2016. Chair VP Mohamed Wahba has invited National Committees in the African region to nominate professional in the working group and volunteer to host 5th African Regional Conference. He also requested them to activate young professionals in their countries to take part in activities of ICID including attending the upcoming events/ trainings and to contribute to the activities of the RWG through email, virtual meeting etc. in case they are unable to participate in annual face to face meeting during IEC. In May 2017, the Central Office also followed up with African NCs and invited nominations from those National Committee who have not nominated a professional in the WG.

2. Nominations have been received from the National Committees of Egypt, Morocco, Somalia, and Sudan for the membership of the working group which have been considered for membership of the RWG. Chairman in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG and the Central Office has updated the membership of the WG as given at **Annex 1** (*refer electronic version for latest list*). As per ICID By-laws 3.5, members of work bodies not contributing by their attendance/ correspondence for two consecutive years shall be replaced on the recommendations of the Chairman of the work body. 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 – Activities in African region

3. During Chiang Mai meeting, the group discussed the draft Action Plan 2030 of the WG and made suggestion with some initial ideas for actions and deliverables in respect of six organization goals of ICID. After deliberation, it was decided that the draft action plan may be taken as base for discussion together with the Capacity Building Strategy developed by the AFRWG as reference. As decided by the group, ICID Central Office circulated the draft action plan 2030 to all members of the group inviting their suggestions/comments before its finalization. Similarly, Chair also reminded members to provide their feedback on the action plan so that it can be finalized for its further submission to the Consultative Group (CG) on Action Plan for 2030 as well as PCSO and PCTA.

4. Based on the inputs from the workbodies at the 67th IEC and fresh inputs received upto March 2017, the CG finalised Action Plan for ICID as presented in their report "A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger : A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030". Action Plan for AFRWG as presented in CG report is given as **Annex 2**. The group will discuss the action plan, review the activities and their milestones, and initiate action on the activities as identified in the Action Plan to achieve the Organizational Goals.

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

5. During Chiang Mai meeting, Chair VP Wahba provided brief information about the background and status of the preparation of position paper on 'Green Revolution in Africa'. At the meeting, Chair stressed that the Green Revolution initiative is for Africa, therefore, African countries needs to be proactive and also support this initiative. In February 2017, the ICID Central Office and Chair VP Mohamed Wahba requested National Committees in Africa region to send the filled-in questionnaire. The filled-in questionnaire is intended to facilitate preparation of the position paper that is supposed to be considered during the AFRWG meeting. In response, till date, only five countries managed to submit the questionnaire to the ICID Central Office viz. Burkina Faso, Egypt, Morocco,

Sudan, and Zimbabwe. Chair of the group will provide further updates at the meeting. AFRWG will deliberate on the steps to be initiated for preparation of position paper and its finalisation by 69th IEC in 2018.

AFRWG Agenda Item 4: Progress on implementation of the action program for Africa

AFRWG Agenda Item 4.1: Strategy for capacity building in Africa

6. The group discussed and noted at Chiang Mai that the capacity development strategy document is a living document and will be updated regularly every 3 years. During the meeting, Chair highlighted the need for organizing a symposium in 2017 to assess the milestones and identify new themes as part of phase 2 of the strategy. It was agreed by the members to prepare a three-year work plan for capacity building on irrigation and drainage and a questionnaire will be prepared and circulated to the African National Committees for the training needs assessment. ICID Central Office followed-up the matter with Chair VP Mohamed Wahba and requested to initiate action towards development of questionnaire and training needs assessment of the member from African region. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 5: Exchange of information, knowledge and experience

AFRWG Agenda Item 5.1: Dissemination of Working Group's activities

7. During Chiang Mai meeting, Chair requested members for their active participation in the activities of the WG and facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and experience, as well as networking in order to keep themselves up-to-date with new developments, methods and innovative in the field of agriculture water management practices. In June 2017, the Central Office received a short article from Secretary Jean Bernard Dambre (in French), related to 6th technical days of irrigation from 7-8 December 2016 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (*refer item 7.1*).

8. The website of the working group <http://afrwg.icidonline.org/> has been updated with the new membership list, agenda, minutes, links, reports, publications etc. The Central Office followed-up with the members and requested them to contribute information, articles, documents, reports, links so that same can be uploaded on the ICID website. The group may like to discuss and evolve mechanism for sharing of information and knowledge at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 5.2: Webinar/ web based seminar

9. During Chiang Mai meeting, Chair stressed that members should make full use of WebEx platform for virtual meetings to ensure regular contribution to the activities of the group. In June 2017, Secretary Jean Bernard Dambre informed that the connectivity in Burkina Faso does not permit direct participation in such events so he stressed that the recordings of such past webinars may be posted on the website so that interested members can later access to the core development of the subjects. For those who missed the webinar, it to inform that a live video recording of the past webinars has been uploaded on ICID website http://www.icid.org/icid_webinar.html. Members and National Committees are requested to access the above link to see the Webinar recordings.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6: Updates on Regional Irrigation Associations

AFRWG Agenda Item 6.1: Southern African Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA)

10. The Southern African Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA) organized a Symposium on the theme "Empowerment of Women" from 28-29 March 2017 in Pretoria, South Africa. More than 30 representatives from SARIA member countries across the Southern African Development Community (SADC), namely, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe participated in the Symposium. During the Symposium, five presentations were presented which include Irrigation Strategy of South Africa; Empowerment of women through water use security, land use security and knowledge generation for improved household food security and sustainable rural livelihoods in selected areas, etc.

11. During the workshop, new themes for the SARIA Strategy were identified and agreed for implementation during 2018 to 2021, which are (a) Impacts of climate change on the Agriculture sector, (b) Best Management Models for Smallholder Irrigation, (c) Crop Value Chain and/ or Agri-Business (entrepreneurship), (d) Waste Water re-use, (e) Appropriate Irrigation Technologies, (f) Operation & Maintenance, GIS Techniques, (g) Underutilized crops/ alternative crops, (h) Water Energy Food Nexus, and (i) Conceptualization of smallholder irrigation development. After the Symposium, participants attended the SARIA Steering Committee meeting on 30 March 2017 where country reports on activities and progress made towards establishment of national committees were discussed. Other issues like, Strategic roles and actions for a viable SARIA, membership fee, financial statement

etc. were also discussed in the meeting. Mr. Winston Sataya (Malawi) and Dr. Emery Kasongo (Democratic Republic of Congo) were elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee during the meeting. Vice Chair Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli/ SARIA representative will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6.2: Regional Association for Irrigation and Drainage in West and Central Africa (ARID-RAID)

12. The Regional Association for Irrigation and Drainage (ARID) is a non-governmental Scientific and Technical Association (NGO), created between actors and partners involved in the field of Irrigation and Drainage. It covers geographically 23 countries of West and Central Africa viz. Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Togo. So far, ARID has set up 12 national committees viz. Togo, Côte d'Ivoire; Senegal; Mauritania; Benin, Nigeria, Ghana, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea and Chad. One of the objectives of ARID is to promote creation of National Committees for irrigation and drainage of ICID. The group may discuss about the establishment of regional cooperation with ARID and explore possibility of making non-members from ARID as members of ICID to support its objective of setting of NC for irrigation and drainage at the meeting. ARID representative/ Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6.3: Northern African Regional Association for Irrigation and Drainage (NARAID)

13. During Chiang Mai meeting, the group noted and appreciated the efforts being made by Egypt for development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with all the North African countries, and holding elections to decide on the chairmanship and location of the office. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 7: Updates on activities of member countries

AFRWG Agenda Item 7.1: 6th technical days of irrigation, December 2016, Burkina Faso

14. The National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage of Burkina Faso (CNID-B) organised its Sixth Technical Days of Irrigation on the theme "The Semi- Californian: Origin, Challenges and What Adaptations to Burkina Faso" from 7-8 December 2016 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The opening ceremony was presided by the Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Agriculture and Hydraulic Development, representing Minister Jacob OUEDRAOGO. The event was attended by about eighty professionals, consisting of young professionals from a variety of Ministries, Associations, NGOs, projects and Programs, consulting firms, hydraulic works companies, training and research institutions and national committees that are members of the Regional Association of Irrigation and Drainage (ARID) of Mali (AMID), represented by Mr. Adama SANGARE and Niger (ANID) represented by Mr. Salifou Ahmed. The themes of the sessions were covered through twelve papers followed by debates. The national committees of Mali and Niger contributed papers on the situation of irrigation in their countries.

AFRWG Agenda Item 7.2: Establishment of ENCID-YPF

15. Chair VP Dr. Mohamed Wahba in coordination with ICID President and Central Office has started an action plan to activate the role of African National Committees in all the activities of ICID. This plan is based on strengthening the participation of Young professional through establishing YPF group at national levels, dissemination of ICID activities, utilization of the available resources to provide all the technical support to them to learn and exchange experience and knowledge from the ICID activities. The aim of this plan is to increase the number of memberships of YP at national levels and improve their participations and contribution in all ICID activities mainly in AFRWG and finally to prepare qualified YP for better future for all African National Committees.

16. In June 2017, Chair VP Wahba informed that the Egyptian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (ENCID) has established a new Working Group for Young Professional Forum (ENCID-YPF) and the first meeting was organized on 1 June 2017. During the meeting, a brief introduction was given about the ICID and IYPeF and it was agreed to develop a work plan for activities of YPF. Chair also informed that similar initiative have been taken in Morocco, Somalia, and Sudan. Chair will provide further updates on initiatives taken by him. AFRWG members may like to brief about activities undertaken by their NCs.

AFRWG Agenda Item 8: 5th African Regional Conference

17. WG Chair followed-up with the members to come forward to host 5th African Regional Conference (5th ARC). WG Chair informed that Morocco is considering to submit proposal for hosting 5th ARC. WG Chair/ member from Morocco will provide further updates in the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 9: Any other business



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft Minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Mexico City (Mexico) after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 12 October 2017.

A. Membership of African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Egypt (1950)	VP Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair (2016)	Attended meeting in 2016
2.	South Africa (1993)	Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair (2016)	Attended meetings in 2015 & 2016
3.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mr. Jean Bernard Dambre, Secretary (2016)	Attended meeting in 2016
4.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mrs. Salamata Karambiri MIWENDE (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015, one nomination per NC ¹
5.	Chad (2012)	Mr. Tchouadang Kadjonga (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015
6.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Samia El-Guindy (2010)	Attended meeting in 2015 and represented by ENCID in 2016, one nomination per NC ¹
7.	Ethiopia (1976)	Representative from ETCID	ETCID requested to send nomination for the Group
8.	Madagascar (2014)	Representative from MADCID	MADCID requested to send nomination for the Group
9.	Malawi (1967)	Representative from MALCID	MALCID requested to send nomination for the Group
10.	Mali (2005)	Representative from AMID	AMID requested to send nomination for the Group
11.	Morocco (1959)		Nomination received
12.	Niger (2007)	Representative from ANID	ANID requested to send nomination for the Group
13.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Joe Kwanashie (2014)	Represented by NINCID in 2015
14.	Somalia (2017)		Nomination received
15.	Sudan (2015)		Nomination received
16.	Tanzania (2011)	Representative from TANCID	TANCID requested to send nomination for the Group
17.	Zambia (1966)	Mr. Mulako Cornelius Sitali (2015)	Contributed in 2016
18.	Zimbabwe (1955)	Representative from ZwCID	ZwCID requested to send nomination for the Group
Observers/ Permanent observers			
1.		FAO Representative	
2.		World Bank Representative	
3.	Italy	Mr. Jean Syroganis Camara	
4.	Italy	Mr. A. de Vito	
5.		ARID Representative	Attended meeting in 2015
6.		SARIA Representative	
7.		AgWA Representative	Attended meeting in 2015

B. New nominations received from the National Committees

Sl. No.	Name	Country	Remarks
1	Ms. Sara Boularbah – Young Professional	Morocco	Recommended by Chair subject to her presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member
2	Ms. El Oumlouki Kaoutar – Young Professional	Morocco	Recommended by Chair subject to her presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member
3.	Mr. Abdullahi Hassan Hussein – Young Professional	Somalia	Member Attended meeting in 2016 and also contributed to the activities of AFRWG
4.	Eng. Mohamed Mohamud Abdi	Somalia	Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member
5.	Eng. (Ms.) Hind Massoud Hamed Elneel	Sudan	Recommended by Chair subject to her presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member
6.	Eng. Marwa Faisal Salman Mohamed – Young Professional	Sudan	Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member
7.	Eng. Omer Yousef	Sudan	Observer
8.	Eng. Omnia Hassan Ahmad Salem – Young Professional	Egypt	Recommended by Chair subject to her presence or contribution to activities of the AFRWG else Provisional Member



¹ Only one nomination per NC is allowed and other may be Young Professional or otherwise as 'Observer'

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORKBODIES

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 NARAID				
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)

