

**AGENDA FOR 23RD MEETING OF THE
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)**

09 November 2016, 09.00-10.30 hours (Session I) and 11.00-12.30 hours (Session II)
Chiang Mai, Thailand

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1996

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.

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ASRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair

1. During the last International Executive Council (IEC) meeting, all the workbodies were requested to make use of the video conferencing facilities now being made available by the Central Office which enables monitoring of the actions taken on the decision of the WG. A virtual meeting through video conference also provides opportunity of participating in the activities of the WG for those members of the WG who are unable to attend the meeting physically and continue their membership. WG may please take note. The Chairman may like to present report on the actions taken on the various decisions/ proposals of the working group since Montpellier Meeting in 2015.

ASRWG Agenda Item 2: ICID Action Plan 2030 – Activities in Asian region

2. The 66th International Executive Council (IEC), vide Resolution IEC-4/66 has approved the new Vision, Mission and six Organizational goals of ICID. In order to develop action plans, the Consultative Group (CG) requested inputs from ICID Work Bodies in prescribed format in May 2016 towards identifying actions to achieve the Organizational Goals in their area of activities which would in turn form a part of ICID Action Plan for Vision 2030.

3. Since there is no response received from the WG, the Central Office has prepared a draft action plan for the group (**Annex 1**). The group will discuss the draft activity plan and finalize it during the Chiang Mai meeting (2016) and provide its input to PCTA. The updated activity plan incorporating all the comments will be submitted to the CG for incorporation in the ICID Action Plan for Vision 2030. The members may deliberate.

ASRWG Agenda Item 3: Linkages with Regional and Transnational Organizations for Cooperation

4. In January 2016, VP Bonghoon Lee (Korea) informed that KCID has been preparing draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Iranian National Committee (IRNCID) and Korean National Committee (KCID) for future collaboration. VPH Shiat/ VP Lee may apprise the WG on MoU. Members may deliberate how such collaborative agreements could be used to enhance the objectives of ICID Action Plan and help in its mission.

ASRWG Agenda Item 4: Developing cooperative arrangements with International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and International Network of Water Environment and Paddy Fields (INWEPF)

5. At Montpellier meeting (2015), the group discussed the collaboration between International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and ASRWG after presentation of a brief report on background of this collaboration by Prof. Kim (Korea). Prof. Tsugihiko Watanabe, the President of PAWEES expressed agreement with the PAWEES-ASRWG collaboration in general, and promised to support the ASRWG actively by preparing a draft proposal for such collaboration. Towards facilitating this collaboration, Dr. Watanabe informed that PAWEES will cooperate in organizing a side event, keeping in view the PAWEES- ASRWG collaboration, during the PAWEES 2016 Conference (refer item 3.1).

6. The 12th PAWEES Conference on the theme “Sustainable Paddy Water Management in Water-Energy-Food Nexus” will be held from 20-21 October 2016 at Daejeon City, Republic of Korea and the sub-themes of the conference are - (1) Water Food Relationships and Agricultural Water Management; (2) Tools and Analysis for Better Paddy Water Management; (3) Climate Change and Paddy Water Management. Dr. Watanabe may apprise

the WG on the outcomes of the PAWEES conference and ASRWG collaboration there in. He would also suggest some joint outputs to make the collaboration successful.

SUPP: Dr. Kyung Sook Choi (Korea, Rep. of) attended and contributed to the Conference on behalf of ASRWG on 20 October 2016 in Daejeon, Korea. Dr. Choi will provide a brief report in the ASRWG meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 5: Work Team (WT) on “Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia”

7. During WIF2, a Side Event (SE) on ‘*Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development*’, jointly organized by African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) and ASRWG will be held on 7 November 2016 at Chiang Mai. Since the subject of SE and internal workshop of ASRWG were similar, it was proposed to combine the two events and invite country papers/ case studies on the subject. The half-day event will discuss issues related to agricultural water management for sustainable rural development with focus on low cost, locally available and environmentally sensitive practices and technologies for Agricultural Water Management (AWM), social and human capital for irrigation and rural development, micro financing and multi-functionality of irrigation systems.

8. The Technical Report of the WG will be based on the papers received in the past during the internal workshops and new papers received for the above SE. Some of the technical papers from the above SE may be selected for a Special Issue of AARDO Journal on “Agriculture Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development” in 2017. VPH Karim Shiati/ Prof. (Ms.) K.S. Choi may brief the WG on the outcome of the SE, co-organized by the WG.

ASRWG Agenda Item 6: 8th Asian Regional Conference, 2018

9. The 66th International Executive Council (IEC) held at Montpellier in October 2015 had approved (vide its Resolution IEC 3/66) the organization of the 8th Asian Regional Conference (ARC) in Nepal in 2018. In August 2016, Mr. Madhav Belbase, President, Nepal National Committee, has informed that the 8th ARC is likely to be organized in March 2018 at Kathmandu, Nepal. The regional working groups are expected to guide the technical activities of the Regional Conferences. ASRWG will deliberate on the theme/ sub-themes of the Regional Conference. Mr. Belbase or his representative will provide updates on the preparation and present technical proposals for deliberations by the ASRWG.

ASRWG Agenda Item 7: Publications of the Working Group

10. During Montpellier meeting (2015), the group discussed the final (draft) technical report of ASRWG-WT titled “*Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia*” and is likely to be published in 2017 and would be presented/distributed during the 8th World Water Forum (WWF8). In order to finalize the report, Prof. (Ms.) KS Choi has followed-up with the concerned members and the SE (refer Item 5). VPH Karim Shiati/ Prof. (Ms.) K.S. Choi may apprise the WG on the Technical Report.

ASRWG Agenda Item 8: Report of the side event on ‘Environmental performances of paddy rice systems in the context of climate change: approaches and case studies – Towards climate-smart and sustainable paddy rice systems’, November 2016, Chiang Mai

11. During the WIF2, another Side Event on ‘Environmental performances of paddy rice systems in the context of climate change: approaches and case studies – Towards climate-smart and sustainable paddy rice systems’ will be held on 8 November 2016 in Chiang Mai. The half-day event will discuss recent advances in research and development on the environmental performances of paddy rice systems in the context of climate change. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sylvain Perret, Chairman, WG-ENV and co-organized with WG-CLIMATE, ASRWG, INWEPF, PAWEES, AFEID and CIRAD. VPH Karim Shiati may apprise the WG on the outcome of the SE.

ASRWG Agenda Item 9: Membership of the Working Group

12. In order to increase the efficiency and functioning of the Working Group during annual face to face meeting and avoid spending a lot of time on administrative matters, it was decided by the Management Board that the admission of new members or discontinuation of the membership of the group will be dealt by Chairman in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary and ICID Central Office prior to the meeting itself through emails/ web conference.

13. No new nominations have been received. However, the membership of Mr. Ilkhom Jaraev (Uzbekistan), Provisional Member in 2015, has been regularized as he contributed to the activities of the group in 2016. Chinese National Committee (CNCID) has nominated Mr. Wang Aiguo in place of Mr. Wang Xiaodong for the membership of the WG.

14. Accordingly, Chairman in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG and the Central Office have updated membership of the WG as given at **Annex 2** (refer *electronic version for latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

SUPP: In October 2016, Chair VPH Karim Shiati has accepted the nomination of Mr. Wang Aiguo (China) for the membership of the group and also regularized the membership of Mr. Iikhom Jaraev (Uzbekistan).

ASRWG Agenda Item 10: Any other business

SUPP:

ASRWG Agenda Item 10.1: Webinar/ web-based seminar

15. Webinar/ web-based seminars are organized on web platform using video conferencing. This platform is used to organize workshop, seminar, presentations, etc. Many international organizations are using this platform to disseminate their knowledge. In order to share vast expertise available with ICID fraternity with Members of the NCs, it is proposed to organize on average about 2 webinars per month with the support of WG experts. WG will discuss and suggest 5-6 topics, based on the mandate of the WG, on which webinar can be considered along with name of the relevant experts who could be contacted to develop webinars.

NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Chiang Mai (Thailand) after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 10 November 2016.

ICID ACTION PLAN VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES BY WORKBODIES

Name of the Chairman and members filling this questionnaire: VPH Karim Shiati (Chairman)

Date:

		Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017		Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
Goal 1: Enable higher crop productivity with less water and energy	WG Activity 1.1		Milestone 1		Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone	Milestone 5
Goal 2: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices	2.1 Publication	Special Issue of AARDO Journal	Side Event with AARDO		Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone	Milestone 5
Goal 3: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology	3.1 International conference/ workshop/ seminar	Compilation of proceedings			8 th Asian Regional Conference, March 2018, Nepal			
	3.2 ASRWG-WT on "Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia"	Technical Report	Publish the Technical Report based on workshops/SE		Contribute to WWF8			

		Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017		Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
	3.3 Linkages for International Cooperation	Collaboration/ MoU	Exchange training between TUCID and IRNCID					
			MoU between IRNCID and KCID					
Goal 4: Enable cross disciplinary and inter-sectoral engagement	WG Activity 4.1 Developing inter-sectoral engagement		Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG		Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone	Milestone 5
Goal 5: Encourage research and support development of tools to extend innovation into field practices	WG Activity 5.1		Milestone 1		Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone	Milestone 5
Goal 6: Facilitate capacity development	WG Activity 6.1		Milestone 1		Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone	Milestone 5

MEMBERSHIP OF ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Iran (1955)	VPH Karim Shiati, Chairman, 2006 (1997)	Attended meetings in 2014 & 2015 and contributed
2.	China (1963)	Mr. Wang Xiodong (2008)	Attended meeting in 2013 and represented in 2014
3.	India (1950)	Dr. Kota Tirupataiah (2012)	No contribution during last 2 years
4.	India (1950)	Dr. Rajinder Kumar Gupta -Direct Member (WAPCOS) (2014)	Contributed an abstract for internal workshop in 2015
5.	Japan (1951)	Mr. Naoki Hayashida (2014)	Attended meetings in 2014 & 2015
6.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Syed Abdul Hamid bin Syed Shuib (2013)	Attended meeting in 2014 and represented by MANCID in 2015
7.	Nepal (1973)	Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina (2011)	Contributed in 2014
8.	Thailand (1950)	Mr. Arthon Suttigarn (2012)	Attended meetings in 2014 & 2015
9.	Turkey (1954)	Dr. Aynur Fayrap (2012)	Attended meetings in 2014 & 2015
10.	Indonesia (1950)	Dr. Mochammad Amron (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015
11.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr. Gwo-Hsing Yu (2015)	Attended meeting in 2015
12.	Korea, Rep. of (1970)	Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi (2015)	Contributed in 2015 and 2016
13.	Australia (1952)	Mr. Stephen Mills (2015)	Neither attended nor contributed
14.	Uzbekistan (1994)	Mr. Ilkhom Juraev (2015)	Contributed in 2016
15.	Bangladesh (1973)	Representative from BANCID	BANCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
16.	Iraq (2006)	Representative from IRQCID	IRQCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
17.	Kazakhstan (2006)	Representative from KAZCID	KAZCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
18.	Pakistan (1953)	Representative from PANCID	PANCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
19.	Philippines (1956)	Representative from PNC-ICID	PNC-ICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
20.	Saudi Arabia (1977)	Representative from SACID	SACID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
21.	Sri Lanka (1950)	Representative from SLNICID	SLNICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
22.	Tajikistan (1997)	Representative from TAJCID	TAJCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group

New nomination received from the National Committee

Sl. No.	Name	Country	Remarks
(1)	Mr. Wang Aiguo in place of Mr. Wang Xiaodong	China	Recommended, subject to his presence or else Provisional Member



