

**AGENDA FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE  
WORKING GROUP ON WATER FOR BIO-FUEL AND FOOD (WG-BIO-FUEL)**

15 August 2018: 13:30:15:00 hours (Session-I)

15 August 2018: 15:30:17:00 hours (Session-II)

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Strategy Theme: Basin**

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Year of Establishment: 2016**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2022**

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**Mandate:** To collect, analyze, and dissemination information on new developments and to formulate recommendations with respect to:

- (a) the assessment, monitoring and predictions of impacts of biofuel production and usage policies on water-food-energy nexus and especially agriculture water management,
- (b) the national policies for biofuel and its consideration for water-food-energy nexus and especially agricultural water management in different countries,
- (c) the strategies which agriculture and irrigation authorities can adopt to support biofuel promotion policies of their government,
- (d) the international dialogue on biofuel and agricultural water management between regions and countries.

**Website:** [http://www.icid.org/wg\\_bio\\_fuel.html](http://www.icid.org/wg_bio_fuel.html)

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**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 1: Action Taken Report of the WG<sup>1</sup>**

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 Mexico City in October 2017.
2. ICID CO vide e-mail dated 8 December 2017 to all Chairs/ Vice Chairs/ Secretaries suggested workbodies 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. No new nominations have been received from the NCs during the year. 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.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of Activities on Bio-Fuel**

4. At Mexico meeting, the WG reviewed the Action Plan 2030 for Working Group on Water for Bio-fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL) keeping in view the revised mandate and availability of resources for achieving various activities (*refer Annex 2*). The Group agreed to update the technical report of the WG titled "Bio-Energy and Water" ([http://www.icid.org/report\\_bioenergy.pdf](http://www.icid.org/report_bioenergy.pdf)) as a position paper on Bio-Fuel with contribution from the member countries like Brazil, China, Europe, India and USA in terms of their country report on bio-energy production. In this regard, ICID CO has followed-up with the members/NCs from Brazil, China, Europe, India and USA and requested them to provide a report on bio-fuel status in their country to WG Chair so as to develop a position paper on Bio fuel by the WG. Responses from them are still awaited. Chairman may apprise the members about the position paper of the WG during the meeting.
5. At the 68<sup>th</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> This will also include details of membership of WG as **Annex**

to take actions to achieve milestones decided by the WG. WG was also requested to consult with other working groups so as to avoid duplication of the activities and getting their support to achieve intended outcome/ outputs of the WG. The members may like to discuss the Action Plan during the meeting for any update in the Annex 2 as per the latest developments.

6. As per decision of 68<sup>th</sup> 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 and WG members will deliberate on evolving monitoring mechanism of achieving milestones in the action plan.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 3: Joint-workshop with WG-CLIMATE in 2019 at Bali, Indonesia**

7. During the Mexico event, the WG proposed to organize a joint-workshop with WG-CLIMATE with focus on Water-Food-Energy Nexus tentatively scheduled to be held during 3<sup>rd</sup> World Irrigation Forum (WIF3) in 2019 at Bali, Indonesia. In February 2018, ICID CO requested WG Chair Dr. Fuqiang Tian to send updated status in this regard. Chair may like to provide further updates on the organization of the workshop at the meeting.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 4: Updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD)**

8. During the Mexico Meeting, the group could not discuss this matter due to absence of Mr. Mojtaba Pournoghdam (Iran), nodal person nominated to update MTD terms related to the mandate of the WG, and Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti (Iran). In this connection, ICID CO requested Mr. Ehsani of Iran NC to get in touch with Mr. Mojtaba Pournoghdam and Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti and request them to get in touch with the WG Chair and provide latest updates on updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD) terms related to the mandate of WG-BIO-FUEL. Response from Mr. Ehsani is still awaited. WG Chair/Mr. Ehsani will provide further updates on MTD update during the meeting.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 5: Publications of the WG: Internal workshop of the WG at Saskatoon, Canada in August 2018**

9. During the Mexico meeting, the WG proposed to organise an internal workshop based on the publications of the group during the 69<sup>th</sup> IEC Meeting & International Conference in August 2018 at Saskatoon, Canada WG Chair will provide the further details during the meeting.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 6: Dissemination of Activities of WG**

**WG-BIO-FUE Agenda Item 6.1: Website of the Group**

10. During Mexico meeting, the group noted that the website of the WG [http://www.icid.org/wg\\_bio\\_fuel.html](http://www.icid.org/wg_bio_fuel.html) was updated with new membership list, agenda, minutes, paper presentations, publications etc. Accordingly, the ICID CO has followed-up with the members and requested to provide papers, articles and documents related to the mandate of the group. In response, VPH Dr. Backeberg shared article related to 'Water and Bio-Fuel' and report on 'Water Use of Bio-fuel crops in South Africa' which have been uploaded on the website of the WG for wider dissemination. ICID CO has also published an article based on these reports in the ICID News ([http://www.icid.org/icidnews\\_18\\_1.pdf#page=5](http://www.icid.org/icidnews_18_1.pdf#page=5)) and uploaded it on the WG website. WG members will deliberate on evolving mechanism for sharing of information regularly.

**WG-BIO-FUE Agenda Item 6.2: Webinar / Web-based Seminar**

11. At Mexico, the group Chair noted the importance of organization of the webinars and requested all members to suggest a few topics based on the mandate of the WG on which webinar can be considered. During the meeting, Dr. Sanjay Belsare (India) had agreed to take lead in arranging a webinar from some expert in the field. In February 2018, ICID Central Office requested Dr. Belsare to indicate name of the bio-fuel expert along with concept note on the topic etc. for the webinar. Response from Dr. Belsare is still awaited. Dr. Sanjay Belsare will provide further updates at the meeting. Members may also suggest topics and name of the expert to deliver webinar.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 7: 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 PCTA meeting on 16 August 2018.

**Membership of the group at 2017 meetings**

SI No	Members	Member from	Remarks		
			Self	Contributed by mail	
1.	Dr. Fuqiang Tian (China), Chairman	2016	•		
2.	Mr. Sanjay Belsare (India), Vice-Chairman	2016	•		
3.	VPH Laurie C. Tollefson (Canada)	2016			
4.	Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti (Iran)	2016			
5.	Dr. Salih Hamad Hamid Omer (Sudan)	2016			
6.	Mr. Abdul Wahab Siyal (Pakistan)	2017			Provisional Member (2017)
7.	Dr. Jose Reyes Sanchez (Mexico)	2017			Provisional Member (2017)
8.	Secretary General, ICID				
<b>Observers</b>					
9.	Mr. Bassam Hayek (Jordan)	-			Observer (2015)
10.	VPH Dr. G.R. Backeberg	-			Contributed by email in 2018

**ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WG-BIO-FUEL**

Goals	Activity	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
<b>Goal B: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices</b>							
<b>Strategy B1 :</b> Supporting Development of Appropriate Policies	1.8 Position paper or updated technique paper on bio-energy and AWM	Position paper			Release at IEC		
	1.12 Review of policies and publications related to Bio-Energy	Condensed overview of national policies and relevant publications on the topic	Finalisation and dissemination of technical report				
<b>Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology</b>							
<b>Strategy C1 :</b> Providing Knowledge-sharing Platform for AWM Professionals	1.6 Organize workshops, seminar, or symposium	Compilation of proceedings	Inputs to Congress		International workshop together with climate change WG		
<b>Strategy C4 :</b> Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.24 Technical report on water for bio-energy	Technical Report	Finalisation and dissemination of technical report				
<b>Goal F: Facilitate capacity development</b>							
<b>Strategy F1 :</b> Enhancing Institutional Capacity Development in Member Countries	1.6 Training Workshop on Bio- Energy	Training workshop			Training workshop		

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

