

**AGENDA FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE  
WORKING GROUP ON WATER FOR BIO-FUEL AND FOOD (WG-BIO-FUEL)**

12 October 2017: 13:30:15:00 hours (Session-I)  
12 October 2017: 15:30:17:00 hours (Session-II)  
Mexico City, Mexico

**Strategy Theme: Basin**

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Year of Establishment: 2016**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2022**

**Mandate (New):** 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/tf\\_bio\\_energy.html](http://www.icid.org/tf_bio_energy.html)

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 1: Introducing of the new Working Group**

1. At the 67<sup>th</sup> International Council Meeting (IEC) meeting held at Chiang Mai on 08 November 2016, Chair Dr. Fuqiang Tian (China) presented the report based on the finalized Scoping Document for the new Working Group on Bio-Fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL). The Council accepted the recommendation of the PCTA to establish a new Working Group on Bio-Fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL)<sup>1</sup> under the thematic area "Basin". ICID vide Notification No. 5 of 2017 dated 15 February 2017 notified setting up of the WG-BIO-FUEL with the following new mandate and invited National Committees to nominate suitable experts/professionals for the new WG.

**New mandate**

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- (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.

2. The existing membership of the WG is given at **Annex 1** (see *the electronic version for the latest list*). Any new nominations for the membership received during the meeting will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

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

3. During Chiang Mai meeting, the Group discussed and agreed the draft Action Plan 2030 of the new WG set up for six-year period, starting from 2016 to 2022. Based on the inputs from the workbodies at the 67<sup>th</sup> IEC and fresh inputs received upto March 2017, the Consultative Group (CG) on Action Plan 2030 finalized 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 WG-BIO-FUEL as presented in CG report is given as **Annex 2**.

<sup>1</sup> IEC Resolution 2/67: Organizational and technical activities of ICID [sr. no. 3 (ii)]

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 3: Publications of the Working Group**

4. During Chiang Mai meeting held in November 2016, the WG decided to update an e-publication of the Technical Report titled ‘Water for Bio-Energy’ based on the new mandate of the WG. In this connection, ICID Central Office circulated the technical report of the Group to all members of the WG and requested them to review and update the report and provide their comments/suggestions, if any. The technical report of the WG has been posted on ICID website [http://www.icid.org/report\\_bioenergy.pdf](http://www.icid.org/report_bioenergy.pdf) for information to the members of the Group. WG Chair would provide latest status of updating e-publication.

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

5. During the Chiang Mai meeting, the group discussed the updation of the MTD and nominated Mr. Mojtaba Poumoghadam (Iran) as a nodal person to undertake the task with the support of Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti (Iran). Accordingly, the ICID Central Office has requested Mr. Mojtaba Poumoghadam (Iran) to take a lead in the activity of updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD). Mr. Mojtaba Poumoghadam and WG Chair may like to update members with the latest status in the matter.

6. As per Resolution IEC-2/67 held at Chiang Mai on 12 November 2016, the Council approved the establishment of a Task Force for Updation and Maintenance of Multilingual Technical Dictionary (TF-MTD) under the Chair of PCTA consisting of Chair or representatives of the WG-IDM, M&R, SON-FARM, SDRG and IOA, and representatives of FAO, IWMI, ADB as its members. ICID vide notification 14 of 2017 dated 10 July 2017 notified establishment of TF-MTD. The Task Force will hold its first meeting during 68<sup>th</sup> IEC in October 2017 and shall report progress of its activities to IEC through PCTA. Further work on updation of MTD will be taken up as per direction of TF-MTD.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 5: Dissemination of Activities of WG**

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 5.1: Website of the Group**

7. As decided during the Chiang Mai meeting, the website of the WG [http://www.icid.org/tf\\_bio\\_energy.html](http://www.icid.org/tf_bio_energy.html) has been updated with the new membership list, agenda, minutes, paper presentations, publications etc. In February 2017, the members were requested to provide interesting articles/ papers/ presentations/ documents related to the scope of the group for uploading on the ICID website. Members may like to discuss and evolve methodology for sharing of information and updation of WG website.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 5.2: Webinar / Web-based Seminar**

8. At Chiang Mai meeting, the group supported the suggestion of organizing webinars to promote sharing of vast expertise available with ICID fraternity. The Central Office requested members to provide their suggestions on the 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. The group may discuss and suggest suitable topics along with names of expert for organizing webinars.

**WG-BIO-FUEL Agenda Item 6: 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 PCTA meeting on 13 October 2017.

**Existing members for the new Working Group on Bio-Fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Dr. Fuqiang Tian, Chairman	China	
2.	Mr. Laurie C. Tollefson,	Canada	
3.	Mr. Sanjay Belsare	India	
4.	Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina	Nepal	
5.	Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti	Iran	
6.	Mr. André Roux	South Africa	
7.	Dr. Shlih Hamad Hamid Omer	Sudan	2016
8.	Mr. Rajiv Kumar	India	Provisional Member (2016)
9.	Mrs. Ruaa Khalid Haman	Iraq	Provisional Member (2016)
10.	Mr. Bassam Hayek	Jordan	Observer (2015)



**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)

