

**APPENDIX XXVIII [PCTA Item 10.4]**

**AGENDA FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF  
WORKING GROUP ON WATER SAVING IN IRRIGATED AREAS (WG-WATS)**

9 November 2016, 13.30-15.00 hours (Session I)  
9 November 2016, 15.30-17.00 hours (Session II)  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Strategy Theme: Schemes**

**Presented by the Chair**

**Year of Establishment: 2015**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2021**

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**Scope:** (a) water accounting and irrigation auditing (and other ancillary uses); (b) irrigation water measuring devices; (c) assessment of water loss in various components of irrigation systems; (d) various methods and techniques used for water saving in irrigation; (e) policies and strategies for irrigation water saving; (f) charging for Irrigation Services; (g) success stories and best management practices in water saving; (h) tools and processes applied in irrigation water saving; (i) outreach of water saving technologies; and (j) WatSave Awards.

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**WG-WATS Agenda Item 1: Introduction of the new working group**

1. During the last International Executive Council (IEC) 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 to continue their membership. WG may please take note.

2. The Council at its 66<sup>th</sup> International Executive Council (IEC) held in 2015 accepted the recommendation of the PCTA to establish a new Working Group on Water Saving in Irrigated Areas (WG-WATS) under the thematic area "Schemes" and NCs were requested to nominate experts dealing with the concerned topics and contribute to the activities for the Group. A notification was sent to NCs on 4 March 2016 for establishment of WG-WATS requesting them to nominate suitable experts as member of the group.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 2: ICID Action Plan 2030 – Activities on water saving in irrigated areas**

3. The 66<sup>th</sup> 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 plan, the Consultative Group (CG) requested inputs from ICID Work Bodies in prescribed format in May 2016 to identify actions to achieve the Organizational Goals in their area of activities which would form part of ICID Action Plan for Vision 2030.

4. Since no response was received from the WG, the Central Office has prepared a draft activity plan of the group (**Annex 1**) in consultation with the WG Chair. The group will discuss the draft action plan and finalize it during the Chiang Mai meeting 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. WG Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

**SUPP: In October 2016, Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani has circulated the updated/ revised action plan 2030 with his inputs to the new activities of the group.**

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 3: Presentation by the WatSave Award winner(s)**

5. During the Montpellier meeting, WG agreed to compile success stories and best management practices in water saving which includes techniques, technology, management and innovation and proposed that all those who have submitted their works through the National Committees for the Watsave Awards would be requested to share their respective works on water saving during WG meetings which would provide a very good opportunity for them to exchange the experiences among members.

6. In June 2016, Chairman Mehrzad Ehsani suggested to add one paragraph in the invitation for WatSave Award indicating that all nominees for works submitted for WatSave Awards would be invited to attend the events and present their work in the internal workshop of the WG during IEC meetings. WG is informed that 13 nominations were received for four categories of WatSave Awards viz. technology, management, YPF and farmer for 2016 awards. ICID Central Office, in consultation with the WG Chair, would invite the WatSave award winners who would

be present during IEC meeting to receive award in person to share their experience and present their respective works either in the WG meeting or internal workshop of the WG.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 4: Dissemination of activities of WG – Website of the group**

7. Members are requested for their active participation in the activities of the WG and facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and experience, as well as networking on the topic in order to keep themselves up-to-date with new developments, methods and innovative water saving practices. Members are also requested to provide information, papers, presentation made on topics related to scope of work of the WG to the ICID Central Office for uploading on the web site of the WG. Members will discuss and evolve methodology for sharing of information and updation of WG website. In order to ensure regular contribution of the members, WG is encouraged to make full use of Web-Ex platform for virtual meetings in between face to face meeting during IEC.

8. During the Montpellier meeting, PCTA agreed for establishment of a coordination mechanism consisting of respective Theme leaders and WGs Chair and Co-Chairs of WG-IDM, WG-M&R, WG-WATS, WG-SON-FARM and WG-PQW considering that the mandate of WGs are related and complement/ supplement the work of each other. In May 2016, CO requested Chair to interact and coordinate amongst Chairs of the above workbody. WG Chair will apprise further progress in the matter.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 5: Updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD)**

9. At the 65<sup>th</sup> IEC, it was decided that ICID Central Office will bring out an online version of the MTD and make it available through ICID website. In this connection, Central Office is collecting the terms available with different NC in their respective languages, based on 2010 version of MTD. During Montpellier meeting in October 2015, the Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA), considering this as an important input for working towards SDGs, recommended setting up of new workbody to review/ update the existing MTD. Accordingly, a Task Force on MTD has been proposed to be set up with WG Chair/ nominee as members along with members from various expert international organizations (Refer PCTA Agenda Item 4, page 82).

10. Since PCTA would require a feedback from each of the WGs as to how they plan to review / update the terms that fall within their respective scope of activities, the group may like to discuss this issue and nominate a suitable expert as a nodal person for reviewing the terms related to the activities of the group. To achieve this goal, it is proposed that WG undertake review of the concerned terms depending on their domain of expertise suggesting changes / modification and addition of new terms, along with contributing pictures, links and videos related to respective term.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 6: Review of membership of the working group**

11. 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, MB had decided 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.

12. In response to the invitation circulated by the ICID Central Office, South African National Committee (SANCID) has nominated Dr. Joe Stevens for WG's membership. Sudan National Committee (SNCID) has confirmed and recommended the nomination of Dr. Hassan Aboalbasher Ali (*accepted as Provisional Member in 2015*) for the membership of the group. The Indian National Committee on Surface Water (INCSW) has nominated Mr. Kamal Kumar Jangid for the membership of the group.

**SUPP: The Turkish National Committee (TUCID) has nominated Mr. Yalçın Dalgin for the membership of the working group. Iranian National Committee (IRNCID) has nominated Mr. Mortaza Yazdekhasti as Young Professional for the membership of the WG.**

**Iraq National Committee (IRQCID) vide their email of 18 October 2016 has nominated Dhuha Mahmood Hussein and Mohammed Alaa Dheyaa (as Young Professional) for the membership of the group.**

13. 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** (*see the electronic version for the latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received during the meeting will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 7: Election of Secretary**

14. The group may like to discuss the issue for electing a new Secretary at the meeting.

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 8: Any other business**

**SUPP:**

**WG-WATS Agenda Item 8.1: 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 PCTA meeting on 11 November 2016.

**ICID ACTION PLAN VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES BY WORKBODIES (updated by Chair)**

Name of the Working Group: **WG-WATS**

Name of the Chairman and members filling this questionnaire: **Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani (Chair) and VPH Adama Sangare (Vice Chair)**

Date: 16 October 2016

		<b>Outcomes/ Outputs</b>	<b>Milestone for Year 2017</b>	<b>Milestone for Year 2018</b>	<b>Milestone for Year 2019</b>	<b>Milestone for Year 2020</b>	<b>Milestone for Year 2021</b>
<b>Goal 1: Enable higher crop productivity with less water and energy</b>	1.1 Develop guidelines on sustainable water management in irrigation	Guidelines		Release the draft guidelines	Release the finalised guidelines		Update of guidelines
	1.2 Report or case studies on recent development	Case studies		A case study in arid and semi-arid zones		A case study in arid and semi-arid zones	
<b>Goal 2: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices</b>	2.1 Policy and legal approaches to Water Saving	Policies/Document	<b>Breakdown the works in the WG</b>	<b>-Workshop -Designing and preparing questionnaire to collect data</b>	<b>Collecting and reviewing relevant laws and regulations from NC</b>	<b>Providing first draft</b>	<b>Finalize the book on policies and strategies water saving</b>
	<b>2.2 Water Charging policies</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Define responsibility in WG</b>	<b>Designing Standard questionnaire</b>	<b>Reviewing Water Charging procedure on NC</b>	<b>Providing first report</b>	<b>Final Report</b>
<b>Goal 3: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology</b>	3.1 Organize Workshop, Seminar and Symposium	Compilation of proceedings		Workshop			Workshop
	3.2 Overview paper on the state of the art on water saving for publication in Irrigation and Drainage (IRD)	Paper		Preparation of the draft of first paper	Submission of first paper for IRD	Preparation of the draft of second paper	Submission of second paper for IRD

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	3.3 Condensed overview of existing key books, manuals, guidelines and other relevant publications on water saving	Synopsis		Release the first overview		Release the second overview	Release of third overview
	3.4 Best Practices and Successful Story on Water Saving	Documents	<b>Workshop on Watsave awards</b>	<b>Announcing annually for watsave awards and selecting successful stories</b>	<b>Announcing annually for watsave awards and selecting successful stories</b>	<b>Announcing annually for watsave awards and selecting successful stories</b>	<b>Setting up 10 years respected work as the documents and release by CO (2010 - 2020)</b>
<b>Goal 4: Enable cross disciplinary and inter-sectoral engagement</b>	<b>WG Activity 4.1</b>		<b>Milestone 1</b>	<b>Milestone 2</b>	<b>Milestone 3</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Milestone 5</b>
<b>Goal 5: Encourage research and support development of tools to extend innovation into field practices</b>	<b>WG Activity 5.1</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Presenting Annual Watsave Awards</b>	<b>Presenting Annual Watsave Awards</b>	<b>Presenting Annual Watsave Awards</b>	<b>Presenting Annual Watsave Awards</b>	<b>Presenting Annual Watsave Awards</b>
<b>Goal 6: Facilitate capacity development</b>	6.1 Training of managers to support adoption of available technologies	Training	Organize training		Organize training		Organize first training

**Annex 2** [Appendix XXVIII, Item 6]

**A. Members and their attendance at 2015 meeting**

Sl. No.	Members	Member from (Year)	2015		Remarks
			Self	Contributed by mail	
1.	Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani, Chairman (Iran)	2015	•		
2.	VPH Adama Sangare, Vice Chairman (Mali)	2015	•		
3.	Prof. (Ms.) Kyung-Sook Choi (Korea, Rep. of)	2015	•		
4.	VPH M. Hassan Amer (Egypt)	2015	•		
5.	Eng. S. Mohanarajah (Sri Lanka)	2015		Accepted as Provisional Member however, there is no contribution since Montpellier meeting	Recommended for Discontinuation
6.	Dr. Hassan Aboalbasher Ali (Sudan)	2015		Accepted as Provisional Member and SNCID has recommended for the membership	Accepted as member
7.	Dr. P. Soman – Direct Member, Jain Irrigation Systems Limited – JISL (India)	2015		Accepted as Provisional Member at Montpellier, corresponded through email	Recommended as Observer
8.	Mr. S.P. Jadhav – Direct Member, JISL (India)	2015		Accepted as Provisional Member at Montpellier, corresponded through email	Recommended as member
9.	Mr. Abijit Joshi – Direct Member, JISL (India)	2015		Accepted as Provisional Member however, there is no contribution since Montpellier meeting	Recommended for Discontinuation
10.	Secretary General, ICID				
<b>Permanent observers</b>					
(i)	IWMI Representative (Mr. Ian W. Makin – UK)	2015	•		
(ii)	FAO Representative (Ms. Robina Wahaj)	2015	# <sup>1</sup>		

**B. New nomination received from the National Committee**

Sl. No.	Name	Country	Remarks
(1)	Dr. Joe Stevens	South Africa	Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member
(2)	Mr. Kamal Kumar Jangid	India	Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member
(3)	<b>Mr. Yalçın Dalgın</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member</b>
(4)	<b>Mr. Mortaza Yazdekhesti as Young Professional</b>	<b>Iran</b>	<b>Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member</b>

<sup>1</sup> # Through representation

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
(5)	<b>Dhuha Mahmood Hussein</b>	<b>Iraq</b>	<b>Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member</b>
(6)	<b>Mohammed Alaa Dheyaa (as Young Professional)</b>	<b>Iraq</b>	<b>Recommended by Chair subject to his presence or else Provisional Member</b>



