

**Minutes of the 1st 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) and 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

New 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, and (d) the international dialogue on biofuel and agricultural water management between regions and countries.

Members Present: (1) Dr. Fuqiang Tian (China); (2) Dr. Sanjay Belsare (India); and (3) VPH Dr. Gerhard R. Backeberg represented Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa).

Observers: (i) PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China); (ii) Dr. Dong Bin (China); (iii) Ir. Wang Shuolh (China); (iv) Ir. Rayshyan Wu (Chinese Taipei); (v) Ir. Yamen Chineh (Chinese Taipei); (vi) Mr. Paavan Kumar Reddy Gollapalli (India); (vii) Dra. Margarita González B. (Mexico); and (viii) Vice President Prof. Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture (Netherlands).

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

1. Dr. Fuqiang Tian (China), Chairman of the WG presented the report based on the finalized Scoping Document for the new Working Group on Bio-Fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL) and briefed members of the actions taken on the decisions made during the last meeting held in Chiang Mai (2016), Thailand.

2. The WG reviewed the membership of the group which includes two new nominations i.e. Mr. Abdul Wahab Siyal (Pakistan) and Dr. Jose Reyes Sanchez (Mexico). Since the new nominees were not present in the meeting, their membership were approved as Provisional Member. Several members have not contributed to the activities of the WG during last two years, according to the ICID By law 3.5, WG recommended to discontinue their membership and invite new nominations from their corresponding NC i.e. Mr. Rajiv Kumar (India), Mrs. Ruaa Khalid Hamdan (Iraq), and Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina (Nepal). WG noted that Mr. Andre Roux (South Africa), represented by VPH Dr. Gerhard R. Backeberg in the meeting, has retired. WG agreed to invite new nomination from the South African National Committee of ICID to replace him. The WG also proposed to invite new nominations, including YPs from various NCs, especially the major biofuel production NCs.

3. Dr. Sanjay Belsare from India was nominated by the WG to serve as Vice Chair of the WG.

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

4. The WG discussed the Action Plan for the WG-BIO FUEL finalised based on the report "A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030" and confirmed the activities, outputs /outcomes, and milestones for each year of the WG (Annex 2 of the WG Agenda [page 94]). According to the planned activities of the ICID Action Plan 2030, the Chair proposed to update report of working group as a position paper on BIO-FUEL. As the key players in bioenergy production include Brazil, China, Europe, India and USA, the WG agreed to request the corresponding members from these countries to provide material for developing a position paper.

5. WG Chair proposed to conduct a joint-workshop with WG-CLIMATE with focus on water-food-energy nexus, tentatively scheduled during 2019 WIF3 at Bali, Indonesia.

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

6. The Group proposed to organise some internal workshop on potential publications of the WG and invite particularly young researchers (including graduate students) which would also attract them to participate into the working group activities. The WG will organize first internal workshop by soliciting abstracts from ICID channels.

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

7. During the Chiang Mai meeting (2016), the group discussed the updation of the MTD and nominated Mr. Mojtaba Poumoghdam (Iran) as a nodal person to undertake the task with the support of Mr. Mortaza Yazdkhasti (Iran). The matter could not be discussed due to absence of these two persons. The WG suggested ICID CO to contact Iran NC to reach them for the latest update of MTD status. It is pointed out that the WG needs to first identify the terms that it feels need to be included from Bio Fuel perspective.

WG-BIO-FUEL Minutes Item 5: Dissemination of Activities of WG**WG-BIO-FUEL Minutes Item 5.1: Website of the Group**

8. The WG introduced the function of the website of the Group http://www.icid.org/tf_bio_energy.html to the members. WG Chair requested members 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 website of the WG. VPH Dr. Backeberg informed that he will share some publications on biofuel via email.

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

9. The WG discussed the organization of webinar and suggested that Dr. Sanjay Belsare (India) will solicit a webinar from biofuel expert before the next year's working group meeting.

WG-BIO-FUEL Minutes Item 6: Any other business

10. **Invited Talk:** WG organized an invited talk by Professor Margarita González Brambila from Metropolitan University of Mexico on "water-food-energy nexus" in October 2017 at Mexico City.