

**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THEMES, TOPICS AND WORK PLANS OF
FUTURE ICID EVENTS (SC-E-THEMES)**

08 October 2017:17.00 – 18.30 Hours
Mexico City, Mexico

Terms of Reference (ToR): (i) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, sub-themes of World Irrigation Forums and Theme and Questions of future Congresses, (ii) To set out format and technical contents of the Congress and WIFs, and (iii) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups.

Members Present: (1) PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China), Chair; (2) VP Dr. Ding Kunlun, Chair, PCTA (China); (3) Mr. Ali Reza Salamat, Member, PCTA (Iran) represented by Sahar Norouzi; (4) Mr. Franklin E. Dimick, Acting Chair, WG-MWSCD (USA); (5) VP Mr. Ian W. Makin, Chair, WG-M&R (UK); (6) VPH Mr. Felix B. Reinders, Member, ITAC-WIF1 (South Africa); (7) Dr. RagabRagab, Member, ITAC-WIF2 (UK); (8) VP Bong Hoon Lee, Member, ITAC-23rd ICID Congress (Korea) and (9) Er. Avinash C Tyagi, Secretary General, ICID.

Observer: (1) PH Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, former Chair, SC-E-THEMES (The Netherlands); (2) VP Dr. Mohamed Wahba (Egypt); (3) VPH Gerhard Backeberg (South Africa) and (4) VPH A. B. Pandya (India).

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 1: ATR on the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Sub-Committee

1. Sub-Committee has taken note of the suggestion to make use of the video conferencing facilities made available by the Central Office for monitoring of the actions taken on the decision of the WG as it would provide an opportunity of participating in the activities of the SC-E-THEMES for those members, who are unable to attend the meeting physically and to continue their contributions to SC.

2. Sub-Committee has taken note of the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 3rd meeting of Sub-Committee is placed at Annex 1 (of the agenda notes) and found that each item has been covered. One representative each from the host National Committees of next ICID Congress and next WIF should be invited as members of the Committee.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 2: Theme and Topics for 25th ICID Congress, 2023

3. The Sub-Committee noted that the venue for the 25th ICID Congress is yet to be fixed, however, the Sub-Committee suggested that the Theme and Topics for the 25th ICID Congress that should be decided 5 years early prior to the 25th congress, so the Theme and topics for 25th ICID Congress will be decided during the 69th IEC next year. From now to 69th IEC, the members will communicate and discuss the Theme and topics for 25th ICID Congress, through correspondence or virtual meetings.

4. The following considerations have been discussed for the topics of Theme and Questions for 64 and 65, including low land drainage and water logging issues, tackling water scarcity in agriculture, managing return flow, etc. The Central Office will facilitate to develop proposal for the Theme and Topics for Q 64 and Q 65 of 25th ICID Congress.

Theme: Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture

Question 64: Innovative water resources that could be tapped for irrigated agriculture?

Question 65: On-farm techniques for saving water?

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 3: Theme and Topics for 4th World Irrigation Forum, 2022

5. The Sub-Committee noted that the venue for the 4th World Irrigation Forum is yet to be fixed; however, the Committee suggested that the topics for Theme and Sub-Themes for WIF4 should be discussed and decided during the 69th IEC meeting next year. For the future WIFs the Main Theme and Sub-Themes should be decided 5 years early prior to the WIF.

6. The Sub-Committee has considered the topics such as water share and transfer, how to feed population in 2050, etc for the Theme and Sub-Themes for WIF4. From now to 69th IEC, the members will communicate and discuss the Theme and Sub-themes for WIF4 through correspondence and virtual meetings. The Central Office will facilitate to develop proposal for the Theme and Sun-theme for WIF4.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 4: Review the Outcome of WIF2, Chiang Mai, Thailand and Suggest Follow Ups

7. The Sub-Committee deliberated upon the outcome of WIF2 and recommended that the Farmers' Round Table should be organized in future WIFs by cooperating with other organizations. Some sponsorship should be allocated to support farmers to attend the WIF. Farmers are the end users of technologies and techniques and measures, therefore, involving them in discussions and communications is important.

8. The Sub-Committee also considered that the establishment of High Level Advisory Group, which is important for ICID. The Sub-Committee recommended that the activity of High Level Advisory Group should be further developed and highlighted. In WIF policy, financial and economic and management issues for irrigation and drainage should be discussed and highlighted with the involvement of stakeholders.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 5: A Review of the Technical Outputs of Congress Questions

9. The Sub-Committee deliberated upon the Background Note and recommended that the technical outputs of congress questions should be improved and monitored continually. Measures should be taken to increase the paper quality with the focus to answer the designated questions, encouraging the NCs and Work Bodies to organize and recommend authors to write and contribute papers.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 6: Any Other Business