

**MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO 8TH WORLD WATER FORUM (TF-WWF8)**

14 August 2018, 17.00-18.30 hours
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Strategy Theme: Knowledge

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2015

Completion of the Mandate: 2018

Mandate: (a) To provide overarching lead role on behalf of ICID in monitoring and pushing forward the actions set in IR (Implementation Roadmap) and for inputs to 8th WWF by liaising with the National Committees and Workbodies; (b) To liaise with Brazilian National Committee (ABID) for preparatory work of 8th WWF; (c) To liaise with 8th WWF Program Committee and other International Bodies, especially FAO; (d) To regularly report to the IEC of the developments in the preparatory works leading to 8th WWF and recommend ICID inputs for consideration in 67th IEC; (e) To entertain activities to promote ICID's visibility in World Water Council.

Members Present: (1) PH Dr. Chandra Madramootoo, Chair (Canada); (2) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun (China); (3) Mr. Hassan Farahani (Iran) represented Mr. Ali Reza Salamat; (4) VPH Dr. Shinsuke Ota (Japan).

Observers: (i) President Felix B Reinders (South Africa); (ii) Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (iii) Mitsuo Ishijima (Japan).

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by Chair

1. The Chair welcomed the members and briefed them on the action points emerged from the minutes of the previous meeting of the TF held at Mexico City in October 2017.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 2: A brief report of various sessions where ICID represented during 8th World Water Forum, March 2018, Brasilia, Brazil

2. President Felix Reinders provided a detailed report of the involvement of ICID activities at 8th World Water Forum (WWF8) in Brasilia in March 2018. He indicated that there was an excellent turnout of Ministers and international dignitaries at the Forum, with over 8000 delegates. The ICID implicated sessions with FAO were very well attended. This was held under the Technical Panel - Session on Farming for ecosystem services. ICID participation also occurred on the theme of Development – Water for Sustainable Development, the WASAG Special Session, and the Water Account Side Event with FAO.

3. A very important and major event which was also held at the Forum, in conjunction with the World Water Council, was the World Water System Heritage (WSH) Recognition. Recognition, with selection by an International Panel of Judges, were given to: (i) The Genbegawa Irrigation Canal System, Japan; (ii) Sekikawa Suikei Land Improvement District, Japan; and (iii) Sheikh-Bahaei Water Allocation Scroll, Iran. Citation Plaques and Certificates were presented to the representatives of the three countries by Prof. Benedito Braga, President, WWC, and President Felix Reinders, ICID.

4. There was much discussion about this ceremony. It was recognized as an excellent initiative, but the awarding ceremony could have been done in a better manner. The ceremony was held in the Exhibition area, and was mixed with the exhibitors. Therefore, the ceremony did not benefit from a special area where the awards could have been given in a ceremonial manner. All participants indicated support for the World Water System Heritage (WSH) Recognition, and asked ICID President and Secretary General to discuss with the WWC as to how this ceremony could be better facilitated at future WWF events.

5. VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, VPH Dr. Shinsuke Ota, Mr. Ishijima, and Dr. Watanabe, who were present in Brasilia, spoke very highly about ICID activities and events at WWF8. They also supported continuation of World Water System Heritage (WSH) Recognition, but with better recognition ceremony.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 3: Closure report of the Task Force

6. Both President and Secretary General also met with many Brazilian experts in Brazil. They used the opportunity to help and build support for the reactivation of the Brazilian National Committee.

7. With active engagement of President and SG at WWF8, it is considered that all actions and reporting for WWF8 are now closed.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 4: Establishment of new TF-WWF9 and its mandate

8. It was proposed to establish the new TF-WWF9 with PH Saeed Nairizi (Iran) as its Chair, which has since been approved by PCTA/ IEC. Discussion ensued about the nomination of members for 9th World Water Forum (WWF9) to be held in Senegal in 2021. The following nominations were proposed:

- PH Saeed Nairizi, Chair (Agreed to serve)
- Secretary General Ashwin B Pandya, ICID – Member Secretary
- PH Chandra Madramootoo (Agreed to serve)
- M. Dominique Rollin, French National Committee (Agreed to serve)
- VPH Adama Sangare (To be contacted)
- VPH Prof. Dr. Abdelhafid Debbarh (Morocco) (To be contacted)
- VPH Dr. Shinsuke Ota (Japan) (Agreed)
- Mr. Mitsuo Ishijima (Japan) (Agreed)
- Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan) (Agreed)
- VPH Dr. Bong Hoon Lee (Republic of Korea) (To be contacted)
- VPH Laurie C. Tollefson (Canada) (To be contacted)
- Mr. Anuj Kanwal (India) (To be contacted)
- Mr. Hassan Farahani (YP Iran) (Agreed to serve)
- VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun (China – to be confirmed)
- YP from Africa to be nominated
- Other nominations from National Committees and international organizations

9. The TF suggested that nominations from other National Committees and international organizations may be invited.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 5: Any other business

10. It was agreed that Central Office will work to finalize the above nominations and seek any additional nominations. It will be presented to the 70th IEC in Bali for approval and formally launch the TF-WWF9. It was also agreed that ICID will collaborate and partner with FAO in joint sessions for WWF9. The Theme and Sub Themes of the Forum are to be announced and the new TF will decide on the appropriate participation, once more information on WWF9 becomes available from the World Water Council.

