

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the
TASK FORCE TO GUIDE ICID INPUTS TO 8TH WORLD WATER FORUM (TF-WWF8)**

12 October 2017, 17.00-18.30 hours
Mexico City, Mexico

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) VP Dr. Ding Kunlun (China); (3) Mr. Ali Reza Salamat (Iran); (4) VPH Shinsuke Ota (Japan); (5) Gustavo Hinojosa – MXCID representative (Mexico); (6) PH Dr. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands);

Observers: (1) PH Gao Zhanyi (China); (2) Mr. Bernard Vincent (France); (3) Dr. Sanjay Belsare (India); (4) Mr. A.B. Pandya (India); (5) Marco Arcieri (Italy); (6) Hidefumi Murashita (Japan); (7) Yasunori Saiki (Japan); (8) Mamoru Watanabe (Japan); (9) Takeshi Kikutsuji (Japan); (10) Naoki Hayashida (Japan); (11) Mitsuo Ishijima (Japan); (12) Grisell Media Couna (Mexico); (13) Gustavo A. Hinojosa Cuella (Mexico); (14) Marcos Cerrillo Romero (Mexico); (15) Emma Cono (Mexico); (16) Patricia Herrera Ascencio (Mexico); (17) VPH Felix Reinders (South Africa); (18) Dr. Olcay Unver (FAO); (19) VP Ian W. Makin (IWMI).

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

1. Chair PH Chandra Madramootoo welcomed the members and briefed them on the various activities of the TF viz. implementation of roadmap and inputs to 8th WWF, liaison with Brazil National Committee, 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in April 2017 etc.

2. The Task Force reviewed the nominations received from the World Bank for Mr. Ijsbrand H. de Jong and Dr. Ding Kunlun from the Chinese of National Committee (CNCID) for the membership of the Task Force. Nominations were approved by the Task Force. Membership status is given in **Annex 7 (page 55)**.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 2: Implementation of roadmap (IR) and inputs to 8th WWF

3. The Chair informed that ICID jointly with FAO and IWMI submitted a proposal to the WWC Scientific Committee to organize a session jointly on the topic "*Water for Food Security*" under the Theme "*Development – Water for sustainable development*". The FAO submitted the proposal as the Session Coordinator but there was no response from the Organizers as to whether the above session had been approved.

4. TF also noted that the Central Office had identified the topics that may be of interest to the ICID workbodies and invited Chairs of WG-CAFEM, WG-CLIMATE, WG-CROP, WG-M&R, WG-IDM, WG-PQW, and WG-IOA to participate in the relevant sessions or organize a session in partnership with other organizations during WWF8 in March 2018. However, there has not been any response from these workbodies.

5. During the meeting, it was also agreed that ICID can participate with other organizations who have submitted proposals for other sessions such as the Themes on - Climate, Governance, and Efficient use of surface water and groundwater (Water for Sustainable Development), for example. PH Gao Zhanyi has suggested that ICID can, perhaps, participate in sessions being organized by various other member countries.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 3: Liaison with Brazilian National Committee (ABID) for preparatory work of 8th World Water Forum

6. PH Chandra Madramootoo informed about his recent visit to Brazil and his meetings with representatives of Brazil National Committee (ABID). TF noted that so far, ABID had not received any information about the organization of Sessions on Water for Food at WWF8. He clarified that ABID had not been asked for inputs to WWF8.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 4: Identify areas for ICID contributions to the Forum - Update

7. During the meeting, there was much discussion on the potential contributions that ICID could make to a Session on "*Water for Food*" and the Committee agreed that the following three areas could be considered on merit: basis (a) Soil and water conservation practices in watersheds for food production; (b) Building resilience in agricultural system to cope with climate extremes (*flood and drought*), and (c) Water productivity and water savings technologies.

8. Topic (b) was considered extremely important by the Latin American delegates and this topic will also help to increase Latin American participation in ICID and the WWF8. Topic (c) was felt to be consistent with the Declaration of the 23rd International Congress in Mexico City, as it aligns with Question 60.

9. Mr. Olcay Unver (FAO) mentioned that if the proposed session is accepted by the WWC Scientific Committee then the duration of the Session could be either 3 hours or 1.5 hours. It was proposed to plan for 3 hours session and if it is cut to 1.5 hours, then it could tighten the program. It was also expressed that session speakers should not make routine PPT presentations. Rather, they should think of a panel type discussion with specific questions on each of the 3 topics put to speakers. This will lead to more dialogue and an interactive discussion with the panel members.

10. ICID may invite potential speakers on each of the 3 above topics. Some names/ NCs were proposed as follows:

- (a) "Soil and water conservation practices in watersheds for food production" – Felix Reinders and SANCID; CNCID experience with the Yellow River; Ethiopia and Tigray Region.
- (b) "Building resilience in agricultural system to cope with climate extremes (*flood and drought*)" – Invitees from Latin America through the Mexican National Committee.
- (c) "Water productivity and water savings technologies" – IRNCID; CNCID; Japan National Committee

11. The Chair of the TF and Secretary General Avinash Tyagi will follow up with potential speakers, once there is confirmation from the Organizers about the proposed session.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 5: Brief report of 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, 26-28 April 2017, Brazil

12. The TF noted that a two-day Second Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the 8th World Water Forum (WWF8) was organized from 26-27 April 2017 at Brasilia, Brazil. The event was organized as part of the preparatory process of the 8th World Water Forum to be held from 18-23 March 2018 at Brazil.

TF-WWF8 Minutes Item 6: Any other business

13. There was no other business and the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

