

**MINUTES OF THE 1ST INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON VALUE ENGINEERING (WG-VE)**

14 August 2018: 13:30-15:00 hours (Session-I)

14 August 2018: 15:30-17:00 hours (Session-II)

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Strategy Theme: Knowledge

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 2017

Completion of the Mandate: 2023

New Mandate of the WG:

- (a) To motivate ICID National Committees in various countries to set up their National Working Groups
- (b) To provide guidance to compile, publish, update and/or translate documents on Value engineering projects (irrigation, drainage, flood management, and river engineering);
- (c) To promote inter-disciplinary exchange of information, knowledge and experience, as well as networking on the topic;
- (d) To organize seminars at ICID Congresses and meeting to enhance awareness of importance of Value Engineering;
- (e) To prepare a paper on “Application of Value Engineering in Irrigation and Flood Projects” for publication in Irrigation and Drainage (IRD);
- (f) To finalize a book on Application of Value Engineering in Irrigation and Flood Projects”
- (g) To encourage member countries to produce papers on Value Engineering case studies

Members Present: (1) Ir. Nor Hisham M. Ghazali (Malaysia), Secretary; and (2) Dr. Toshihiko Kuno (Japan).

Observers: (i) Ir. Mei-Yuan, Su (Chinese Taipei); (ii) Ir. Christy Omenu Oduh (Nigeria); and (iii) Engr. Chuba J. Umechukwu (Nigeria).

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WG-VE Minutes Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chair

1. Since the Chair and Vice Chair of the WG could not attend the meeting, Ir. Nor Hisham M. Ghazali from Malaysia, Secretary of the WG was co-opted as chair of the group to conduct the meeting with the support of Dr. Toshihiko Kuno (Japan). The group provisionally accepted the nomination of Dr. Yawen, Chueh from Chinese Taipei as a member. No new nominations were received during the meeting.

WG-VE Minutes Item 2: Introduction of the Scoping Document for a new WG

2. During the meeting, the WG noted that the members who were present have not received the finalised Scoping Document of the new WG. The revised mandate for a new Working Group on Value Engineering (WG-VE) was again shared with the members who were present. The WG agreed that the new mandate should be further discussed in the next meeting of the WG to ensure understanding and alignment with ICID Road map to Vision 2030.

3. During the IEC meeting, the Council recommended to investigate the need for the establishment of the WG on Value Engineering (WG-VE) subject to completion of the output of TF-VE and resubmission of the revised scoping document for getting support of at least 10 National Committees to nominate experts from their countries to the activities of the WG.

WG-VE Minutes Item 3: Workshop in August 2018 at Saskatoon, Canada in August 2018

4. As planned, the “Workshop on Application of Value Engineering in Irrigation and Flood Projects” was convened on 14th August 2018 from 15:30-17:00 hours. Three papers were presented. New members and observers were advised to view the earlier presentations that have been uploaded on the TF-VE website.

5. The WG-VE workshop concluded that a similar internal workshop should be organized in conjunction with the next ICID’s meeting in September 2019 at Bali, Indonesia.

WG-VE Minutes Item 4: Publication of the TF-VE

6. During the meeting, a draft publication of the WG entitled “Value Engineering Applications in Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Projects” was discussed and submitted to the ICID CO for circulation amongst WG members and their NCs for comments/suggestions, if any. The proposed publication will be brought out as e-Publication.

WG-VE Minutes Item 5: Dissemination of information - Website

7. It was noted that the WG presentations from the last meeting held in Mexico City are yet to be uploaded on the TF-VE website. WG members requested WG Chair and ICID CO to upload presentation of internal workshop on the web site of the WG.

WG-VE Minutes Item 6: Closure Report and Scoping Document with revised mandate for a new WG

8. The finalised Closure Report of the TF is yet to be circulated to WG members and their NCs for comments/suggestions, if any. It was decided that Chair of erstwhile TF-VE will submit closure report of the TF to ICID CO for circulation amongst members of the TF for their views and comments, if any.

WG-VE Minutes Item 7: Any other business

9. During the meeting, it was noted that the Chair Dr. Kamran Emami had organised a training workshop on Value Engineering (VE) on 8 March 2018 for a team of 25 young professionals engaged in the water and agriculture sector from the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT) of Technical University of Cologne, Germany; Agricultural Sciences and Resource Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ARTS) of the University of Bonn, Germany and Environmental Science Research Institute of the Shahid Beheshti University Tehran, Iran. The Group proposed that a brief report of the workshop should be presented in the next meeting.

