



## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE

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### International Research Program for Irrigation & Drainage: Advisory Committee (AC-IRPID) Third Meeting, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 12 August 2018 : 09.00-10.30 Hours

#### AGENDA

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**Members:** (1) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, Chair (China); (2) Prof. Javad Monem, Head, Tehran Regional Node of IRPID (Iran); (3) Ms. Gao Hong, Vice Secretary, CNCID & Representative of Beijing Regional Node of IRPID (China); (4) Mr. Olcay Unver, FAO Representative; (5) Mr. Steven N. Schonberger, World Bank Representative, (6) VP Mr. Ian Makin, IWMI Representative & Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Schemes (UK); (7) VP Dr. Abdelhafid DEBBARH, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Knowledge (Morocco); (8) VP Mr. Waseem Nazir, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Knowledge (Pakistan); (9) VP Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Basin (The Netherlands); (10) VP Er. Naoki Hayashida, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Basin (Japan); (11) VP Dr. Irene Bondarik, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Schemes (Russia); (12) VP Dr. Brian T. Wahlin, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-Schemes (USA); (13) VP Mr. Madhav Belbase, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-On-Farm (Nepal); (14) VP Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Co-Theme Leader, Strategy Theme-On-Farm (India) and (10) Mr. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID.

#### Terms of Reference (ToR):

The Advisory Committee is responsible for developing a Framework Action Plan for the program, guided by the concept document as was presented at the 61st IEC in Yogyakarta in 2010 and keep overall coordination among the Nodes duly supporting their autonomy and maintaining flexibility in fulfilling their roles. These can be categorised as follows:

- a. Develop the Strategy duly describing the strategic objectives and a Framework Action Plan for the program;
- b. Review and monitor the implementation of the program to ensure the quality of outputs and their effectiveness; and
- c. Mobilize and allocate extra-budgetary resources through joint activities.

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#### AC-IRPID Agenda Item 1: Brief introduction by SG, ICID

1. IRPID Scheme was earlier notified vide Notification No.16 of 2016 dated 27 April 2016. However, at the AC-IRPID meeting held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 05 November 2016, the Advisory Committee reviewed the IRPID Scheme and had a relook at the Vision, aligning its focus with the new ICID Vision 2030 concentrating more on AWM for Rural Development. It was also recalled that while IWMI research is aimed at 'management', ICID should continue to work on the technology aspects.

2. Accordingly, the Chair, AC-IRPID presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 12 November 2016, the revised IRPID scheme, giving its vision, mission, objectives, organizational structure, coordination mechanism etc. which envisages to have a proper regional balance at global level in fostering collaborative activities amongst the NCs within that region by affiliating NCs to the identified regional node with similar AWM challenges. The revised IRPID Scheme ([http://www.icid.org/irpid\\_scheme.pdf](http://www.icid.org/irpid_scheme.pdf)) adopted by 67<sup>th</sup> IEC vide Resolution No.IEC-3/67 at Chiang Mai, Thailand on 12 November 2016 was notified amongst the NCs vide Notification No.6 of 2017 dated 23 February 2017, while urging the NCs to establish more Regional Nodes.

3. SG, ICID will provide a brief introduction and overview on the IRPID Scheme to the Committee members.

#### AC-IRPID Agenda Item 2: Inputs from Beijing Regional Node

4. The Head/Representative of the Beijing Regional Node will present a report on the activities undertaken so far by the Beijing RN and future plans for the information of the Advisory Committee.

**AC-IRPID Agenda Item 3: Inputs from Tehran Regional Node**

5. The Head/Representative of the Tehran Regional Node will present a report on the activities undertaken so far by the Tehran RN and future plans for the information of the Advisory Committee.

**AC-IRPID Agenda Item 4: Evolving Collaborative Research Mechanism among the Regional Nodes**

6. During the last meeting, the Advisory Committee noted that the two existing Regional Nodes have functioned independently and the research outcomes and outputs from these centers could not be shared with other NCs. Hence, the Committee felt that it was essential that each Regional Node, together with its member NCs come out with a collaborative research program focusing on research topics that are relevant to the NCs of the Regional Node, its members and are funded through their respective NC institutions. It was also pointed out that for such a collaboration to be successful, the NCs should allow their Research Institutes participating in the program to interact directly.

7. With this objective to help ICID to serve as a repository of knowledge in irrigation and drainage sector, a revised version of Irrigation Research (IrriSEARCH) database template (<http://www.icid.org/addressresearchdata.php>) was presented during the 68th IEC meeting held in Mexico City in October 2017, with inputs from National Committees (NCs) and IRPID Nodes. It aims to bring together all agriculture water management (AWM) research activities from various NCs on a single platform to help others learn from their experiences. The IRPID Scheme is one of the activities that could provide NCs an opportunity to improve its profile within the countries as it provides various research stakeholders in AWM research, a window to exchange and showcase ongoing research activities in the irrigation and drainage sector worldwide.

8. All the RNs and NCs are requested to encourage the research institutions in their country involved in AWM to join the network by projecting key information of their research activities for wider dissemination and fulfilling the objective of collaborative research mechanism among the RNs.

9. The Advisory Committee may review the existing collaborative research mechanism among the RNs and explore the ways to further evolve it.

**AC-IRPID Agenda Item 5: Dissemination Mechanism on Exchange of Research Findings**

10. In order to make the IRPID Scheme result oriented, an adequate mechanism to exchange the research findings on an intra-node basis and inter-nodes basis, is necessary. At Chiang Mai meeting of the Committee, it was suggested that a web page on the ICID Website be created to share the outcomes of various research activities undertaken by the RNs. Various other channels such as Webinars, ICID News, Seminars /Symposium during the annual meetings, should also serve as the dissemination tools.

11. ICID CO has created a page on ICID web site for IRPID and also disseminated about IRPID activities through ICID News update and ICID News. SG, ICID may apprise the Committee about the progress made so far on this issue.

**AC-IRPID Agenda Item 6: Establishment of Additional Regional Nodes**

12. Last year, the Moroccan National Committee of ICID (l'ANAFIDE) nominated Egyptian NC as the third Regional Node under IRPID Scheme for the North African Region. The Italian NC of ICID (ITAL-ICID) has also proposed to establish a Regional Node for the Mediterranean Region. The NCs of Morocco, Egypt and Italy have been requested to present a comprehensive proposal for establishing RNs for the respective regions within the framework of revised IRPID Scheme.

13. This year, in response to the Central Office circular to establish RNs, the Sudan NC (SNCID) has agreed to host a Regional Node at the Hydraulic Research Center (HRC), within the Ministry of Water Research, Irrigation and Electricity where SNCID members are working as Researchers.

14. However, later VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chairman, Egyptian NC has proposed to have a single RN for African and Mediterranean Region hosted by ENCID with the support of the NCs of Morocco, Sudan and Italy. However, it has been communicated to them that in view of different agro-climatic conditions prevailing at North Africa Region and Mediterranean Region, two separate RNs would be preferable for these regions.

15. A Spanish speaking Regional Node in Mexico is also proposed consisting of Mexico and other Latin countries, with the initiative of Mexican NC (MXCID).

16. At Chiang Mai, it was suggested that new Regional Nodes, should be recognized on the basis of their willingness to be able to pursue the research activities from their own resources. Although, the RNs should be proposed voluntarily, AC-IRPID could also initiate such a process, based on an identified need, such as the one for francophone Western Africa. It is necessary to set some guiding principles in defining the scope of Regional Nodes both in terms of its geographical location and region specific needs .

17. The Committee may consider the proposals and suitably advise about the establishment of RNs in the proposed regions.

**SUPP: 17A. The Tajikistan NC of ICID (TAJCID) vide their e-mail dated 24 July 2018, expressed their interest to establish a Central Asia (CA) and Caucasus Regional Node which will be presented by the TAJCID Representatives during the meeting. The Committee may consider the proposal and make appropriate recommendations.**

#### **AC-IRPID Agenda Item 7: Leveraging National Funding for Raising Financial Resources by RNs**

18. One of the objectives of the IRPID is to support the NCs receive adequate funding from their own governments. At Chiang Mai meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members were unanimous in their opinion that the NCs, through the outcomes of the Regional Nodes, sharing the best and new technologies, making use of various ICID communication channels, such as web pages, ICID News and Irrigation and Drainage Journal, were in the best position to leverage the research and development outcomes for their direct implementation in the field. They should be able to leverage their national funding sources by international collaboration. Although it is recognized that in many cases, the NCs may not be able to raise resources for international activities. In such cases, the Program can approach international funding mechanisms that support AWM activities. However, in order to attract such funding for the IRPID program, there is a need to have a good track record of successful outcomes.

19. The Committee may suggest ways and means to RNs for raising financial resources.

#### **AC-IRPID Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business**

