

**MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)**

05 September 2019, 09:00-11:00 hours (Session I) and 11:15-13:15 hours (Session II)
Bali, Indonesia

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1996

Mandate: The general objective of the Asian Regional Working Group is to focus on common topics and issues and to enhance the transfer of appropriate technology in irrigation and drainage to and from the Asian Region. The mission of ASRWG is to encourage membership and to coordinate activities in the region.

Members Present: (1) VPH Karim Shiati, Chair (Iran); (2) VP Naoki Hayashida, Vice Chair (Japan); (3) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (4) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun represented Mr. Wang Aiguo (China); (5) Dr. Mochammad Amron (Indonesia); (6) Ir. Hj. Ahmad bin Darus (Malaysia); (7) Dr. (Ms.) Mu Mu Than (Myanmar); (8) Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi (Korea, Rep.of); (9) Mr. Arthorn Suttigarn (Thailand); and (10) Dr. Ray-Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei).

Observers: (1) VPH Hafied Gany (Indonesia); (2) VPH Shinsuke Ota (Japan); (3) Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (4) Rizal Siregar (Indonesia); (5) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan); (6) Naoko Koshiyama (Japan); (7) Sang Hee Park (Korea, Rep.of); (8) Abin Lee (Korea, Rep.of); (9) Dr. Wen-Pin Shu (Chinese Taipei); (10) Kuang-Ming Chuang (Chinese Taipei); (11) Yi-An Hsieh (Chinese Taipei).

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ASRWG Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by Chair

1. At the onset, the Chair VPH Karim Shiati welcomed all the members and briefed on the latest status on the action point emerging from the minutes of the previous meeting of the WG held at Saskatoon in 2018. Chair informed about the wonderful technical report of ASRWG-WT entitled “Sustainable agricultural growth for the rural development in Asia” by Prof. Kyung Sook Choi and Prof. Vijay K. Labhsetwar.
2. Regarding the use of virtual meeting by WebEx platform, the Chairman requested WG members to enhance the issue and participate in the upcoming WebEx meetings, Webinars and e-discussions.
3. The WG reviewed the membership nomination of Eng. Ahmad bin Darus (Malaysia) and Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan) and were accepted as member by the WG. The Chinese Taipei Committee (CTCID) introduced Dr. Wen-Pin Shu as new nomination for the WG. During the meeting, Dr. Shu apprised the WG about his experience and the group accepted him as new member of WG. In October 2019, the Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) has nominated Ir. Felipe Dantas (Australia) for the membership of the WG. In consultation with the Chair, the nomination of Ir. Felipe Dantas was accepted as ‘Provisional Member’ until the next meeting. Membership status is given in **Annex 4 (page 27)**.

ASRWG Minutes Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in Asian region

4. The WG re-reviewed the Action Plan on the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 that was modified in the WG meeting in Saskatoon in 2018 (refer **Annex**). Chair informed that the activity of ASRWG is to contribute to 3 goals out of 6 organizational goals of ICID vision 2030 which includes:
 - (a) To promote the technical support program (TSP) among Asian NCs
 - (b) The international forum in 2019
 - (c) Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG

ASRWG Minutes Item 3: Linkages with Regional and Transnational Organizations for Cooperation

5. The group noted that as a follow-up of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CTCID-KCID and CTCID-INACID in May 2019, CTCID would sign another MoU with MANCID. The group also noted that CTCID will organize an international forum with PNC-ICID and THAICID in October 2019. The WG appreciated the CTCID efforts and requested to inform the WG about their events.

ASRWG Minutes Item 4: Developing cooperative arrangements with International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and International Network of Water Environment and Paddy Fields (INWEPF)

6. The group discussed about the cooperation and noted that ASRWG and PAWEES/INWEPF is the main activity within the ASRWG agenda since 2004. The “ICID-PAWEES-INWEPF collaborative workshop” was organized in NARA Conference by the JNC-ICID in close cooperation with ASRWG from 20-22 November 2018. The main aim of the conference was to “contribute further development of sustainable agriculture in Asia” the participants, discussed on Irrigation and drainage in Asia to achieve the SDGs`. Chairman VPH Dr. Shitati, VP Hayashida, Dr. Maher Salman, from FAO and VP Marco Arcieri attended the above event and made an interesting presentation. It has been decided that the next PAWEES/INWEPF joint international conference will be held in South Korea, Seoul from 5-7 November 2019. It was proposed that ASRWG will actively contribute to this event. VP Hayashida apprises the WG about this event. Chair encouraged all members to participate in the conference.

ASRWG Minutes Item 5: Capacity development programme for Young Professionals from Asian region, April 2019, Republic of Korea

7. ICID in association with KCID-CNCID arranged a 5-day conference entitled “International young professionals training programme” on the theme “Climate Resilient Smart Irrigation Systems” from 17 countries in April 2019 in Republic of South Korea. The training program was followed by an international expert consultation workshop on “Irrigation Technology to Mitigate Climate Change”. The KCID and INCID members appraised the WG about the event.

ASRWG Minutes Item 6: The 8th Asia Regional Conference (ARC) on the theme "Irrigation in Support of an Evergreen Revolution was successfully organized and succeeded on May 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal.

8. Mr. Bashu Dev Lohanee apprised the WG about the organization of successful conference wherein about 250 delegates from ICID member countries and more than 800 participants were attended. The major point was the use of young professionals for organizing young professionals training program during the event. The group thanked to NENCID for successfully implementing the event.

ASRWG Minutes Item 7: Supporting Event 6 (SE 6) by JNCID with WIF3

9. During the Third World Irrigation Forum (WIF3), ASRWG in cooperation with JNCID organized the Supporting Event entitled “Development of water, food and nutrition in Asia” on 2 September 2019. Mr Mitsuo Ishijima apprised the WG about the event.

ASRWG Minutes Item 8: Any other business

10. During the meeting, it was decided that the WG would organize internal workshop on every occasion of ASRWG meeting starting from the next ICID meeting in Sydney, Australia in 2020. First half of the WG meeting will be used for the discussion of the agenda items. Second half of the WG meeting will be used for the internal workshop. Two to three reports will be presented about the specific topic chosen in advance. The specific topic for the first internal workshop in Sydney will be decided by / through web-meeting among WG members.



Annex [Appendix VI, Item 2]

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology							
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.5 Enhance Linkages between National Committees for International Cooperation	Technical Report					
	3.6 Broaden relationship and mutual understanding and cooperation between NCs from developing countries and developed countries	Collaboration/ MoU	Exchange visits/ training between TUCID and IRNCID				
			MoU between IRNCID and KCID				
	3.7 International conference/ workshop/ seminar	Compilation of proceedings		8 th Asian Regional Conference, May 2018, Nepal	International forum in Oct 2019	Workshop	
C4. Strategy: Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.4 Special joint Publication on Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development	Side Event with AARDO	Special Issue of AARDO Journal				
	4.21 Report on “Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia”	Technical Report	Publish the Technical Report based on workshops/ Side Event	Formal release of the Report at 8 th ARC	Promote the Technical Support Program (TSP) among Asia NC's		
GOAL D: Enable Cross Disciplinary and Inter-Sectoral Engagement							
D3. Strategy: Facilitate Development of Inter-sectoral Platforms Involving NCs	3.1 Developing inter-sectoral engagement			Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG		

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)



