TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 1: Introduction by the Chair

1. The Chair highlighted the importance of ICID contribution and promotion of ICID’s visibility in World Water Forum 9 in Dakar, Senegal in March 2021 by presenting its activities and achievements.

2. VPH Dr. Shinsuke Ota also briefed the participants on the background decisions made during 64th annual IEC meetings held in Mardin (Turkey) in 2013 about further ICID involvement in WWC board as session leader. He also explained about the World Water System Heritage (WSH) as an important measure taken by WWC-ICID which also requires further attention of the National Committees.

3. The Chair asked the members attending African Regional Conference in Morocco to be held in March 2020 to publicize ICID’s contribution in WWF-9.

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6. After discussion, Chair emphasized on the key role on behalf of ICID in:

(a) monitoring and providing inputs to 9th WWF by liaising with the National Committees and Work bodies.
(b) liaising with the National Committees for preparatory work of the 9th WWF;
(c) liaising with 9th WWF Program Committee and other International Bodies, including FAO, IWMI, APPC, WB, etc.;
(a) promoting ICID’s visibility in World Water Council.

7. TF requested ICID Central Office representative Mr. Chivate to regularly follow up the above-mentioned issues and report back to the Chair and Vice Chair of the developments in the preparatory works leading to WWF9.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 3: Liaison with the National Committee for preparatory work of 9th WWF

8. The 9th World Water Forum will be held in March 2021 at Dakar, Senegal on the theme “Water Security for Peace and Development”. Since there is no National Committee of ICID in Senegal, TF requested ICID representative to coordinate work with Burkina Faso, Mali, French, Nigerian and South African Committees to liaise with the Forum towards preparatory work on behalf of ICID.

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9. Due to paucity of time, the item was not discussed.
TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 5: Identify areas for ICID contributions to the Forum

10. After discussion, it was proposed that Mr. Dominique Rollin will coordinate with French Water Partnership to actively attend WWC regular meetings and to bring up the results of a joint project related to the Scientific Committee of Water in Agriculture as COSTEA in WWF-9.

11. The Chair asked French representative to also investigate the possibility of preparing a concept note on switching from rural development towards rural transformation for an event to be held during ICID event in WWF-9.

12. Ms. Narges Zohrabi as a participant from Iran National Committee (IRNCID) was asked to prepare a concept note on gender mainstreaming issues by contacting relevant entities for an event to be held during WWF-9.

13. Mr. Jeon-Yong Ryu from Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (KCID) will present Korea’s contribution on KRC’s role in a project on Water, Food and Energy nexus which has initially been launched. He will also present KRC’s activities on Smart Water Management practiced successfully in one of the Basins in Khuzestan provinces, Iran during WWF-9.

14. Dr. Tsugihiro Watanabe (Japan) was also asked to investigate how to bring up the issue of Climate Change impacts on water systems particularly in arid and semi-arid regions during WWF-9.

15. Ms. Eman Ragab Nofal as YPF representative was also asked to prepare a concept note on ICID-YPF capacity development activities for an event to be presented in WWF-9 in close cooperation with other member countries.

16. The Chair will seek necessary supports from FAO, IWMI, WB and concerned international entities related to the above-mentioned topics.

TF-WWF9 Minutes Item 6: Any other business

World Water Systems Heritage (WSH)

17. Mr. Alireza Salamat as the Vice Chair of TF-WWF9 briefed the participants on the World Water Systems Heritage (WSH), as a joint initiative with the World Water Council (WWC). He asked for ICID’s further facilitation on speeding up the process of National Committees involvement in introducing their Water System Heritage similar to the fast process which has been practiced for HIS. ICID representative was requested to pace the renewal process of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WWC to take the WSH initiative forward.

18. Simultaneously, ICID is also developing a paper on identifying and documenting the key learning points from the knowledge embedded in the ICID Register of the World Irrigation Heritage Structures (WHIS). The paper will be published in an upcoming book on Water as Heritage. ICID was asked for further nominations from National Committees.

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