

**AGENDA FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EVENTS (C-EVENTS)**

5 September 2024, 08:30-10:00 Hours (Session-I)
5 September 2024, 10:30-12:00 Hours (Session-II)
Sydney, Australia

Presented by the Chairman

Members / representatives: (1) Australian National Committee; (2) Chinese National Committee; (3) French National Committee; (4) Indian National Committee; (5) Iraqi National Committee; (6) Malaysia National Committee; (7) Nigeria National Committee; (8) Tajikistan National Committee; (9) Saudi Arabia National Committee; and (10) Secretary General, ICID represented by Er. Harish Kumar Varma, Executive Director, ICID Central Office.

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C-EVENTS Agenda Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chairman

1. The Chair of the Committee may present the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the Committee at its last meeting held on 6 November 2023 at Vizag., Andhra Pradesh, India.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 2: New Mandate and Membership Composition of the Committees

2. 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting held in November 2024 at Vizag., Andhra Pradesh vide Resolution IEC-2/74 approved the amalgamation of Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics, and Work Plans of future ICID Events (SC-E-THEMES) and Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR) and created a single Committee on Events (C-EVENTS). Accordingly, ICID Central Office issued Notification No.1 of 2024 dated 15 January 2024 (**Annex 1**) notifying amalgamation of SC-E-THEMES and C-CONGR with new mandate to all members of the Committees and NCs.

3. The erstwhile C-CONGR & SC-E-THEMES will be collectively operated as Committee on Events (C-EVENTS). The Committee on Events (C-EVENTS) will comprise and actively involve all existing members of the C-CONGR and SC-E-THEMES and will report to Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO).

4. The membership composition of erstwhile of C-CONGR & SC-E-THEMES are given below for discussions during the meeting:

Membership Composition of erstwhile C-CONGR: (a) A Chair who is representative from the Organizing (OC) of the next Congress; (b) Two further members from the NC for the next Congress and a YP representative if available; (c) A representative from each of the confirmed further ICID events (Congress/WIF/Regional Conferences); (d) A representative from the previous Congress/WIF/Regional Conferences; and (e) A representative from ICID CO who will also provide secretarial services.

Membership of the erstwhile SC-E-THEMES: (a) Technical Experts - one each drawn from ITAC for immediate past and future WIF and Congresses, within the span of six years; (b) Two experts nominated by PCTA; (c) Three experts drawn from Technical Workbodies of ICID; (d) Chairperson of SC-E-THEME will be nominated from amongst the members, by the President in consultation with Secretary General ICID; (e) The membership will be for a maximum of six years and the nominee of ITAC of past event will be a member for two years after the conclusion of that particular event; and (f) the membership shall not exceed more than 10 members.

5. ICID Central Office has requested Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China), President Hon. ICID and Chair of SC-E-THEMES and Ms. Celine Papin (France), Chairperson of C-CONGR to prepare the new mandate along with membership composition of the Committee on Events (C-EVENTS). The past year membership of the erstwhile C-CONGR and SC-E-THEMES are in **Annex 2**.

6. President Hon. Dr. Gao Zhanyi and Ms. Celine Papin will present during the meeting.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 3: Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Committee

7. It is proposed that President Hon. Dr. Gao Zhanyi and Ms. Celine Papin will jointly conduct the meeting of C-Events at Sydney. Based on the new composition finalized at the meeting, the Committee will elect its new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary during the meeting in consultation with the members/representatives of the Committees.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 4: Overview of 75th IEC & 9th Asian Regional Conference, 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia - Updates

8. Mr. David Cameron / Ms. Naomi Carragher, representative from Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) will apprise the Committee on the preparations made for meetings scheduled at Sydney from 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia.

9. The 75th International Executive Council (IEC) Meetings and 9th Asian Regional Conference (AsRC) is being hosted by Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL), Irrigation Australia's Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IACID) in cooperation with the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). The main theme of the Conference is "Irrigation's role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban spaces in an increasingly unpredictable climate" and sub-themes are : (a) **Governance** – identifying and addressing structural and policy impediments to the adoption of better irrigation practices; (b) **Investment** – fit-for-purpose and cost-effective technologies which support end users to implement sustainable irrigation practices (Environmental, Social, Governance); and (d) **Capacity development** – ensuring that end users can access and adapt knowledge and systems to support sustainable irrigation practices.

10. During the Conference, several international workshops such as "The Water-Energy-Food-Nexus: Application & Impact on Societies, Environment and Ecosystem" (Organizer: WG-WEF_N); "Irrigation and Drainage for Asian Food Security" (Organizer: ASRWG); "Towards Sustainable Agricultural Water Management under Climate Change" (Organizer: CTCID); and "Non-conventional Water for Irrigation and Environment Protection" (Organizer: WG-NWREP) have been planned. In addition, ICID-IWMI Session will be organized during the conference. The information on the 75th IEC meetings and 9th AsRC is available on the Conference website at : <https://irrigationconference2024.com.au/>.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 5: Feedback from the organizer of the past events

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 5.1: Feedback from 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC, 1-8 November 2023 at Vizag., Andhra Pradesh, India – Updates

11. Representative from Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) will brief the Committee on experience in organizing the 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC meeting with the lessons learned / difficulties faced.

C-EVNETS Agenda Item 5.2: First Middle East Regional Conference, 26-28 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

12. The First Middle East Regional Conference on the theme "Irrigation Development and Sustainability" was held from 26-29 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Representative from Saudi Arabia Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SACID) will brief the Committee on experience in organizing the First Middle East Regional Conference with lessons learned / difficulties faced.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 5.3: 14th International Drainage Workshop, 30 May – 01 June 2024, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

13. Tajikistan National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (TajNCID) organized the 14th International Drainage Workshop (IDW) on "*Modernization of irrigation and drainage systems for adaptation to climate change and sustainable development*" from 30 May to 01 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan. The Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation organized the event with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and international development partners. President Dr. Marco Arcieri, Secretary General Er. A.B. Pandya and other office bearers of the ICID attended the event.

14. Representative from TajNCID will brief the Committee on experience in organizing the 14th International Drainage Workshop with lessons learned/ difficulties faced.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6: Preparations and discussions for the future events for the next 3 years

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6.1: 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference in April 2025, Baghdad, Iraq

15. The representative from Iraqi National Committee of ICID (IRQCID) will apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference to be held in April 2025 at Baghdad, Iraq. The first announcement of 11th International Micro Irrigation Conference is to be published.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6.2: 6th African Regional Conference, 14-18 April 2025, Abuja, Nigeria

16. The 6th African Regional Conference will be held from 14-18 April 2025 at Abuja, Nigeria. The theme of the Conference is "Tackling Irrigation Development and Water Management Crisis in Africa". In addition to the 3-day African Regional Conference, Nigerian National Committee is organizing a one-day National Irrigation and Drainage Symposium with the theme "Participatory Irrigation Management for Sustainable Rural Development, Economic Growth and Food Security".

17. Representative from Nigerian National Committee will apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 6th African Regional Conference to be held from 14-18 April 2025 at Abuja, Nigeria.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6.3: 76th IEC meeting & 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-4), 7-13 September 2025, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

18. The 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF4) together with 76th International Executive Council (IEC) Meeting in cooperation with the host Malaysian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (MANCID) will be held from 7-13 September 2025 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of the Forum is "Is Irrigation a Sunset Industry"? and sub-themes are – (i) Sub-Theme1: Challenges of Irrigation and Drainage for Food Security in the Changing World; (ii) Sub-Theme2: Technology and Modernization in the Agricultural Sector towards Food Security; (iii) Sub-Theme 3: Innovative Policy, Service Delivery, and Financing Mechanisms to Meet the Challenges of the Future; and (iv) Sub-Theme4: Nature-Based Solutions in Agriculture to Foster Ecological Resilience. The website of the 4th WIF has been developed which is available at <https://wif4.org/index.php/en/>.

19. In addition, ICID Central Office has circulated the call for papers of the 4th WIF to all stakeholders of ICID and invited the abstracts for the full-length papers from authors. In this regard, 'ICID Technical Management Portal' (<https://wif.icidevents.org/>) for Abstract management of the WIF4 has been established. Further, two preparatory meetings between ICID and host MANCID were held on 3 April and 17 May 2024.

20. Representative from MANCID will apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 76th IEC meeting and 4th WIF to be held from 7-13 September 2015 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6.4: 77th IEC meeting and 26th ICID Congress, 12-18 October 2026, Marseille, France

21. The 77th International Executive Council (IEC) Meeting and 26th International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage will be held from 12-18 October 2026 at Marseille, France. The main theme of the Congress is "Agriculture and climate change: stakes and levels for irrigation and drainage".

22. Vice President Dr Burno Grawitz (France), representative from French National Committee of ICID (AFEID) will apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 77th IEC meeting and 26th ICID Congress to be held from 12-18 October 2026 at Marseille, France.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 6.5: 78th IEC meeting and 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5), Beijing, China in September 2027

23. Representative from Chinese National Committee of ICID (CNCID) will apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 78th IEC meeting and 5th WIF to be held in September 2027 at Beijing, China.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 7: Website of the C-EVENTS

24. In order to promote the activities of annual events, ICID Central Office has invited the host NCs to share their presentations for preparations for upcoming events for uploading the ICID website. Please access https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/107 for more information on C-EVENTS.

C-EVENTS Agenda Item 8: Any other business

25. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** ICID has launched a new website (<https://icid-ciid.org>) as part of ICID's 70th Anniversary Celebration to meet the new web technologies. One of the newly added web features provides WG members access to their profile section using their dedicated account. ICID CO vide email dated 9 July 2021 < <https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E> > informed all members on how to access their account and change their password to maintain accuracy. Members are requested to review and update their information using their credentials and help us to maintain accurate information. For more information, please refer to inside back cover page.

26. **Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** ICID has taken an initiative to document the development of irrigation projects in the world by establishing an online Register on "World Irrigation Projects (WIP)". WIP will fulfill the need for a much-awaited global repository of information in systematic irrigation and agricultural water management. Irrigation projects having 5000 Hectares and above of Gross Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Members are also requested to encourage all irrigation project owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in our member countries for contributing to the register. This facility is also extended to non-member countries if the information is received from an authorized agency. The review process and other details are outlined on the portal < <https://wip.icidevents.org/> > in detail.



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Sydney, Australia after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 5 September 2024.

Annex 1 [Appendix VII, Item 2]

NOTIFICATION NO. 1 OF 2024, DATED: 15 JANUARY, 2024

Subject: Amalgamation of SC-E-THEMES and C-CONGR and create a Single Committee on Events (C-Events)

Vide Resolution IEC-2/74, the 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting held in Visakhapatnam, India on 8 November, 2023 has approved amalgamation of Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics and Work Plans of future ICID Events SC-E-THEMES and Committee on Congresses/ Conferences C-CONGR and create a single Committee on Events (C-EVENTS).

The mandate of the Committee on Congresses / Conferences (C-CONGR) is given as below:

- (a) Representatives from previous events are required to present a summary report to the first meeting of C-CONGR following their event that includes attendance, financial performance, and recommendations for future events. This requirement should be a condition of the LoA.;
- (b) National Committees wishing to hold a future Congress/WIF/Regional Conference must make a report to C-CONGR outlining their plans including location, dates, expected attendance, financial budget, registration fees etc. C-CONGR will consider these reports and make a recommendation to PCSO whether to grant the event to the NC.

The mandate of the Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics and Work Plans of future ICID Events (SC-E-THEMES) is given as below:

- (a) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, sub-themes of World Irrigation Forums and Theme and Questions of future Congresses,
- (b) To set out format and technical contents of the Congress and WIFs,
- (c) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups,
- (d) To work out the structure of meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs at the ICID's Annual Events, to make them more effective and
- (e) To draw Guidelines to make the WG meetings/sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and industries by exploring the ways of combining the meetings of workbodies with areas of common interest or holding webinars, etc.

In compliance with the decisions of 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting, the CCONGR and SC-E-THEMES will be collectively operated as Committee on Events (CEVENTS) with the following Terms of Reference (ToR):

- (a) To review the summary report presented by the representatives from previous events, which includes attendance, financial performance and recommendations for future events;
- (b) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, sub-themes of World Irrigation Forums and Theme and Questions of future Congresses;
- (c) To set out format and technical contents of the Congress and WIFs;
- (d) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups;
- (e) To work out the structure of meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs at the ICID's Annual Events, to make them more effective;
- (f) To draw Guidelines to make the WG meetings/sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and industries in terms of technical output, holding joint webinars, etc. and
- (g) To review proposals from the National Committees wishing to hold a future Congress/WIF/Regional Conference that must make a report to Committee on Events (CEVENTS) outlining their plans including location, dates, expected attendance, financial budget, registration fees etc. Committee will consider these reports and make a recommendation to PCSO whether to grant the event to the NC.

The Committee on Events (C-EVENTS) will comprise and actively involve all existing members of the C-CONGR and SC-E-THEMES. The Committee will report to PCSO.



Ashwin B Pandya
Secretary-General, ICID

MEMBERSHIP OF ERSTWHILE C-CONGR AND SC-E-THEMES

ERSTWHILE C-CONGR MEMBERSHIP			
No.	Members	Country	Remarks
1.	Ms Céline PAPIN	French	Chairperson
2.	VPH Ding Kunlun	China	CNCID Representative
3.	Pr El Houssine Bartali	Morocco	ANAFIDE Representative
4.	Mr. Momir Vranes	Australia	IACID Representative
5.	VPH Dr. K.Y. Reddy	India	INCID representative
6.	Prof. Fethi Lebdi	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia representative
7.	Mr. M.Z. Fatah	Indonesia	INACID Representative
8.	Dr. Bahrom Gaforzoda	Tajikistan	Tajikistan representative
9.	Mr. Rishi Srivastava, CWC	India	Indian representative
10.	Mr. Ahmad Bin Dakur	Malaysia	Malaysian representative
11.	Mr. Bruno Grawitz	France	French representative
12.	Eng. Nisreen Sami	Iraq	Iraqi representative
13.	Engr. Peter Henry Sule	Nigeria	Nigerian representative
14.	Mr. German Martinez Santoyo	Mexico	Mexican representative
15.	Secretary General, ICID	India	



ERSTWHILE SC-E-THEMES MEMBERSHIP			
No.	Members	Country	Remarks
1.	President Hon. Gao Zhanyi	China	Chairman
2.	VP Prof. Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe	Japan	PCTA Chairman
3.	Er. Mohamed Bouaam	Morocco	PCTA member
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6.	VPH Mr. Ian W. Makin	UK	Chair, Erstwhile WG-M&R
7.	VPH Dr. K. Yella Reddy	India	Member, erstwhile ITAC-WIF3
8.	Mr. Momir Vranes, Member	Australia	Member, erstwhile ITAC-24 th Congress
9.	Mr. Cheng Mingzhong	China	Member, ITAC-WIF4
10.	VPH Waseem Nazir	Pakistan	Member
11.	Dr. Alok Sikka	India	IWMI representative
12.	Secretary General, ICID	India	

