

**AGENDA FOR THE 35TH MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AFRWG)**

04 September 2024, 08:30-10:00 hours (Session I) and 10:30-12:00 hours (Session II)
Sydney, Australia

Presented by the Chair

Year of Establishment: 1994

Mandate: To promote links and networking among the African countries as well as regional and international institutions for enhancing cooperation and coordination, and to support integrated river basin development, training and research issues, and information systems for African needs.

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AFRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair¹

1. The Chair will present the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held in November 2023.
2. **Reactivation of National Committees:** The ICID Central Office contacted the Mauritania, Togolese Republic, and Mozambique, for the reactivation of their country membership however, the response is still awaited.
3. The chair in consultation with the Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG, and the Central Office has updated the membership of the WG as given in **Annex 1** (*refer electronic version for the latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received, will be dealt with suitably after the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in the African region

4. During the India meeting in 2023, the group noted that all the activities of the group are going well in line with the ICID Vision 2030 and Chair Dr. Wahba informed that AFRWG will continue its activities according to the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 (refer to **Annex 2**), as follows:
 - **Goal B:** to be a catalyst for change policies and practices (the final draft position paper on green evolution in Africa was presented and circulated to the AFRWG members for review)
 - **Goal C:** Facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge, and technology (share and circulate all available documents, reports, news updates, and other documents to all using the ICID website, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp groups)
 - **Goal F:** Facilitate Capacity Development (webinar, 6th Af-YWP Forum, online courses, webinars, training workshops, and study tours upon request of NCs)
5. During the Australia meeting, the group members may like to discuss and update the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 3: Progress on Position paper on Green Revolution in Africa

6. During the India meeting, the Chair informed the group that the paper has already been published in the WWP Journal and a copy of the paper is available on the AFRWG webpage at https://icid-ciid.org/icid_data_web/Researcharticle2023.pdf. Members can access the link and download the paper. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 4: Updates on Regional Irrigation Associations- SARIA, ARID-RAID

7. During the India meeting, Mr. Winston Sataya, the Chair of SARIA provided a brief report of the workshop held on 9th October 2023 wherein seven member countries participated (*South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, and DRC*). He further informed that SARIA will be organizing a Symposium in

¹ This will also include details of membership of WG as **Annex**

2024. In February 2024, ICID Central Office requested Mr. Winston Sataya to provide further updates of the Symposium however, response is awaited. SARIA representative will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 5: Progress for the proposed third node for IRPID for the African region

8. During the India meeting, VP Prof. Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli informed the group that a node by South African NC has been established. The South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) and the Water Research Commission (WRC) of South Africa are coordinating the IRPID activities. A workshop was organized on 26 April 2023 to launch the IRPID activities in Southern Africa. All Southern African countries were invited to attend the launch of the IRPID node. Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli will provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 6: Af-YWPeF - Program and future activities

9. During the November 2023 meeting, the group proposed the following activities:

- At least two webinars will be organized during next year
- To organize the 7th African Young Professional Forum
- More MoUs will be signed with different international institutions and partners to support the activities of Capacity Development and Building of young professionals and the exchange and dissemination of advanced technologies in the field of water, irrigation, drainage, and all related fields.
- Daily communications with YPs for technical support and advice, recommendation letters, sharing news updates, bulletin, reports, announcements, available reports, online activities, opportunities, and others.

10. The Chair may like to provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 7: 7th African Young Professional Forum and Cairo Water Week 2024, 13-17 October 2024, Egypt

11. The Cairo Water Week will be held from 13–17 October 2024 on the theme "Water and Climate: Building Resilient Communities" with the following sub-themes - (1) Transboundary Water Governance for Sustainable Development; (2) Strategic Water Resources Management in Enhancing Community Resilience; (3) Innovation and Financing Resilient Solutions for Water Security; (4) Actions for Water and Climate Adaptations and Resilience; and (5) Climate-Smart Communities Planning and Legislation. The Chair may like to provide further updates at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 8: 6th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage, 14-18 April 2025, Nigeria

12. The 6th African Regional Conference with the main theme "Tackling Irrigation Development and Water Management Crisis in Africa" will be held from 14-18 April 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria. In addition to the three-day African Regional Conference, NINCID 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" with a possible partnership with World Bank (TRIMMING PROJECT); and a half-day High-level Policy Dialogue to bring together key political actors, business leaders, NGOs, donors, and top water managers to dialogue on "Achieving SDGs in the context of prevailing Transboundary water resources governance in Africa".

13. The Nigerian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation (FMWR&S) through the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) organized a 5-Day Workshop and Annual General Meeting of NINCID from 3-8 December 2023 at Kano City, Kano State wherein 265 participants attended the Workshop. The main focus of the Workshop was for the Stakeholders to discuss progress, and emerging issues and extend the way forward in the Irrigation and Drainage Subsector as well as to deliberate on hosting the 6th African Regional Conference.

14. A representative from NINCID will provide further updates on the Conference at the meeting.

AFRWG Agenda Item 9: Any other business (with permission of Chair)

15. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** As a new initiative, 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 accounts and change their passwords 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.

16. **World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** ICID has taken the initiative to document the development of irrigation and drainage schemes in the world by establishing an online Register on “World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS)”. WI&DS will fulfil 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 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. Chair will encourage members to urge all irrigation and drainage scheme owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in their respective countries for contributing to the register. 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 05 September 2024.

MEMBERSHIP OF AFRWG

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present (Year of Joining)	representatives	Remarks
1.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair (2016)		Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and contributed
2.	South Africa (1993)	Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli, Vice Chair (2016)		Attended meetings in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, 2022, 2023 and contributed
3.	Morocco (1959)	Eng. Ismael Elhassanoui, Secretary (2020)		Attended meetings in 2020 and 2021
4.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mr. Jean Bernard Dambre (2016)		Attended meetings in 2016, 2020 and contributed in 2017
5.	Burkina Faso (2014)	Mrs. Salamata Karambiri MIWENDE (2015)		Attended meeting in 2015 and contributed in 2018
6.	Egypt (1950)	VPH Dr. Samia El-Guindy (2010)		Attended meeting in 2015 and represented by ENCID in 2016
7.	Egypt (1950)	Eng. Omnia Hassan Ahmad Salem – Young Professional (2017)		
8.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. Sara Boularbah – Young Professional (2017)		Represented in 2018
9.	Morocco (1959)	Ms. El Oumlouki Kaoutar – Young Professional (2017)		Represented in 2018
10.	Morocco (1959)	Prof. El-Houssine Bartali (2020)		Attended meetings in 2020 and 2022
11.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr. Joe Kwanashie (2014)		Represented by NINCID in 2017 & 2018
12.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr (Mrs) Esther Oyeronke Oluniyi (2020)		Contributed in 2020
13.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr M. S. Bala (2020)		Attended meetings in 2020, 2021, 2022
14.	Nigeria (1970)	Engr Inimfon Archibong – Young Professional (2020)		Attended meetings in 2020, 2021, 2023
15.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. (Ms.) Hind Massoud Hamed Elneel (2017)		Contributed in 2017 and attended meetings in 2020 and 2021
16.	Sudan (2015)	Eng. Marwa Faisal Salman Mohamed –Young Professional (2017)		Contributed in 2017 and attended meetings in 2020 and 2021
17.	Sudan (2015)	Dr. Ahmed Elsiddig A. Elshaikh, Direct Member (2021)		Attended meeting in 2021
18.	Zambia (1966)	Mr. Mulako Cornelius Sitali (2015)		Contributed in 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020
19.	Zimbabwe (1955)	Representative from ZwCID		
Observers/ Permanent observers				
1.	Kenya ²	Eng. Elizabeth Mwendwa (2020)		Attended meeting in 2020
2.	Kenya	Mr. Joseph Kimani Wandue (2020)		Attended meeting in 2020
3.	Nigeria	Dr. Elijah Adepoju Aderibigbe (2020)		Attended meeting in 2023
4.	Nigeria	Engr. A. A. Adenopo (2020)		Attended meeting in 2020
5.	Nigeria	Engr. Abdullahi Abdulrahman (2020)		Attended meeting in 2020
6.	Nigeria	Engr. Amali Abraham Amali – Young Professional (2020)		Attended meeting in 2020
7.	Sudan	Eng. Omer Yousef		
8.		AgWA Representative		Attended meeting in 2015
9.		ARID Representative		Attended meeting in 2015
10.		FAO Representative		
11.		SARIA Representative		Attended meeting in 2017
12.		World Bank Representative		



² Accepted as Observer till the re-activation of the Kenyan NC

Annex 2 [Appendix 7.1, Item 2]

ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for 2017	Milestone for 2018	Milestone for 2019	Milestone for 2020	Milestone for 2021	Milestone for 2022	Milestone for 2023	Milestone for 2024
Goal B: Be a Catalyst for Change in Policies and Practices										
B1. Strategy: Supporting the Developme nt of Appropriate Policies	1.15 Position Paper on Green Revolution in Africa	Position paper	Prepare the draft paper	Finalize the paper	Data collection	Data collection	Data analysis Draft paper	Final paper publishing process	Dissemination of the paper	
GOAL C: Facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge, and technology										
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.4 Activate or Establish Regional/su b-regional WGs	Regional WGs	Collaborati on with Af- YWP- Forum		Establishmen t of more WG-YP's WhatsApp Groups NC- wise for E- discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Establishment of more WG- YP's WhatsApp Groups NC- wise for E- discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Establishme nt of more WG-YP's WhatsApp Groups NC- wise for E- discussion and knowledge exchanges Encouraging cooperation with partners	Selections of NC's YP's coordinators Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID (non- member)	Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID (non- member)	Organizing NC'S YP's group meeting and starting their activities Contributing to AfYP Forum activities Webinar Workshop Discussions Exchanging experiences. Technologies and information Activating their Country membership in ICID (non- member)
Goal F: Facilitate capacity development										
F2. Strategy: Support Capacity Developme nt Activities of Member Countries	2.4 Strategy for capacity building in Africa	Strategy/ Policy	Identify new themes and revise the strategy	Update the strategy	2 nd Af-YWP- Forum (CWW2019- YP training program before 5th AfRC on I&D 16-23 November 2021 at Marrakesh, Morocco	3 rd Af-YWP- Forum (CWW2020 virtually	4 th Af-YWP- Forum (CWW2021- virtually YP Preparing questioner for TNA Circulation of TNA Data analysis	Organizing webinars/Disc ussions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor-made training and study tours	Organizing webinars/ Discussions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor- made training and study tours	Organizing webinars/Discus sions Organizing yearly African Young Professional forum Upon request from NCs to organize tailor- made training and study tours

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

