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The World Bank, ICID, and the 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG) are organizing a Global Webinar on the Impact and Recovery from COVID-19 in the Irrigation and Drainage Sector with representatives of Irrigation Agencies, Ministries responsible for Irrigation and Private Sector (contractors, suppliers) across the world to share experience in addressing the multiple challenges related to COVID-19. Webinar is proposed to be held **on 18 May 2020 (IST 17.00-19.00 hrs)**. **The brochure and the agenda of the event are enclosed.**

All the officers in the rank of **Assistant Directors and above up to Chief Engineers of BPMO, EMO, IMO, PAO, PMO, POMIO and PPO Organisations** at CWC (HQ) are hereby nominated to participate in the above Webinar to be held on **WebEx**. The requisite credentials required to join the meeting (number and password) can be found in the enclosed brochure.

Any other Officer, who is interested to join the webinar may also attend the same using the meeting Number and password mentioned in the Brochure.

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1. PPS to Chairman, CWC
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3. The Executive Director, ICID, 48 Nyay Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 w.r.t. email dated 15.05.2020 (Email:icid@icid.org)
4. Chief Engineer, BPMO, EMO, IMO, PAO, PMO, POMIO and PPO, CWC, New Delhi.
5. Director Coordination, WP&PC, CWC, New Delhi.
6. All the Officers concerned.
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Global Webinar on the Impact and Recovery from COVID-19 in the Irrigation and Drainage Sector

Monday, May 18, 2020

The World Bank, the International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID), and the 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG) intend to organize a webinar on May 18th, 2020 to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the irrigation and drainage (I&D) sector and how the sector can contribute to future economic recovery. The primary objective of this webinar is to share experience in addressing the multiple challenges related to COVID-19 and the needs of irrigation practitioners, thereby improving the understanding of COVID-19 impacts and of the role that irrigation can play in recovery.

The webinar will bring together irrigation practitioners (government officials, service providers, private sector, farmers) from around the world to share lessons and learn from each other's experience. It will focus on the measures that countries are already implementing in response to COVID-19, and on the kinds of support needed to ensure that the I&D sector can continue providing the best possible service given the current and future circumstances.

Rationale

While the situation varies depending on the region, the sector is currently facing disruptions in the provision of irrigation and drainage services as well as deferral of infrastructural maintenance due to COVID-19 response restrictions and fiscal stress. Irrigation services may also suffer from labor absenteeism and disruption in the supply chain for provision of inputs and equipment, as inputs for farming may not be available or not arrive on time due to COVID-related disruptions. This can mean that farmers may miss an entire season of food production. Works may also be delayed or stopped altogether jeopardizing future agricultural production. Lastly, liquidity concerns may be experienced through a reduction in budgets for irrigation agencies as funds are redirected to health and other economic sectors.

Our sector is now seeking solutions that enable the maintenance of service and/or accelerating the implementation of irrigation works in the face of the pandemic. The primary early actions revolved around cushioning the effects of liquidity constraints for the sector, the safety of laborers on work sites and service delivery staff and adjusting and scaling programs for increasing employment opportunities. Going forward, the emphasis will be on reopening of the economy and the role of irrigation in such efforts. This includes continued service delivery, addressing financing constraints, and the safe implementation of capital and O&M works. The core focus of future actions will likely be on (1) ensuring critical irrigation and drainage services to sustain millions of livelihoods and (2) supporting resilient economic recovery for farms and firms with a view of longer-term sustainability.

Labor-intensive civil works programs have become part of a global response to the impact of COVID-19 on employment and incomes. Irrigation and drainage works have been presented as engines for employment and productivity that can lead to job creation, both skilled and unskilled, direct or indirect. They can be traditional labor-intensive approaches, small enterprise intensive construction, inputs-for-assets programs, community contracting, etc.



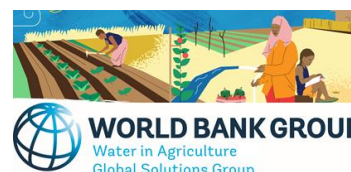
Moreover, the I&D sector is already in the process of repositioning itself towards modern and sustainable service provision and COVID-19 adds to existing sector transformation needs. To that end, embedding traditional irrigation sector support into broader strategies for a more resilient rebound from this crisis includes transforming governance and service provision, supporting watershed management, and an overall greening the sector. Besides providing irrigation, farm roads, water supply and catchment conservation, large civil works programs can support sustainable natural resource management (e.g. riverbank protection, large-scale landscapes and forestry management, etc.).

Some key questions to be answered through the discussion:

- How do we support service providers to ensure continuity of critical service delivery and the vulnerable in accessing irrigation services?
- How do we safeguard proper management of ongoing I&D works and maintenance of existing ones?
- How do we envision the economic reopening post-COVID and what are steps to take?
- Which new ways of work have we discovered that will improve service provision post-COVID?

Agenda

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Jenny Rosanna Vásquez Susana, National Institute for Water Resources (INDHRI), Dominican Republic

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01:00 – 01:30 pm

Q&A and closing: Looking ahead. Discussion moderated by IJsbrand de Jong, Lead Water Resources Management Specialist, World Bank

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Our officers should attend the above webinar. We may issue general order that as far as possible, all officers should participate in the webinar.

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Dear Sh R K Jain
Chairman, CWC

Greetings from ICID New Delhi and we hope that you, your colleagues and family members are safe and healthy.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ICID and World Bank are organizing a Global Webinar on the Impact and Recovery from COVID-19 in the Irrigation and Drainage Sector with representatives of irrigation agencies, Ministries responsible for Irrigation and private sector (contractors, suppliers) across the world to share experience in addressing the multiple challenges related to COVID-19. Webinar is proposed to be held on 18 May 2020 (11:30-13:30 UTC). ICID President Er. Felix Reinders will be opening webinar and others representatives from World Bank, different Regions (Europe, Africa, Asia), International Labour Organisation, Private sector etc. will share their experience in coping with impact of COVID-19 pandemic in irrigation and agriculture sector.

Brief details and agenda of webinar and invitation for joining webinar are given below. We request you to kindly join webinar and share experience from your organisation during discussion.

You may also like to forward this invitation to your other colleagues who are interested to join this webinar.

with warm regards

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Harish Kumar Varma
Executive Director

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE (ICID)*ICID Vision 2030: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty and Hunger**Central Office:* 48 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021, IndiaTel : +91 11 26115679, +91 11 26116837, Fax : +91 11 2611 5962; E-mail: icid@icid.org, Website: <http://www.icid.org>**71st IEC Meeting & 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage.** Tentatively in first week of December2020. Website: <http://Sarcid.ma>**24th ICID Congress and 72nd IEC Meeting.** Rescheduled to 6-12 July 2021, Sydney, Australia. Website: <http://www.icid2021.com.au/>

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Invitation and Agenda of Webinar

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Online Event

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Monday, May 18,
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11:30 – 13:30 UTC

Washington: 7:30 – 9:30

Rome: 13:30 – 15:30

Delhi: 17:00 – 19:00

Sydney: 21:30 – 23:30

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The webinar will also focus on the measures that countries are already implementing in response to COVID-19, and on the kinds of ongoing support needed to ensure that the I&D sector can continue providing the best possible service given the current and future circumstances. Some of the key topics for the dialogue involve ensuring continuity of critical service delivery and access to such services by the vulnerable members of our communities. Another important topic for discussion is safeguarding the proper management of I&D works and maintenance of existing structures. Lastly, the conversation will cover our joint vision for the economic reopening post-COVID with a renewed perspective for improved service provision.

The webinar will include country spotlights from irrigation agencies, private sector and farming community from different regions, as well as presentations by ICID, World Bank and other partners. In preparation for the event's discussions and presentations we ask that all participants fill out a brief survey [found at this link](#) by Friday, May 15. The findings of this survey will be presented at the webinar to illustrate diverse global perspectives.

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Welcoming Remarks



Jennifer Sara

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Felix B. Reinders

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General information on attending a Cisco WebEx meeting can be found at this link:
<https://help.webex.com/en-us/nrbgeodb/Join-a-Webex-Meeting>

Organizers' Websites

<https://www.icid.org/>

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