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Memorandum of Understanding
between
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)
and
Ministry of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran
through
Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID)

In due recognition of:

1. the pressing needs to ensure global food security by increasing the present levels of food production;
2. the important role of research and technology development towards this global goal;
3. the need for capacity building at all levels in efficient water management;
4. ICID being the largest NGO in Irrigation and Drainage covering 108 countries;
5. the organizational strength of ICID with its well established widespread network of National Committees created over the past six decades and with contributions from specialized workbodies;
6. the Iranian rich traditional knowledge coupled with modern advances in irrigation and drainage technologies;

ICID and the Ministry of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran hereby through its Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID) undertake to jointly launch a Centre for an international programme of research and technology in irrigation and drainage and to develop a plan of action as soon as possible.

Signed, on the 10th of December 2009 in New Delhi, India by

Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo
President, ICID
For and on behalf of
International Commission on Irrigation
and Drainage (ICID)

In due recognition of:

H.E. Mohammad Reza Attarzadeh
Deputy Minister for Water & Waste Water Affairs
of the Ministry of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran
and Chairman of Iranian National Committee on
Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID)





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Dear Dr Gopalakrishnan,

At first I would like to congratulate the Chinese National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (CNCID) for launching the first regional node of International Research Program for Irrigation and Drainage.

In addition, as a follow up to the Memorandum of Understanding signed and exchanged between the Ministry of Energy, I.R. Iran (via Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage) and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) in concern with launching a Centre for an International Program of Research and Technology in Irrigation and Drainage and to develop an action plan, I would kindly like to inform you that the Ministry of Energy, I.R. Iran through IRNCID has appointed a special team to facilitate the establishment in Iran and compile the Rules of Procedure for managing such research program and Dr Mohammad Javad Monem has been recently appointed as the head of this team.

Several meetings have so far been held in the Ministry of Energy, I.R. Iran as well as the IRNCID Secretariat for preparing the IRPID Rules of Procedure which has now been initially drafted.

The Rules of Procedure (RoP) of this document, for being proposed in the 62nd IEC Meeting in Tehran, October 2011 is attached for your per usual.

At the same time the Iranian National Committee of Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID) announces its willingness to launch the nodal center for Central Asia and Middle East.

Enclosed please find Dr. Monem's resume for you're per usual.

With the assurances of my highest considerations.

**Yours sincerely
S. A. Assadollahi
Secretary General, IRNCID**

C.C: Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo, President, ICID

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Dear Mr. Assadollahi,

It is my pleasant duty to acknowledge the receipt of your extremely important memo containing the generous offer by IRNCID to provide a comprehensive proposal for IRPID-ICID, in Tehran. Given Iran's rich history and expertise in Irrigation and Drainage, we in the ICID fraternity, are fully convinced on what this new Centre would provide to the global community, in the years ahead.

For all those who worked hard and evolved the proposals in several meetings held in the Ministry of Energy, I.R. of Iran as well as IRNCID's Secretariat with Rules of Procedure for the IRPID (draft), I convey my gratitude. I also thank IRNCID for coming forward to launch the nodal centre for the Central Asia and the Middle East and proposing Dr. Monem's name for the Programme Manager and head the Programme Secretariat, for consideration in IEC.

In due consultation with ICID President Chandra Madramootoo, who indeed asked me to thank you profusely and acknowledge your submission, I assure you that the IRPID-ICID proposal would be taken up in the Management Board (MB) and International Executive Council (IEC).

It would also be our pleasure to leave space on the ICID agenda for presentation by IRNCID on this very significant development within ICID.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. Gopalakrishnan
Secretary General



The international research program for irrigation and drainage (ICID-IRPID) through signing a memorandum of understanding has initiated its cooperation with eleven countries worldwide. Doctor Mohammad Javad Mon'em president of the international research program for irrigation and drainage declared the center's signing of the memorandum of understanding with eleven countries and has said: after having been created, the international center (ICID-IRPID) has signed an understanding of memorandum with eleven countries, including Russia, South Korea, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Estonia, Tanzania, Mali, and Niger.

He added: the ceremony was held parallel to the International Congress of Irrigation and Drainage, in which Mr. Gupalakrishnan; Secretary General of the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage, Mr. Asadollahi; Secretary General of The Iranian National Committee of Irrigation and Drainage, Dr. Zargar and Mr. Sattar Mahmoodi; advisors to the Deputy Minister of Energy, were all present.

He mentioned: this memorandum of understanding has been signed between International Research Program of Irrigation and Drainage and the aforementioned countries in order to carry out research in the field of science, technology, and management of irrigation and drainage, and the exchange of information and results of research and Training with a vision to maintain food security, poverty alleviation, improving water utility and also to save water, and to protect the environment.



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According to reports, during the 26th ICID IEC meeting in Tehran Dr. Madramoottoo president of ICID has appointed Dr. Mohammad Javad Monem as the head of the International Research Program of Irrigation and Drainage of ICID (ICID-IRPID) In order to be able to achieve the desired missions of ICID, the president requested the member countries to cooperate closely with ICID-IRPID.

