



6th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage (ARCID)
 Organized by
the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
Host: Nigerian National Committee of Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID)

Date: April 14th to 18th April 2025

Venue: Shehu Musa Yar' Adua Centre, Plot 1161, Memorial Drive, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria

Programme Schedule

Dates	Events and Time						
Sunday 13 th April, 2025	Arrival and Start of Registration from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm at the Conference Venue						
Monday 14 th April 2025	9:30-11:00 am	11:00- 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12: 45 pm	1:00- 1:45 pm	2:00-3:30 pm	3:30-5:30 pm	7:00 – 8:30 pm
	Opening Ceremony	Tea Break/Photograph	Plenary Session: Keynote Paper - Tackling the Irrigation Development and Management Crises in Africa by Dr. Mark Smith, DG, IWMI	Lunch Break	1st Parallel Sessions: a) DIWASA (IWMI), Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) Sub-Theme 1 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) c) Sub-Theme 3 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)	2nd Parallel Sessions: a) TAAT-IWMI Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) Sub-Theme 2 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) c) Sub Theme 4 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)	Welcome Cocktail

Tuesday 15 th April 2025	9:00 -11:00 am	11:00- 11:30 am	11:30 am- 1:30 pm	1:30-2:30 pm	2:30-4:30 pm	4:30 -5:00pm	5:00 - 6:30pm
	3rd Parallel Sessions: a) FLID (IWMI) CC - WB, FMWR&S Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) Sub-Theme 5 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) c) Sub-Theme 6 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)	Tea Break	4th Parallel Sessions: a) WEF (IWMI) Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) TRIMING & WB Venue: Main Hall c) Sub-Theme 1 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) d) Sub-Theme 7 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)	Lunch Break	5th Parallel Sessions: a) Water Talk: IWMI Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) Sub-Theme 3 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) c) Sub Theme 4 Venue: Room A (Upstairs) d) Presentations/Meeting of the African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Venue: Main Hall	Tea /Health Break	6th Parallel Sessions: a) CAADP IFPRI Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) YPF Dialogue Venue: Main Hall c) Sub-Theme 2 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) d) Sub Theme 5 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)
Wednesday 16 th April, 2025	9:00- 10-30 am	10:30- 11:00 am	11:00 am-1.30 pm	1:30 - 2:30pm	2:30-5:00pm	5:30-6:30pm	7:30-9:00 pm
	7th Parallel Sessions: a) IFPRI Irrigation Tool (IFPRI -IWMI) Venue: Room B (Upstairs) b) Sub-Theme 6 Venue: Board Room (Downstairs) c) Sub Theme 7 Venue: Room A (Upstairs)	Tea Break	a) National Symposium Venue: Shehu Musa Yar' Adua Centre b) TF/WEWM Women Empowerment Venue: Abuja Continental	Lunch Break	High-Level Policy Dialogue: <i>Achieving SDGs in the Prevailing Transboundary Water Governance, Irrigation Funding, Scales, and Spread in Africa</i> Venue: Shehu Musa Yar' Adua Centre	Closing Event	Gala Night (Strictly by Invitation)

Thu 17 th April,2025	Technical Tour to Kano River Irrigation Scheme from 7:00 am - 6:00pm
Friday 18 th April 2025	Departure

DIWASA =Digital Innovation for Water Secured Africa **FLID** = Farmer-Led Irrigation Development **WEF** = Water-Energy-Food Ecosystem Nexus
TAAT-WEC= Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation Water Enabler Compact **IWMI**= International Water Management Institute
TF/WEWM – Task Force on Women Empowerment on Water and Management **IFPRI** = International Food and policy Research Institute
CAADP= Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme **WB** = World Bank

Sub-Themes:

- 1. Creating Awareness – Advocacy and managing farmers’ behaviour. Youth engagement. Policy and governance of irrigation systems. Public perception and stakeholder engagement in irrigation management.*
- 2. Emerging and Appropriate Technology and Innovation – Smart irrigation machinery and equipment (sensors, drones and cloud computing. Artificial Intelligence in Irrigation. Adaptive/Innovative research and practices in irrigation techniques. Urban agriculture, vertical gardens (hydroponics, Aeroponics)*
- 3. Trans-boundary Water Resources Management and Security Challenges – Construction of big dams and water diversion. Trans- boundary water policies, conflicts and politics, Water security challenges and management strategies.*
- 4. Wastewater Recycling and Reuse – Wastewater treatment techniques. Tail water Reuse. Quality monitoring. Crop adaptability and health issues. Compliance with regulatory standard.*
- 5. Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity – Climate change resilience and adaptation. Sustainable resource use. Biodiversity protection, Renewable energy and Energy efficiency in irrigation. Community engagement and participation.*
- 6. Regulatory Framework – Data-driven regulatory policy development. Stakeholder mobilization and implementation. Irrigation water governance and economic viability.*
- 7. Public-Private-Partnership (PPP): Policies and Practices – Policy formulation and implementation. Investment and financing of large irrigation infrastructure. Partnerships for stakeholder engagement operation and maintenance. Capacity building and training. Sustainability and resilience in PPPs.*