

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ICID*



We were deeply moved with the calamitous disastrous major floods in 2010 in Indus system in Pakistan. As I reflected in my message for the ICID News (2010 / 3) prior to Yogyakarta meetings, ICID pledged to work with the National Committees in their efforts to rebuild their countries, in all flood ravaged countries like Pakistan, China, etc.

I recall the decision in Yogyakarta during our last Council meetings that ICID Working Group on Comprehensive Approaches to Flood Management (WG-CAFM) should convene an exclusive workshop in Pakistan soonest and consider all technical and other managerial issues including restoring the damaged irrigation systems to restore livelihood of the Pakistani people.

I am pleased to note the hard efforts of our colleagues in PANCID as well as members of the WG-CAFM in proceeding as per IEC's decision and plan a Workshop in Lahore on 12 March 2011. I am sure that this will provide a great opportunity to take on board many facts that emerged out of unusual floods of 2010 in Indus and bring out some feasible options to restore the impressive Indus irrigation systems besides effective flood management in the future.

I wish the Workshop all success.

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