



THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE

CONSTITUTION

AS FINALLY ACCEPTED AT THE EIGHTH MEETING OF SANCID ON
29 NOVEMBER 1993

1. NAME

South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, hereinafter called SANCID.

2. Affiliation

SANCID shall be the sole organisation to represent South Africa at the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, hereinafter called ICID.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To serve as the South African National Committee of ICID, and to further the aims and objectives of ICID in South Africa.
- 3.2 To act as the liaison body for ICID activities in South Africa.
- 3.3 To be a body in South Africa concerned with irrigation, drainage and flood control, and to stimulate interest and advance knowledge of developments in these fields.
- 3.4 To act as the co-ordinating centre for individuals, organisations, institutions, other National Committees of ICID and other international organisations sharing common interests in the field of irrigation, drainage and flood control.
- 3.5 To liaise with local institutions and bodies insofar as the matters referred to in paragraph 3.3 are concerned.

- 3.6 To promote South African and African participation in the activities of ICID, including participation in the activities of other bodies established or to be established by ICID.
- 3.7 To actively contribute to the stimulation and promotion of research and the development of technology in the fields of irrigation, drainage and flood control in South Africa.
- 3.8 To initiate and organise specialised and regional ICID conferences on subject matter related to irrigation, drainage and flood control, either independently or in association with other organisations.
- 3.9 To encourage the submission of papers for presentation at the ICID congresses, conferences, symposia and workshops.
- 3.10 To keep members informed on international activities in the fields of irrigation, drainage and flood control.
- 3.11 To exchange technical information with ICID and its member countries on irrigation, drainage and flood control.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 SANCID shall be as widely representative as practicable of governmental, quasi-governmental and private organisations, as well as learned societies involved in various facets of irrigation, drainage and flood control.
- 4.2 In view of the lead-up to the establishment of SANCID, the following organisations will be considered to be "Founder Members" of SANCID:
 - 4.2.1 The Agricultural Research Council
 - 4.2.2 The Department of Agriculture
 - 4.2.3 The Department of Water Affairs & Forestry
 - 4.2.4 The Water Research Commission

The South African Irrigation Institute will be considered to be an "Honorary Founder Member" of SANCID.

- 4.3 Other organisations mentioned in paragraph 4.1, approved by SANCID from time to time, shall be invited to become Members of SANCID.
- 4.4 In addition to representatives of the organisations mentioned in paragraphs 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, SANCID shall have the right to co-opt individuals who, in view of their expertise and standing in the fields of irrigation, drainage and flood control, may contribute significantly to the

activities of SANCID. These individuals will be known as Co-opted Members.

- 4.5 Each Member Organisation shall be entitled to 1 representative at SANCID meetings, except the organisation whose representative is elected as Chairman (see paragraph 5.1). The organisation whose representative is elected as Chairman shall be entitled to an additional representative.
- 4.6 Should any matter be required to be voted upon, Founder Members and the Honorary Founder Member shall have two votes each, and all other members (including Co-opted Members) shall have one vote each. The Chairman shall have no vote except in the event of a split decision when the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

5. **ORGANISATION**

- 5.1 At the first meeting of SANCID following each triennial international congress of ICID, SANCID shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer from its members.
- 5.2 No person shall serve as Chairman of SANCID for more than six consecutive years.
- 5.3 No person shall serve as Vice-Chairman for more than six consecutive years.
- 5.4 Should any matter require to be voted upon, a simple majority shall suffice to approve the motion. In the event that equal numbers vote for and against the motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 5.5 Notice of proposed amendments to this constitution shall be given six weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment/s are to be discussed. After such meeting of SANCID, the proposed changes shall be mailed to all the members of SANCID in the form agreed upon at the meeting, to allow a postal vote on the proposed amendment/s two thirds of the members voting shall be in favor of the amendment/s for it to come into force.
- 5.6 Meetings of SANCID shall be called at the discretion of the Chairman or on the written requests of at least three members of SANCID, but there shall be at least two meetings per calendar year, one of which shall be the Annual General Meeting.

- 5.7 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of April each year.
- 5.8 The Annual General Meeting shall receive and review reports by the Chairman and the Secretary, and shall consider resolutions pertaining to any changes in programmes, policy and organisation of SANCID.
- 5.9 A quorum at all meetings of SANCID shall comprise at least half the membership of SANCID.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The day-to-day affairs of SANCID shall be the responsibility of an Executive Committee.
- 6.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and one elected member (preferably the Immediate Past Chairman).
- 6.3 The Executive Committee shall keep accounts of funds used for conducting the affairs of SANCID.
- 6.4 The Executive Committee shall meet when necessary at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 6.5 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to draft and adopt by-laws for the regulating and functioning of SANCID within the scope of, and in accordance with, the provisions of the constitution.
- 6.6 Three of the five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

7. **ACTIVITIES**

All business of SANCID shall be conducted in a manner conducive to and consistent with the aims and objectives of SANCID, having regard to national and international interest and goodwill. Whilst SANCID's activities are confined specifically to South Africa, it may from time to time, where appropriate, promote the activities of ICID in Southern Africa and elsewhere in Africa. The following shall be among the main activities of SANCID:

- 7.1 To endeavour, where appropriate, that representatives of SANCID serve on the various committees of ICID.
- 7.2 To promote attendance at ICID congress and other meetings.
- 7.3 To appoint representatives of SANCID to attend the International Executive Council Meetings of ICID.

- 7.4 To initiate or cause to undertake investigations on needs in connection with irrigation, drainage and flood control, identified by members of SANCID.
- 7.5 To disseminate information in South Africa on activities and developments in the fields of irrigation drainage and flood control.
- 7.6 To develop and implement any other action reconcilable with the achievement of the objectives stated in paragraph 3 of the constitution.

8. FINANCES

- 8.1 SANCID shall arrange for its own sources of funds.
- 8.2 The annual membership subscription to ICID shall be paid by SANCID.
- 8.3 Membership fees, due and payable on 1 April every year, shall be determined from time to time by SANCID
- 8.4 SANCID shall be empowered to raise additional income.

9. DISSOLUTION

- 9.1 A proposal for the dissolution of SANCID shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5.5 of the constitution as if it were a proposal to amend the constitution.
- 9.2 In the event of dissolution, SANCID shall at its final meeting determine the manner of disposal of the funds and properties (if any) owned by SANCID. Should any matter in this regard require to be voted upon, a simple majority shall suffice to approve the motion. In the event that equal numbers vote for and against the motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

10. LIABILITIES

No member of SANCID shall, by reason of membership of SANCID or financial contributions to SANCID, be liable for any debt or obligation of SANCID.