

Call for Papers (1st announcement)

Workshop on Public Private Partnerships in Irrigation

15 October 2015; 09:00-17:30 ; Montpellier, Corum

SCOPE

During the last ten years, food security came back to centre stage as a major challenge for future decades. Irrigation and drainage can help substantially increase and stabilize agricultural production and boost economic development in rural areas. But irrigation and drainage development requires costly investments and agricultural water management has proved to be a challenging undertaking in many countries.

In this context, PPPs have been developed, to accelerate irrigation expansion, improve operation & maintenance services, and eliminate or reduce O&M subsidies (R.Trier, I&D Vol 63, N°2 April 2014), and also to foster agricultural intensification on the equipped areas.

The setting up of such partnerships, in various forms, can be seen as way to facilitate the financing of projects, to optimize investments, to professionalize the irrigation water delivery service or to intensify the food production with reliable private partners. Obligations under the contract when well aligned with the operator's business objectives may result in a virtuous cycle whereby the delivery of a high quality service helps build the end-users confidence in investing in crop intensification which in turn results in higher capacity to pay for the O&M cost and increased sustainability.

The terminology « Public Private Partnership », defined by the World Bank as a “*A long-term contract between a private party and a government agency, for providing a public asset or service, in which the private party bears significant risk and management responsibility*” covers a wide range of situations that can be differentiated upon criteria such as the functions under contract that the private party undertakes, its contribution to the capital expenditures, and the origin of the revenues collected by the private party during the contract period. However, the specificity of agricultural and irrigation projects imposes specific constraints and conventional PPP models well established in others sectors must be adapted to the socio-economic conditions of the project (F.Brelle and E.Dressayre, I & D Vol 63, No. 2 April 2014).

PPP transactions may be evaluated differently by different stakeholders depending on the stakeholder's focus. It is therefore important to create opportunities for a diverse set of stakeholders, both public and private, to exchange on recent PPP experiences and to learn from each other's perspective.

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The Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships in irrigation to be held on Thursday 15th October 2015 in Montpellier during the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage ICID 2015 conference will aim at presenting and discussing contrasted PPP experiences in irrigation, some of which seen as success and others as failures, so as to identify the conditions under which financial and institutional arrangements should be defined in order to meet the objectives of the different stakeholders involved.

This Workshop will be a good opportunity to document and share innovative experiences from all continents and to debate on their outcomes between various stakeholders (contracting authorities, project owners, manufacturers, schemes managers and users) and irrigation experts (donors, decisions makers, researchers, engineers). The objective is to stimulate the participation of various PPP partners to better analyze the drivers and impacts of PPP in irrigation.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

9:00-10:30	Introduction Keynote Speech by World Bank based on the report HOW TO BRING SUSTAINABILITY FROM PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN IRRIGATION SCHEMES. Panel discussion between representatives of states, donors, managers and users
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-13:00	Session 1 Oral presentations and time for questions/answers
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK / Posters
14:00-15:30	Session 2 Oral presentations and time for questions/answers
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-17:30	Debate with panel and conclusion

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION

Possible contributors are invited to submit their abstract (half a page) in the conference website icid2015@sciencesconf.org before **July, 15th 2015**.

Propositions with various stakeholders contributions are warmly encourage.

The reviewing committee will invite some authors to submit a full paper to be edited in the Proceedings and an oral presentation to be done during the workshop, some others authors will be invited to produce a poster to be exposed.

WORKSHOP ORGANISERS

French Association for Water, Irrigation and Drainage, National Committee of ICID, in collaboration with its members, BRL, SCP, CACG and the World Bank.