The daunting challenge of canal irrigation reform for water productivity and food security

Friday 21 February 2014. 2.00 pm to 5:30 pm

The Irrigation and Water Forum and UEA Water Security are hosting a half-day technical meeting on the appropriate design and reform of canal irrigation systems under the guise of irrigation rehabilitation and modernisation. The improvement of irrigation performance, underpinned by designs that offers better services and manageability, is a vital part of the anticipation that water and land productivity will have to rise over the next few decades to meet future food demands. This programme starts with a keynote presentation from one of the most foremost engineers working in this field; Hervé Plusquellec. This seminar will be of interest to those working on food and agriculture policy. To set the stage, it is perhaps remarkable that the recent 2013 publication “Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems” prepared by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network failed to refer to the challenges and rewards of canal irrigation instead highlighting the popular but nonetheless risky solutions of micro-scale irrigation technologies.

Guidance on attendance and pricing is given below. The final programme is subject to adjustments. The event will be available to watch on-line to registered participants using the ICE website – contact Tim Fuller for further details. See http://iwaterforum.org.uk/ and www.uea.ac.uk/watersecurity for updates.

Keynote speaker: Hervé Plusquellec (Recently World Bank)
Other speakers include Martin Donaldson and Adrian Laycock

About The Irrigation & Water Forum/ICID.UK: We are engineers and natural/social scientists with interests in agriculture, irrigation and water resources management principally with an international focus. Although we represent the UK section of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, we have been running seminars addressing contemporary issues related to water, food, the environment & society for many years. We welcome your membership and involvement.

FURTHER INFORMATION (includes teas, coffees, lunch and networking event)
Guidance for IWaterForum/ICID members and non-members to attend this technical meeting is given overleaf. Registration and payment is via Tim Fuller [Tim.Fuller@ice.org.uk]. Please do this before 1 November 2013 using the form overleaf as it helps with catering, room selection and with following up with further information after the meeting. The meeting will be held at ICE, One Great George Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA. Those watching on-line will be required to register but will attract no fee. We are encouraging more people to join Irrigation & Water Forum. Annual membership for 2013/14 is £60, £30 for young professionals under 35, and £15 for students. This gives you entrance to meetings as a member and access to the ICE building in central London as a member. To join, contact Tim Fuller.