

A session was organized to discuss the activities of the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network. The following activities were identified:

- Exchange information between organizations working on spate irrigation in Yemen
- Exchange of information with other countries
- Initiating training events
- Undertake case studies

Preference was communication through electronic newsletter and paper newsletter (as nearly half of the members/ trainees have no email address as yet).

### Priority themes

The participants were also asked to indicate priority themes – both from a predetermined list and by bringing in their own ideas. Below the number of ‘hits’ per themes is given. There is a particularly large interest in the relation with groundwater recharge; (improved traditional) engineering and related to this water rights issues.

<b>Pre-identified themes</b>	
Documentation of improved traditional techniques	21
Relation between spate irrigation and groundwater recharge	23
Promote new crops	12
Increase sorghum yields	5
Changing and improving water rights	16
Effectively controlling mesquite	7
<b>Themes identified by trainees</b>	
Designs	5
River training	2
WUA/ social development	2
Agronomy	2
Use of local material	1
Sediment control	1
Economics of spate irrigation	1
On farm water management / conjunctive use	1

### Activities

The secretariat for the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network is hosted by the WEC. Dr. Sharafaddin Salah would be the coordinator for the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network. The following are the proposed initial activities of the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network.

- Further build up mailing list/ registration list for the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network
- Link priority themes of the Yemen Spate Irrigation Network (see above) with possible research topics under WEC IWRM program and other research programs
- Approach members with possible contributions for newsletter (for instance Wadi Hadramawt project on example of designs; IIP on WUA procedures; El Kod on agronomy and post harvesting); German researcher working on Mariib; maybe also approach Hamid on material in Arabic language on spate agronomy in Sudan
- Preparation of second course in Spate Irrigation – focussing on (improved) traditional engineering/ recharge/ use of traditional and modern material
- Undertake fundraising – approaching donors/ funding sources (national and international)