A Message from the Premier of Saskatchewan

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am pleased to welcome you to the 69th International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) International Conference and Executive Council Meeting (ICID).

With its theme of "Innovative and Sustainable Agri-water Management: Adapting to a Variable and Changing Climate", this annual executive council meeting and technical conference represents a unique platform for networking and exchanging information on the management of water for sustainable agriculture. Saskatchewan is honoured to provide a forum for delegates to share management expertise, and recognizes the important work ICID undertakes in its 106 member countries.

Canada, a member of ICID since 1956, values the contributions made by agriculture to our domestic economy and understands the importance of the agri-food sector to deliver safe, high-quality food to a growing world population. With more than 40 per cent of Canada's arable land and seven per cent of Canada's fresh water, Saskatchewan embraces innovative irrigation and drainage techniques. We know that effective water management is essential to ensure food security.

Welcome to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's City of Bridges, and home to world-class agricultural education and research institutions. Best wishes for a successful conference.

Scott Moe
Premier