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Association of the friends of Ibrahim Abd El Al-AFIAL

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Lebanon ▶ Year of establishment: 1991
- ▶ Website: www.ibrahim-abdelal.org
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Environment or ecosystems, Agriculture or food production, Education and capacity building
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: National
- ▶ Description of Activities: AFIAL is a member of the Lebanese Parliamentarian Committee on Water and Energy issues. Their principal activities are mentioned above: 1- Projects : - AFIAL is a partner in the Mediterranean Dialogue on framing sustainability in water policy evaluation - SWAP (International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies - BARI), financed by the European Commission. - AFIAL was involved, as a sub contractor for the Litani River Authority (LRA), in the support of the water policy interfacing in support of the water framework directive implementation (SPI - WATER). - AFIAL is a partner in the project "Hydro Agricultural Development for Marjeyoun Area" - financed by LRF, and implemented by UNDP Lebanon Country Office. - AFIAL was in charge of the awareness campaigns on the pollution of the Litani river and its affluents in the framework of the project «Towards an Ecosystem Approach to the Sustainable Management of the Litani river» financed by the International Development Research Center 2- Lectures : AFIAL regularly organizes lectures on topics and issues related to water and energy. It publishes the texts of these valuable lectures in book form. 3- Trips: AFIAL organizes field trips, since 1996 and on a yearly basis (for senior schools and universities students) to the Litani River Projects. 4- Awareness Campaigns: AFIAL organizes a wide campaign of Public Awareness in order to draw attention to the value of water and the problems related to it. These campaigns are on several levels: schools - local authorities - municipalities - local NGOS - Parliamentarians... 5- Stickers: As part of its awareness campaign AFIAL printed stickers to preserve water and distributed them in restaurants, hotels, summer resorts, schools and the Lebanese Parliament. 6- Documentary Film: AFIAL produced a documentary film on the Litani River. It participated in the film festival in WWF4, in Mexico, and in the water and film showcase during expo Zaragoza (2008). 7- TV spots: As part of its advocacy campaign for water, AFIAL has produced 4 TV spots. With the support of the Lebanese Ministry of Information all national channels showed the film during the month of March. And on the World Water Day, on March 22nd, 2009, the national channels showed the Litani documentary film. 8- Training and Workshops: As part of its capacity building activities, AFIAL organizes, on a yearly basis, training sessions for engineering and agricultural students in the power plants and the pilot agricultural projects linked to the Litani River Projects. 9- Donation each year of 3000US\$ as a financial assistance for each of three Masters Thesis in Water and/or Electrical fields to be selected by the Scientific Committee of AFIAL which is constituted by the Engineers of AFIAL and Representatives of the major Lebanese Schools of Engineering.



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② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Ms. Iman Abdel Al
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Treasurer
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. Antoine Salame
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Vice president and president of Scientific Committee at AFIAL

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
 - AFIAL has been member of WWC since January 2004.
 - On World Water Day 2004, AFIAL launched its awareness campaign for water resources (See Member News, WWC Newsletter No.2, April 1/7/2004).
 - AFIAL participated in WWF3 in Kyoto (2003), and WWF4 in Mexico (2006)
 - AFIAL actively participated in WWF5 in Istanbul (2009)
 - 1- active participation in kick off meeting (March 2007) in Istanbul
 - 2- active participation in the preparatory meeting Istanbul (February 2008)
 - 3- active participation in the regional process meeting (Amman 2008)
 - 4- participated in session 6-1.2. Institutional capacity development. Institutional Capacity Development working together to support policy and legal reforms for equitable water allocation.
 - 5- Participation in the Ministerial and Parliamentary sessions.
- ▶ Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
 - To have the Near East region represented in the Board of governors, especially that it can echo most water failure or success stories, and the latter are more important. This region is also the cradle of humanity and water civilization (Noria, Shadouf, Sequia...).
 - AFIAL can contribute, with its accumulated water experience to foster the efforts of the WWC in implementing its goals.

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Lebanon	Active member	2004	www.ibrahim-abdelal.org



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Cercle Français de l'Eau- CFE

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: France ▶ Year of establishment: 1990
- ▶ Website: www.cerclefrancaisdeleau.fr
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Water supply or sanitation, Regulation and governance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: National
- ▶ Description of Activities: The CFE (French Water Society) gathers French stakeholders involved in water management (decisions-makers, institutionnals, professionnels). The CFE is a place of debates (seminaries, conferences, studies, surveys) and a task force to propose new legislations and rules at the national and european level to improve the water and sanitation issues, as well as to increase awareness on national water issues. «Efficiency and democracy in water management» are the key words of the CFE members. The CFE is partner of the European Water Forum which has been created by members of the European Parliament. More information in the website www.cerclefrancaisdeleau.fr

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Jean-Francois Le Grand
- ▶ Position within its organisation: President
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. Pierre Victoria
- ▶ Position within its organisation: General Delegate

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
The CFE is a member of the WWC for six years. It is represented on its board by Pierre-Frederic Teniere-Buchot. Pierre Victoria is his alternate since 2006. The president of the CFE, Jean-François Le Grand has been very active during the parliamentary process of the 5th WWF. He was speaker and member of differents panels (local authorities, parliamentarians and ministerial round tables).
- ▶ Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
To be involved in the follow up of the parliamentary process (in particular to set up the helpdesk), and therefore, to permit continuity and innovation regarding the past success and failure. To bring to the global water community the experiences of the French management (water basin organization, responsibility of the local authorities to manage the services, involvement of the private sector) and to share its knowledge with others. To contribute to the 6th World Water Forum preparatory process in Marseilles in 2012.



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European Water Partnership- EWP

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Europe ▶ Year of establishment: 2006
- ▶ Website: <http://www.ewp.eu>
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Development of infrastructure, Climate or natural hazards, Water supply or sanitation, Agriculture or food production, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance, Economics or finance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise:
- ▶ Description of Activities: The European Water Partnership was set up in 2006 to provide a broader coordination on water in Europe, harnessing European capacity, helping to coordinate initiatives and activities in international water issues and promote European expertise related to water. The ultimate goal of the EWP is to elaborate strategies and implement concrete actions to achieve the objectives of the Water Vision for Europe. To this effect the EWP has undertaken a large number of activities in the last years. Detailed information can be found in the 2006, 2007 and 2008 yearly reports which are available on the website of the EWP (www.ewp.eu). The main activities can be grouped under the following categories:
 - 1) Providing an open and independent forum to discuss innovative solutions to the current water challenges (i.e. the European Policy Summits on Water, the European Regional Process for the fifth World Water Forum, various workshops, etc.)
 - 2) Mobilise funding methods for water (i.e. the EWP Financial Engineering Group, facilitating application to the EU support funds, etc)
 - 3) Stimulate and support cooperation among members (i.e. consortium building, knowledge exchange, etc)
 - 4) Improving awareness on the water challenges (the Aquawareness programme, the European Water House)
 - 5) Promote technological and managerial innovation (i.e. by facilitating and initiating the set up of projects)
 - 6) Contribute independently to EU water related initiatives (legislation, directives, programmes).For 2009, the main activities of the EWP are grouped in three programmes
 - 1) Aquawareness and Water Stewardship
 - 2) The European Water House
 - 3) The European Dialogue on Climate Change Adaptation and Water (including our activities on Water Energy)



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② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Tom Vereijken
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Chairman
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. Friedrich Barth
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Vice Chairman EWP

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
The European Water Partnership only recently became a member of the World Water Council but has been cooperating with the WWC on a number of issues for a much longer time. The most important of these fields of cooperation has been the preparation for the fifth World Water Forum, for which the EWP took the role as European Regional Coordinator.
- ▶ Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
The European Water Partnership is an international umbrella organisation, which brings together representatives from all stakeholders in Europe: business, ngo's, government, research and the financial sector. Furthermore, it brings together the European National Water Partnerships. The EWP works to improve cooperation in Europe, a process in which the European Regional Process for the fifth World Water Forum proved to be very important and successful. The EWP is committed to continue the work started in the European Regional Process, contributing to an improved cooperation in Europe. For this work to be successful, a coordination of the activities and progress with the WWC and its members and partners would be of utmost importance, also contributing in a direct way to further strengthening the role of the WWC in Europe. Furthermore, the EWP would like to focus on the incorporation of the national European water partnerships in the activities of the World Water Council.

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Europe	Active member	2009	http://www.ewp.eu



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International Federation of Business and Professional Women- BPWI

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: International ▶ Year of establishment: 1930
- ▶ Website: www.bpw-international.org

▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Environment or ecosystems, Human rights or social issues, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance

▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Global

▶ Description of Activities: The International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) was founded by Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips in 1930. BPW International has become one of the most influential international networks of business and professional women with affiliates in 90 countries on five continents. BPW has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and participatory status with the Council of Europe. Its members include influential women leaders, entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, professionals and young career women. The root of BPW's advocacy is embedded in the work with the United Nations. BPW lobbied for the formation of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and supported many women's issues. BPW was awarded a Peace Messenger Certificate from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in 1987. Esther Hymer, BPW representative at the UN, was named as one of three women playing a significant role in the work of the UN Commission by Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 1997.

Today, BPW continues its representation at UN Headquarters in New York, Paris, Vienna, Geneva; UN regional offices (UNECA, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNECLAC); UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, WHO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO, UN DPI; Council of Europe; European Women's Lobby and continues to work closely with UNIFEM. Our Aims: Develop Professional, Leadership and Business Potential of Women on All Levels BPW affiliates contribute to society by enabling women to sustain themselves economically. In addition, BPW offers personal development programs for members such as mentoring, leadership training and e-Business training. Since 1996, BPW affiliates worldwide have helped over 45,000 women to become economically empowered.

BPW projects assist women to:

- Enter and re-enter the workforce
- Start up and advance their business or profession
- Protect their rights
- Overcome their limitations
- Create a nurturing environment in work, education, health for women development



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BPW affiliates also collaborate with governments and other non-government organizations (NGOs). BPW International belongs to coalitions of NGOs such as Project Five-O and Conference of NGOs (CONGO).

Our Ambition: Equal Participation of Women and Men in Power and Decision-Making Roles
While capacity-building and confidence-building enable more women to advance to executive positions, the goal of equal participation is still far from being a reality.

BPW International is giving high priority to create opportunities for women to rise to the level of top executives by collecting evidence on the return on investment when women become top executives. The aim is to use this testimony to persuade the relevant stakeholders such as companies, institutions, academia and governments that they would perform better if the percentage of females at top executive level increased and reached a par with men.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mrs. Lesha (Boleslaw M.) Witmer
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Chair of Standing Committee on Environment & sustainable development & water for BPW international
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mrs. Rita Assogna
- ▶ Position within its organisation: coordinator Water Taskforce BPW I

③ Statement:

▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
BPW members were involved in the World Water Forum since 2000 in the Hague. In 2004 BPW became a member of the WWC also on behalf of the Women for Water partnership of which they are a founding member. Especially the Chair of the Water Taskforce, Lesha Witmer has been involved in activities of the Council. To mention a few: the political process for World Water Forum 5, equity mainstreaming activities for the Forum, activities surrounding the right to water, enhancing women and women's organisation participation in the Forum e.g. by establishing the women coalition, etc.

▶ Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
BPW international feels that: 1. more women should be involved in the water sector in general and the WWC in particular. 2. women being so pivotal and central to water supply and sanitation is not yet reflected in their «numbers» in decision making positions. 3. diversity and gender balance are recognized to benefit any organisation in terms of strategy and success. 4. BPW is at a unique «crossroad» between professionals and users, global and local interest, thereby bridging the gap. 5. BPW has very strong ties e.g. with the UN system and regional multilateral bodies and is able and willing to advocate for and work with policy makers on the subject of water-sanitation-gender-poverty eradication; we feel the WWC can benefit from our knowledge, expertise and network.

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International	Active member	2004	www.bpw-international.org



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International Union for Conservation of Nature- IUCN

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: International ▶ Year of establishment: 1948
- ▶ Website: www.iucn.org
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Environment or ecosystems
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Global
- ▶ Description of Activities: The mission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. IUCN applies this mission to water in support of implementation of sustainable Water Resources Management and development that delivers benefits for people and nature.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Dr. Mark Smith
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Head, Water Programme
- ▶ Alternate representative: Dr. Alejandro Iza
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Head, Environmental Law Programme

③ Statement:

▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
IUCN was a founding member of the World Water Council and has been represented in the Board of Governors since then. Mark Smith has been actively involved with the Council since the 4th World Water Forum in 2006. He co-organised the climate change perspectives series and panel discussions at the 5th Forum. He has represented IUCN on the Board of Governors since 2008.

▶ Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
IUCN wishes to work alongside other members of the global water community to mobilise increased attention to confronting and solving water challenges at global, national and local levels. By working with sector leaders and facilitating links with other sectors, IUCN aims to encourage the championing by the World Water Council of sustainable water management that will meet current and future economic, social and environmental challenges.

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International	Active member	1996	www.iucn.org

The full detailed candidatures may be found on the General Assembly website at <http://ga.worldwatercouncil.org>



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Jal Bhagirathi Foundation- JBF

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: India ▶ Year of establishment: 2002
- ▶ Website: www.jalbhagirathi.org
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Regional
- ▶ Description of Activities: Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, a leading NGO in India, was established as a Trust on January 15, 2002. The organization serves to regenerate community leadership and institutional support to strike a balance between environmental capacities and people's need, especially in the access of safe drinking water. By positioning its work and learning at a wider level for further replication, it contributes towards the ongoing debate on pro poor policies.
The Foundation is headed by HH Maharaja Gaj Singh II of Marwar, and Shri Rajendra Singh (winner of Magsaysay Award and popularly known as the «Water Gandhi»). The Foundation with the leadership of great visionaries and the proactive involvement of highly qualified professional staff, is probably the only NGO in India that works with internationally recognized management standards, and has been awarded an ISO 9001-2000 certificate. Jal Bhagirathi Foundation's work in the Marwar region of the Thar desert, India (the most densely populated desert in the world) has been focusing on improving the water security of poor communities through renovating/creating traditional water harvesting and storage structures, and building community institutions for their management. This focus underscores a strategic approach for adaptation to climate change by providing an enabling environment for people to increase resilience to their hostile and varying climate. JBF is driven by its strategic vision of "Water security sustainable by responsive governance and inclusive growth leading to sustainable development." The Foundation's direct interventions cover a project area spread over 2500 sq kms in the districts of Jodhpur; Pali and Barmer in the Thar Desert, where the project titled "Vulnerability Reduction through Community Empowerment and Control of Water" is being implemented with the support of the United Nations Development Corporation (UNDP) and Italian Development Cooperation (IDC). The region is characterised by low and erratic rainfall (around 200mm per annum), less nutritious sandy soil, deep and often saline ground water, sparse vegetation, and strong sun and winds. Its economy has traditionally revolved around animal husbandry and subsistence agriculture which is mainly rain fed.



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Droughts of varying intensities are a recurring phenomenon. The already stressed water sector is also a victim to climate change. Rajasthan has been identified as one of the most vulnerable states in India that is being adversely affected by global warming. Facilitating an enabling environment for community action is the most critical aspect of the Jal Bhagirathi Foundation's philosophy. Its core strategy seeks to nurture and promote social capital for community action and decision making. In the field, this has manifested itself as a four-tier institutional arrangement for water management. Through mobilisation, training, workshops, orientation and capacity building, the Foundation enhances community's capacity to work collectively to address its common needs, thus "fostering greater inclusion and cohesion, increasing transparency and accountability. Networks and relationships that exist within and between community-led bodies allow people to voice their concern at the village-level and impact the water resource management in their region. Consequently, a four-tier water governance structure (Jal Sabhas at village level, Jal Samitis at block level, Jal Parishad at project level and Jal Sansad at regional level) has emerged to ensure active participation of the beneficiary community, thereby institutionalising social capital. BPW affiliates also collaborate with governments and other non-government organizations (NGOs). BPW International belongs to coalitions of NGOs such as Project Five-O and Conference of NGOs (CONGO).

Our Ambition: Equal Participation of Women and Men in Power and Decision-Making Roles

While capacity-building and confidence-building enable more women to advance to executive positions, the goal of equal participation is still far from being a reality.

BPW International is giving high priority to create opportunities for women to rise to the level of top executives by collecting evidence on the return on investment when women become top executives. The aim is to use this testimony to persuade the relevant stakeholders such as companies, institutions, academia and governments that they would perform better if the percentage of females at top executive level increased and reached a par with men. This model is found effective in addressing the increasing challenges in the region at various levels. Firstly, water harvesting systems are developed as an adaptive strategy to climate change by supporting community based institutions financially and technically. A "Community led Water Management System" has been evolved for harvesting rainfall and conserving the limited water resources. An evaluation of the project activities commissioned by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in April 2008 revealed that water availability has increased availability to eight to ten months in a year in nearly 200 villages. Also the time saved per day for women and girls as a result of this intervention was reported at 5-6 hours per day. Secondly, Jal Bhagirathi Foundation has initiated an action oriented advocacy campaign which demands a multifaceted strategy that will address issues of concern and advocates right issues at local, regional state and national level. It enables villagers, community leaders and development workers to gain access and voice in decision making, to influence public attitude and to pressurize public policies which will help attaining an equitable, just and sustainable paradigm of water governance. Additionally, women's empowerment is being facilitated to ensure that they play a major role in the creation and management of drinking water systems. The Foundation has been involved in increasing participation of women in decision making in Water Resources Management by ensuring that participation in village institutions. Furthermore, networking with CBOs and NGOs as well as international organisations has gained considerable momentum. Most notably, a number of collaborations and joint venture have been formed as a result of such work. JBF is an active member of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Freshwater Action Network (FAN). and Clinton Global Initiative.



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These initiatives not only disseminate the best practices but also contribute to continuous knowledge generation, capacitating community institutions to address the predicted challenges of climate change more efficiently. Please visit the website: www.jalbhagirathi.org for more details.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Maharaja Gaj Singh
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Chairman

- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. Prithviraj Singh
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Managing Trustee

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

The Foundation, since its inception, has been actively engaged with the council activities. JBF participated in the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico (2006) by putting up a stall and engaging in discussions and networking initiatives. The stall set up at the World Water Fair, was the only stall by a non-government organisation from India. The stall showcased the success of the traditional community water management systems being implemented in the Thar desert in India. Important partnerships were formed at the Forum and the Foundation was able to bring the technologies displayed there to the field level. At the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul (2009) the Foundation actively engaged in the activities of the Forum by setting up a stall at the NGO village, made a poster presentation and organised a side event. In fact Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (JBF) was the only organisation from India that put a stall as well as organised a side event in the Forum. In the stall, community driven water management systems in Thar desert were showcased as a best practice of traditional wisdom and water management in India. JBF along with the Italian Development Cooperation also hosted one of the side events, which was chaired by Mr. Rajendra Singh Magsaysay award winner on "Adaptive Strategies to Climate Change in Thar Desert through Community Management of Water Resources" .



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The Foundation also made a poster presentation in the NGO village, the poster titled "Community Water Management System in the Thar Desert" talked of the success of the local community initiatives in achieving water security in the Thar desert. In Istanbul, important partnerships were formed which are being taken forward. At present JBF wants to enhance its activities as a member of the Council, so that its learning can be placed at a wider context whilst enhancing its own knowledge with inputs from all over the world.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board: The Foundation, a non-governmental organization, is working in a hostile environment supporting poor desert communities to bring water security and advocating for policy reforms in the water sector. The project area of the Foundation, the Thar Desert, is the most densely populated desert in the world. This is one of the poorest regions in India with 90% of the population dependent on rain fed agriculture or livestock rearing, which is also dependent on rains. The changing climate increases the vulnerability of the desert communities with increasing occurrence of droughts and deepening water crisis. The experience of working in this unique environment has been providing valuable knowledge in addressing water crisis not only in the Thar desert but also in a wider context. The knowledge from the experience of working in the most densely populated desert needs to be shared and can be replicated in other areas. Also being a member of the board of governors would help the foundation to improve its own knowledge and enhance its actions further. It will also provide a platform to broadly base the ongoing advocacy campaigns.

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India	Active	2006	www.jalbhagirathi.org



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Japan Water Forum- JWF

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Japan ▶ Year of establishment: 2004
- ▶ Website: <http://www.waterforum.jp/eng/>
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Basic Human needs or health, Development of infrastructure, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Agriculture or food production, Human rights or social issues, Education and capacity building, Human settlements or habitat, Regulation and governance, Economics or finance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Global
- ▶ Description of Activities: Japan Water Forum makes a substantial contribution to global water issues, by engaging people and societies through dynamic movement, innovative ideas and resolute actions. It has taken over the knowledge and experiences that were achieved at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka in 2003. It has developed its networks between Japanese society and the international community, for example, it has served as the secretariat of the Asia Pacific Water Forum (APWF), the Northern Water Network (noWNET) and the Water Security Council of Japan. In 2007, Japan Water Forum, as the secretariat, played an important role in organizing the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Beppu, Japan, bringing out political leadership and responsibility for the solutions of water problems. At the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009, Japan Water Forum organized the High-Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster in cooperation with the World Water Council (WWC) and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and it also organized the Asia Day for presenting the APWF Ministers for Water Security Initiative.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Tomoo Inoue
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Director
- ▶ Alternate representative: Ms. Shinobu Fukumoto
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Manager



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► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

Formerly, the Secretariat of the 3rd World Water Forum, the functions of which were taken over by the Japan Water Forum, co-organized the 3rd World Water Forum in Japan in 2003. Since the establishment of the Japan Water Forum in 2004, Japan Water Forum has been developing relationships with the World Water Council, by sending Mr. Hideaki Oda, as a member of Board of Governors and a member of the Bureau of the WWC, by implementing joint actions such as the High-Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster, and by encouraging regional processes in the Asia Pacific Region.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

Japan Water Forum is always challenging water problems by mobilizing resources at all levels and by raising public awareness in cooperation with the World Water Council. Especially, Japan Water Forum, as the Secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum, the network of interested organizations which drive for water security in Asia Pacific region, will continuously enhance regional processes towards the World Water Fora. This is leading to the reinforcement of the capacities with in the World Water Council world.

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Japan	Active member	2000	http://www.waterforum.jp/eng/



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Korea Water Forum- KWF

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Korea ▶ Year of establishment: 2005
- ▶ Website: <http://www.koreawaterforum.org/i>
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Human rights or social issues, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: National
- ▶ Description of Activities: Korea Water Forum is a non-profit organization, a think tank aimed at providing outlooks for the future of water, developing networks with global communities to figure out contemporary issues and to find how to contribute to deal with them wisely and effectively by promoting interactive communication among various stakeholders. With this point of view, Korea Water Forum is organizing lots of activities to make the public and stakeholders of Korea recognize water-related challenges and what to do for sustainable policies and for the future. In addition, we concentrate on sharing advanced knowledge and information with international societies and providing Korea's good experiences and technologies in water sectors to solve water-related problems and challenges the whole world is facing at this moment. Detailed activities by Korea Water Forum are as below:
 - Opened door to the World Water Forum in Korea
 - Supporting research to advise on local and international water policies
 - Planning and promoting public education on water
 - Hosting regular local forums, workshops and symposiums
 - Joint Secretariat of High-level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster
 - North-East Asian Coordinator of Asia Pacific Water Forum (APWF)
 - Northern Water Network (NoWNET) etc.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Dr. EUNKYUNG PARK
- ▶ Position within its organisation: President
- ▶ Alternate representative: Dr. IL-PYO HONG
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Secretary-General



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③ Statement:

► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

Korea Water Forum became a member of WWC in 2005. Since then, main activities by Korea Water Forum with WWC have been (1) the Joint Secretariat of the High-level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster/ UNSGAB (HELP) and (2) the platform of Korea at the World Water Forum; (1) Korea Water Forum has operated the joint secretariat for the HELP with WWC, UN/ISDR and Japan Water Forum and cooperated to host a High-Level Panel on Water and Disaster at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul successfully. Korea Water Forum and WWC together delivered the concrete messages by the Panel to make the global communities recognize the importance of prevention preparedness against water-related disasters to save lives and reduce economic loss by publishing «Water and Disaster», the so-called action plan of the Panel.

(2) Korea Water Forum has played a key role as the main platform to offer various information about the World Water Forum and given advice and directions to many Korean organizations on how to participate in World Water Forum. Since the fourth World Water Forum in Mexico, Korea Water Forum supported and co-convened several sessions about water information system, water-related disasters management and water education etc..

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

As mentioned above, Korea Water Forum is developing its capacity with other organizations by implementing international activities and building networks. Also, we at the Korea Water Forum have been studying water management, water education for the public, water-related disasters and international cooperation among water sectors. These are connected to contemporary activities implemented by WWC. Also, Korea Water Forum has the capacity to deliver opinions and messages from the international community to the Korean Government. In addition, especially since the third World Water Forum in Japan, hosting the World Water Forum has become the most important event in the water sector in Korea. It has brought together the civil society, governments, businesses and academia in order to weave a seamless network to deal with global water issues, and Korea Water Forum became the main door to the World Water Forum and WWC. The Republic of Korea has the intention to host the next coming World Water Forum, and if it would be decided, Korea Water Forum should be the key-organization to organize World Water Forum in Korea. In this context, as is our understanding, it is necessary for Korea Water Forum to share knowledge and lessons and contribute to the on-going efforts for sustainable management of water as a member of the Board of Governors.

Country Organisation is based	Status	World Water Council members since	Website
Korea	Active member	2005	http://www.koreawaterforum.org/i



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Netherlands Water Partnership- NWP

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Netherlands (The) ▶ Year of establishment: 1999
- ▶ Website: www.nwp.nl
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Development of infrastructure, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Agriculture or food production, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance, Economics or finance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: National
- ▶ Description of Activities: The Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) is a comprehensive network that unites the Dutch expertise and the water sector. The partnership, consisting of nearly 200 members from private companies, government, knowledge institutes and NGOs, acts as a centre of information on water expertise, policy developments and market opportunities. Furthermore it initiates, coordinates and executes projects for its members. The Netherlands Water Partnership is convinced that worldwide water challenges cannot be tackled by either government, private sector, NGO's or knowledge institutes alone. Sustainable solutions lie in the cooperation between the actors. NWP has extensive experience in building and strengthening partnerships resulting in active cooperation between private and public water sector organisations. In addition, NWP feels strongly that partnering with relevant parties outside the water sector is one of the keys to sustainable innovation. There is a need to think outside the 'water box'. In this line, NWP builds on a constructive engagement with newcomers in the water sector, as was shown during the session 'thinking outside the water box' in the World Water Forum in Istanbul. New partners like IBM, Google and Philips are involved in activities of NWP. By speaking with one voice, the Dutch can make a bigger contribution to addressing the global water challenges of the 21st century. The model of the Netherlands Water Partnership is regarded as successful and has been applied in several other countries and regions, e.g. Germany, Denmark, France, Japan, and Europe.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Jeroen Van der Sommen
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Director
- ▶ Alternate representative: Dr. Raimond Hafkenscheid
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Programme Director, Cooperative Programme Water and Climate (CPWC)



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③ Statement:

► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

The Netherlands Water Partnership has played a key role in a strong representation of the Dutch water sector in the World Water Council and its activities, ever since its establishment in 1999. The Netherlands has been actively involved with the World Water Council. This has resulted in strong Dutch coordinated participation in the World Water Fora. In addition, the Dutch Crown Prince has been involved in the World Water Fora. The Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate has been set up as a spinoff of the second World Water Forum, funded by the Dutch Partners for Water Programme. It aims to improve the capacity in Water Resources Management to cope with the impacts of increasing variability of the world's climate.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

The Netherlands Water Partnership(NWP) identified the clear need of involving new actors from outside the traditional water sector in addressing the current water challenges. Over the last years there has indeed been a strong movement of these actors towards the water sector and the NWP aims to work towards integrating and cooperating with them in the activities of the WWC.

Secondly, the NWP will work towards integrating the National Water Partnerships in the work of the Council.

Lastly, there is an urgent need to speed up measures on Climate Change Adaptation via a large-scale strategic approach. The NWP, in connection with the Cooperative Programme for Water and Climate of which the programme director Raymond Hafkenscheid will be the alternate to Mr. Van der Sommen, aims to work towards integrating Climate Change Adaptation in the activities of the Council.

Country Organisation is based	Status	World Water Council members since	Website
Netherlands (The)	Active member	2000	www.nwp.nl



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Programme d'eau potable et soins de santé sans frontières- ONG PESSAF

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Cameroon ▶ Year of establishment: 1996
- ▶ Website:
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Basic Human needs or health, Development of infrastructure, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Agriculture or food production, Education and capacity building
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: National
- ▶ Description of Activities:
The Programme for Drinking Water and Health without Borders (Le Programme Eau Potable et Santé Sans Frontières) –PESSAF is a non-governmental, not for profit organisation that works towards providing access to water and sanitation in difficult areas in Cameroon as well as to promote hygiene and health, leading to improved living conditions and a way out of poverty. The NGO PESSAF intervened within developing actions and humanitarian urgencies. In addition, the NGO PESSAF intervenes in developing family agriculture and small farms by introducing innovation in:
 - Water management
 - Treadle pumps for irrigation
 - Drip irrigation
 - Agricultural extension
 - Quality seeds for high yieldsWorking in this sector, the NGO PESSAF develops a sustainable development strategy by creating - within the communities- perpetual conditions of infrastructures. The agricultural activities enable - not only to fight against malnutrition- but also to bring revenues to the populations that have material to participate in the maintenance of the work.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Marcel Félix NKOUM
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Coordonnateur Général
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. John Peter LIBALA
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Programmes and Projects Officer



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③ Statement:

► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
Contribution to the preparation of the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul by submission of scientific notes for 6 months.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

- Bring our expertise and participate in the activities of the Board of Governors
- Ensure the presence of the Central African sub-region within the Board of Governors
- Mobilize other organisations from the Central African sub-region to join the World Water Council.

Country Organisation is based	Status	World Water Council members since	Website
Cameroon	Active member	2008	



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Project Wet International Foundation- WET

① Organisation General Information

► Nationality of the Organisation: International ► Year of establishment: 1984

► Website: www.projectwet.org

► Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Basic Human needs or health, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Education and capacity building

► Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Global

► Description of Activities: Since 1984, Project WET, an award-winning 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, has dedicated itself to the mission of reaching children, parents, teachers and community members of the world with water education. Project WET achieves its mission by publishing water resource materials for classroom teachers, community educators, employees, children and parents. Project WET's materials include more than 30 lesson plans utilizing Project WET's methodology, Kids In Discovery series (KIDs) activity booklets and childrens storybooks; these materials are available in English and have been translated into many other languages including Spanish, French, Italian, Arabic, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, Korean and Hungarian. Nearly half of Project WET's 31 KIDs booklets have been recognized with the Association of Educational Publishers; Distinguished Achievement Award, and several Project WET publications have received Independent Publisher book awards. Project WET's materials cover topics such as water conservation, watershed protection, sanitation and hygiene, oceans, wetlands and ground water. Project WET also achieves its mission by building a global network of educators, water resource professionals and scientists. The Project WET network currently spans 43 countries on five continents. Project WET's global success is an excellent example of international cooperation - promoting an understanding of water resources through education, irrespective of political boundaries, empowering students and communities to take action to solve local water resource challenges. In addition, Project WET advances its mission by providing training workshops on diverse water topics. Training workshops are held by Project WET coordinators at the community level and provide opportunities for participants to see Project WET activities being demonstrated while networking and sharing implementation ideas with other workshop participants. Project WET coordinators are employed by host institutions, formal Project WET Foundation partners dedicated to water education. More than 50,000 educators are trained annually through these training workshops. Project WET also teaches the world about water by organizing community water events, such as Make a Splash with Project WET water festivals and the Global Water Education Village™ at the 4th and 5th World Water Forums.



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Recent recognition for Project WET's global leadership in children's water education includes the Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) Education and Outreach Award, which recognizes educational institutions, individuals, groups or agencies that have made significant contributions to increased public awareness of water resources development, use or management. In March, Project WET also was named one of 30 finalists for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize for its work to educate children and teachers in sub-Saharan Africa about sanitation and hygiene and empower them to adopt healthy habits. Project WET publications, global network, training workshops and community events are grounded in Project WET's core beliefs.

- Water connects us all: Water moves through living and nonliving systems and binds them together in a complex web of life.
- Water for all water users: Water of sufficient quality and quantity is vital for all water users (energy producers, farmers and ranchers, fish and wildlife, manufacturers, recreationists, rural and urban dwellers).
- Managing water sustainably: Sustainable water management is crucial for providing tomorrow's
- children with social and economic stability in a healthy environment.
- Personal responsibility for water resources: Awareness of and respect for water resources can
- encourage a personal, lifelong commitment of responsibility and positive community participation.

Additional information about Project WET is available online at www.projectwet.org.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Dennis Nelson
- ▶ Position within its organisation: President and CEO
- ▶ Alternate representative: Mr. John Etgen
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Senior Vice President

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

For the last nine years, Project WET has worked with the World Water Council (WWC) to design, develop and support members' capacity to implement water education programs in their countries and organizations. The Project WET Foundation's involvement with the World Water Council began in 2000 with its participation in the 2nd World Water Forum in The Hague. In The Hague, Project WET developed and led an interactive exhibit on children's water education in conjunction with a booth highlighting the impact and success of Project WET's global work. Over time, Project WET steadily increased its participation in WWC activities with every successive World Water Forum, including the number of events convened, children reached, network members who participated, and leadership roles assumed within education topics and planning meetings. For example, at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan, Project WET co-convened the first Children's World Water Forum in partnership with UNICEF, collectively reaching over 100 children from 30 countries. Project WET also organized a formal exhibit on children's water education and led a side event dedicated to the education of children and youth. At the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico City, Project WET launched the Global Water Education Village, which gathered global water education programs in a village setting to share successful local actions aimed at reaching children with water education. Alongside the Village was the Water School where Mexican students participated in popular Project WET activities. The School enabled Forum attendees to witness the effectiveness of Project WET's activities. In addition, Project WET co-convened the 2nd Children's World Water Forum with UNICEF, UNESCO and others, reaching more than 100 children representing 29 countries.



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.Project WET also co-convened the session Water Education for Children and Youth. Combined at the 4th World Water Forum, roughly 17,000 Forum attendees participated in project WET sponsored events. After the Global Water Education Villages resounding success at the 4th World Water Forum, Project WET was asked to convene the Global Water Education Village at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey. In addition to convening the Global Water Forum Education Village at the 5th World Water Forum, Project WET played a leadership role in the education, knowledge and capacity development; Convened the Water School reaching 5000 Turkish students; Hosted the Children's World Water Forum students activities; Opened the Youth World Water Forum; Convened the only session on water education and schools (session 6.1.4) which was presented to a room filled to capacity; Developed the Water Education 'Bridging Divides for the Future Generations' chapter of the UNESCO-IHE Capacity Building for Improved Water Management textbook; Served on the capacity –building leadership team that convened the entire 6.1 topic: education, knowledge and capacity development strategies; Led six Learning Center sessions, training participants to lead hands on activities to educate others about water resources; Interacted with more than 25,000 of the 33,000 Forum participants regarding school based water education. In 2011, Project WET plans to convene a global conference on water education that could serve as a nexus for planning the education events of the 6th World Water Forum in Marseilles. In addition, Project WET plans to continue its participation in the World Water Forum process and expand its offerings and connections with other education partners for the 6th World Water Forum.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

Inclusion of children and youth's perspectives and the importance of water education never have been more critical to the ongoing global dialogue about the use, management and protection of water resources. With education's elevation to the thematic level at the 5th World Water Forum, Project WET offers global leadership in children's water education, 25 years of expertise and on-the-ground experience for advancing this priority. As the global leader in children's water education, Project WET can contribute the important perspective of children, teachers and communities to the on-going reflection and debate «to ensure a watersecure future for the world» (World Water Council, 2009). As a member of the Board of Governors, Project WET will help further the WWC's mission to promote awareness and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels. Project WET has published and disseminated the most extensive set of water resources educational materials for water managers, classroom teachers, community educators, employees, children and parents in the world. Project WET's materials are available in English, and many have been translated into Spanish, French, Italian, Arabic, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, Korean and Hungarian. Project WET's materials cover topics such as water conservation, watershed protection, sanitation and hygiene, oceans, wetlands and ground water. Students, teachers, community and business leaders of diverse cultures, often with different learning styles, use Project WET. Tested with hundreds of thousands worldwide, Project WET materials have proven successful because they are interactive, multisensory, adaptable, contemporary, relevant, solution-oriented, scientifically accurate and measurable. Project WET also brings with it demonstrated success in working with all levels of government around the world in addition to global agencies such as the United Nations as well as NGOs and the private sector in 43 countries in five continents. It is through its partnership with these organizations that WET Project is able to train more than 50,000 communities, educators and classroom teachers annually. As a member of the Board of Governors, Project WET would contribute perspectives of the world's children and teachers to the Council's multi-stakeholder platform. In addition, Project WET would bring with it a new way of working and collaborating to increase the reach and impact of the World Water Forums and further the membership benefits provided by the WWC.



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For example Project WET could host workshops, lead facilitators training and support new initiatives for outreach and membership growth. In addition, Project WET could help the WWC reach new constituencies such as educational institutions, teachers and children within the context of WWC planning process. Because those concerned about the future of water come to the table with different backgrounds, objectives and interests, Project WET's ability to reach an audience about water resources using a non biased approach has been instrumental to its success. Project WET's core belief of water for all has guided the organization's materials development, network formation, training workshops and events since its beginning in 1984 and can support WWC commitment to multi-disciplinary and cross sector exchange and dialogue. The rapid growth in organizations adopting the Project WET as their key education program is evidence of its success. The United States Agency for International Development, Nestle and UNESCO-IHP are just a few of the organizations that have worked with Project WET to increase awareness and knowledge about water resources with empowering learners to take action locally. With more than 250 organizations at the World Water Forum expressing interest in adopting Project WET as a water education solution, Project WET is positioned to add children and youth voices to the WWC. Escalating global water problems, an elastic global water economy, disproportionate water distribution and transboundary water conflicts are just a few of the many reasons water education is critical for securing social and economic stability as well as a healthy environment. Because today's children and youths one day will be faced with making decision about the future of our water resources, it is critical that together the world's water stakeholders work to build an ethic of stewardship in today's generation to ensure the stability of our planet.

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International	Active member	2006	www.projectwet.org



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The Nature Conservancy- TNC

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: United States of America ▶ Year of establishment: 1951
- ▶ Website: www.nature.org
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Environment or ecosystems
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Global
- ▶ Description of Activities: With regard to water, we have expertise and project activities on: environmental flows, sustainable hydropower, water certification, water funds, sustainable water tariffs, freshwater/coastal management, protected areas and freshwater conservation, floodplains management, great river conservation (e.g., Yangtze, Mississippi, Zambezi), removal of invasive species, and tools and technologies (e.g., river basin modeling, ecological limits of hydrologic alteration, freshwater gap analysis).

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Ms. Karin Krchnak
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Senior Advisor, International Water Policy
- ▶ Alternate representative: Dr. Andrew Deutz
- ▶ Position within its organisation: Director, International Government Relations

③ Statement:

- ▶ Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
We were actively engaged in planning for the Fifth World Water Forum for the two or so years leading up to the Forum. We served as one of the coordinators for Theme 3 and as well for Topic 3.2. We were involved in helping, through the Organization of American States, to plan for the Fourth World Water Forum by bringing case study experiences from the Latin America region. We have attended and participated in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Fora in that we have presented on sessions, held exhibits, established partnerships with other participants, etc. We have met with Dr. Fauchon and WWC staff during visits to Washington, DC to help provide coordination and input from the big international NGOs based in the area.



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► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
As a large, international, science-based organization, we would like to share our on-the-ground technical and policy expertise in how to manage water to meet human and environmental needs. We worked based on partnerships (e.g., private sector companies, water utilities, governmental agencies, academic community, other NGOs) and would bring this approach to work across sectoral lines to advance sustainable water management. We would help advance WWC's mission and would foster increased dialogue across sectoral lines on issues of concern to WWC.

Country Organisation is based	Status	World Water Council members since	Website
United States of America	Active member	2009	www.nature.org



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Water Association of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya- SWAn

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: Malaysia ▶ Year of establishment: 2006
- ▶ Website: www.swan.org.my
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Basic Human needs or health, Development of infrastructure, Climate or natural hazards, Environment or ecosystems, Water supply or sanitation, Education and capacity building, Regulation and governance
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Local
- ▶ Description of Activities: The Water Association of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya (SWAn) is a non-profit organisation which aspires to play a role in the efforts to champion water sustainability in Malaysia that will bring together local companies, industrial players and government agencies for the mutual benefit of developing a vibrant and dynamic local water industry. SWAn's mission extends far beyond the mere provision of water management and related business. It is designed to venture beyond the concept of traditional associations in order to meet the challenging needs of the new age. Among the outreach programmes organised by the Association that promote its aims and objects include its participation in foreign conferences, seminars, dialogues and discussions as well as showcasing the Association at exhibitions and trade shows at home and abroad. The participation at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul (March 2009), the Singapore International Water Week 2009 (June 2009), the 2nd Annual Middle East and Water Congress UAE (May 2008), Aquatech China (May 2008), IWA Conference Vienna (September 2008) are examples of these. On the local front SWAn has successfully organised the inaugural Asia Pacific Regional Water Conference in Malaysia in 2008 which saw the congregation of 30 key water experts that tabled a resolution on sound management of water policy for sustainable water resources regionally. On a monthly basis, the Association also organised Technical Talks which is an opt-in for member companies to maximise the learning and benefits from the latest developments of product and applications research in the general area related to the environment, water and wastewater industries. Technical Visits were also conducted quarterly to various water and wastewater related installations and so were Product Demonstrations by renowned companies - all of which to encourage early adoption of new and innovative technology of the industry. Other homegrown activities for member companies include a series of forums and dialogue sessions with resident associations and policy makers which similarly provided members with the latest information on the directions of the national water policy. On community news, SWAn also produces its own internal newsletters and articles for the local media to highlight issues on water shortage, pollution of rivers and catchment areas. In essence, SWAn strives to be the melting pot of water captains in the region that promotes the exchange of ideas and knowledge among member companies, government agencies and water stakeholders. Please log on at www.swan.org.my for more details on SWAn.

② Representatives Information

- ▶ Governor representative: Mr. Rozali Ismail



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► Position within its organisation: President

► Alternate representative: Mr. Muhammad Azaham Abdul Wahab

► Position within its organisation: Vice President

③ Statement:

► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:

The Water Association of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya (SWAn) was admitted as a member of the World Water Council on May 14, 2009. As such the joint activity with the WWC is yet to be established. Nevertheless, SWAn has arranged the following in promoting WWC in Malaysia:- 1) Arranged a delegation of 12 Malaysians to the 5th World Water Forum 2009 in Istanbul from 15 March 2009 to 26 March 2009. 2) Promotes the World Water Council via its newsletters 3) Participated in the Asia Pacific Water Forum 5th Governing Council Meeting held on June 26, 2009 in Singapore. Above all, the Association has plans to collaborate with the Asia Pacific Water Forum (APWF) to organise the Asia Pacific Water Summit in November 2010. Sustainable water resources for future generations are a continuous problem for many countries particularly the Asia Region. In this light, SWAn is keen to partner with APWF to address the gaps in the Water Resources Management that will stimulate further discussions for water chain outlook. SWAn is in the midst of establishing contacts with the local government agencies and Ministries after which a proposal on the joint activity will be provided to the APWF Governing Council in due course.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:

Shortages of available water resources, water scarcity and the need for environmental accountability are key issues that are fast becoming hot topics in Malaysia. The Water Association of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya (SWAn) therefore sets out to profile Malaysia as a developing country that continues to ensure supply of clean water that can meet the middle and long term needs of the country amidst sustainability challenges and sustainable development. Progress made to date since its inception includes working with local government agencies and other NGOs to provide solutions on Malaysia Water Demand Management. Based on the independent findings, the proposal to the State Government will strengthen the Government's focus on adaptive management as the best way to secure water supplies and environment protection.

On the global stage, SWAn seeks a platform that primarily could influence authorities to determine strategies in addressing issues on water, wastewater and environment. In this viewpoint, SWAn hopes that its representation on the Board of Governors will enable the Association to further:

1. work closely with the relevant government agencies and water players to assess the need to implement adaptation measures in the long term for sustainable water resources.
2. take an active stake in forward planning that could ensure sufficient supply to meet demand.
3. provide experienced business professionals with a diverse range of skills in water management for developing countries.
4. rebuild community awareness on water security.

5. strengthen the Council's establishment in the region by mobilizing and advocating the Council's views through SWAn's activities which include forums, dialogues and conferences.
6. act as a springboard to generate fresh ideas in sustainable water management.
7. Act as an Ambassador of the World Water Council in Malaysia and the Asia Pacific Region in championing World Water Council's objectives.

Country Organisation is based	Status	World Water Council members since	Website
Malaysia	Active member	2009	www.swan.org.my



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Women for Water Partnership- WfWP

① Organisation General Information

- ▶ Nationality of the Organisation: International ▶ Year of establishment: 2004
- ▶ Website: www.womenforwater.org
- ▶ Field(s) of expertise and activities: Water Resources Management, Basic Human needs or health, Development of infrastructure, Water supply or sanitation, Agriculture or food production, Human rights or social issues, Education and capacity building, Human settlements or habitat
- ▶ Geographical Scope of activities/expertise: Local, Regional, National, Multi-national, Global
- ▶ Description of Activities: Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) is an international network of women's organisations in South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and West- and Eastern Europe. The partnership consists of more than a million women, from different social, cultural and professional backgrounds, who contribute to poverty reduction with their know-how and experience. Empowerment, local ownership, equity mainstreaming, partnership, and grassroots development are the key concerns of WfWP. WfWP is the response to the WSSD call for equal participation of all Major Groups in the implementation of Agenda 21 by establishing type-2 partnerships. Recognizing and acknowledging the pivotal and central role of women in sustainable development, WfWP adheres to the following principles:
 1. Full and equal participation of all Major Groups in society, each in their own specific role(s) and the promotion of social and gender equity and equality.
 2. People are in the centre of development; One does not develop people, People develop themselves
 3. Water in all its uses, sanitation, and hygiene are the entry point for sustainable human development
 4. Collaboration and partnership(s) with women and their organisations across diversities and complementaritiesWfWP performs activities and actions that can be organised in a more effective and efficient manner by collective rather than by individual member organisations. Member organisations also implement activities in the framework of Women for Water Partnership. This could be for instance co-convening seminars or collective lobby activities. WfWP organises working conferences where initiatives of member organisations are developed into concrete projects. Relevant stakeholders outside the WfWP constituency are invited to participate in the joint development and subsequent implementation of these projects. The knowledge and experience about partnerships, equity mainstreaming and gender, appropriate technologies, micro finance, and up-scaling of successful initiatives are exchanged and put into practice. WfWP has a strategic partnership with the European Water Partnership and IWA (in process), is a member of the World Water Council and is also one of the NGO representatives in the EU water initiative (EUWI) Coordinating Committee. WfWP is one of the founders of the European NGO water Network. WfWP has and will take the lead in coordinating activities of women's organisations in general (e.g. in the past as coordinator of the women's coalition for the World Water Fora and as co-convenor of the women's caucus for the UN CSD meetings).

The full detailed candidatures may be found on the General Assembly website at <http://ga.worldwatercouncil.org>



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② Representatives Information

- Governor representative: Mrs. Kusum Athukorala
- Position within its organisation: Steering Committee Member WfWP for communication, PR and Advocacy
- Alternate representative: Mrs. Petronella Fontein
- Position within its organisation: Hon. Secretary Steering Committee Women for Water Partnership

③ Statement:

► Involvement of the candidate organisation within the World Water Council:
WfWP has been active in the WWC through one of its member organisations Business and Professional Women International since 2005/2006. As soon as WfWP got its own formal Status it applied for membership with the WWC in November 2008. WfWP has been very active in the preparation for and WWF itself (policital, theme, topic, etc). Advocating equity mainstreaming has been a major activity of WfWP during the World Water Forums since 2000. After co-organising the gender programmes of WWF 2 and WWF 3 women's participation was mainstreamed in the sessions of WWF 4. As a next step an equity mainstreaming process has been developed for WWF 5: WfWP takes the formal lead in organising the Women's Gender Coalition at WWF 5.

► Reasons for which the candidate organisation wishes to have a seat on the Board:
Ensuring access to sufficient, safe and affordable water and adequate sanitation is a collective responsibility for all. Different sectors in society have different roles to play in this process. Women for Water Partnership represent the Major Group WOMEN that is envisaged to play a pivotal role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water (Dublin Priniples). WfWP fills the gap between the local day-to-day practice in water management and the international agreed principles for sustainable development. The partnership links macro and micro level interventions and created conditions that enable especially women and their organisations to take an active stand in the development of their communities. We ensure gender and equity mainstreaming in the water sector and pay special attention to the social and cultural dimension of the IWRM process, addressing taboos and braking through existing social and cultural restraints and traditions. A seat on the Board of Governors would ensure disclosure of the practical knowledge encompassed in our extensive and diverse global network. It would furthermore allow the women of the world to participate on an equal footing in this important coordinating body; the WWC Board would benefit from the increased diversity of its membership from their gender and grassroots knowledge. WfWP believes in building partnerships on an equal footing between major groups, multilateral organisations and government; WfWP's expertise in diversity management, our ability to realize (local) ownership and our experience in equity mainstreaming through a partnership approach is valuable. WfWP has a long history of coalition building and would be able to play a role in communicating with and coordinating activities between women's organisations worldwide and WWC.

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International	Active member	2009	www.womenforwater.org