

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO)

and

the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)

Article 1. The Parties

1. Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an international network created in 1996 to foster the implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM): the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment. It is a non-profit multi-donor funded action network focused on facilitating and supporting the sustainable management of water resources at all levels.

The GWP Organisation (GWPO), established as an intergovernmental agency in Sweden, is managed by an Executive Secretary who is answerable to the Steering Committee (SC). The GWPO Secretariat acts as the 'network hub' for GWP. The Secretariat manages GWP's finances and reports on funding received at the global level. It also supports the exchange of knowledge and resources, ensures communication and coherence across the Network, and co-ordinates workplanning and monitoring activities.

GWP has built up a network of Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs). These bring together various sectors and interest groups to identify and discuss common water problems and to develop action plans based on integrated water resources management. Each RWP, and the Country Water Partnerships, Area Water Partnerships, City Water Partnerships and River Basin Partnerships that may be established in the regions, has its own operational strategy, work programme and administrative structure. The RWPs are attached to host institutions that administer funds and employ staff on their behalf.

2. The International Network of Basin Organisations (hereinafter referred to as "INBO") was created in 1994 at a Constituent Assembly held in Aix-les-Bains, France. Today it consists of more than 188 members or observers within 68 countries throughout the world.

INBO has built up Regional Networks of Basin Organizations in Africa, North and Latin America, Asia, Brazil, the European Union, Central and Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe Caucasus Central Asia and the Mediterranean.

Article 2. Aims of the Parties

GWP's vision is for a water secure world and its mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels. GWP believes that an integrated approach to managing the world's water resources is the best way to pursue this vision. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a cross-sectoral policy approach, designed to replace the traditional, fragmented sectoral approach to water resources and management that has led to poor services and unsustainable resource use. A component of IWRM is to manage water at the basin or

water shed level. This includes integrating the management of land and water resources, upstream and downstream, taking both groundwater and surface water into account. GWP's multi-stakeholder partnerships provide neutral and inclusive platforms for dialogue and facilitating policy change processes in order to achieve better and more integrated water resources management.

INBO aims to promote river basin management as an essential tool for sustainable development and for implementing the IWRM. For this purpose, INBO endeavours:

- to develop lasting relations between the organisations in charge of such a comprehensive river basin management and facilitate exchanges of experience and expertise among them;
- to facilitate the development of tools for institutional and financial management, knowledge and monitoring of water resources and uses, organisation of databases, concerted elaboration of medium and long-term master plans and action programs;
- to organize information and training programs for representatives of decentralized governmental administrations, national and local authorities, representatives of users and different stakeholders involved in water management and executives and staff of organisations in charge of river basin management;
- to evaluate actions undertaken by Member-organisations and disseminate their results;
- to raise awareness on these issues;
- to promote these principles in international co-operation programs.

Article 3. General objective

The general objective of the collaboration between GWP and INBO is

1. to facilitate and promote effective and efficient water governance and a sustainable development and management of water resources, through the implementation of IWRM at basin level, whatever the type of basin, national or transboundary, surface or ground waters;
2. to increase the understanding of Water management and IWRM implementation at basin scale, in particular the joint management of ground water (aquifers) and surface water (hydrographical basin), and the joint management of land, fresh waters and coastal, transitional and marine waters. This includes organisational aspects, management tools and instruments;
3. to facilitate the links between river basin management organizations and water management institutions at local, municipal, sub-national, national and regional levels.

Article 4. Areas of Collaboration

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed to collaborate in the following areas:

1. Promotion/advocacy

- To promote closer linkages between the Regional Water Partnerships and the Regional Networks of Basin Organisations, where appropriate, and share information about each other's activities;
- To promote IWRM as a means to adapt to global challenges to water security such as climate change, growing urbanisation and population, food security and resource related conflicts;
- To work together on global advocacy in particular through developing a mutual and coherent strategic approach to global initiatives when relevant.

2. Knowledge management and sharing

- To develop joint activities, in particular joint publications (briefs, handbook, guidelines), training kits on IWRM, Basin Management, Indicators of water management;
- To compile information linked with IWRM at basin level and make it available and accessible through the organisations systems of information dissemination, namely the GWP and Toolbox website, INBO website as well as regional INBO and GWP web sites

3. Supporting processes and dialogues

- To support ongoing processes in basins – in particular transboundary basins- where there is a demand for improvement of water management;
- To support dialogues and collaborations between Basin Organisations and civil society, particularly when CWP exists;

4. Fundraising

- To join efforts for fundraising related to joint projects or activities at global and regional levels;

Article 5. General principles for collaboration

All collaboration between GWPO and INBO under this MoU is based on *voluntary* allocation of staff time from the respective organisation. Where such input in the form of staff is offered, the parties shall specifically agree on detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced and exchange of information.

All collaboration between GWPO and INBO, where financial resources are required or staff time is to be formally committed, will be based on specific separate agreements between the Parties. Such agreements shall provide detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced, exchange of information and financial conditions for the collaboration.

The relationship between the parties will be guided by the following general principles:

- INBO is a partner of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), and GWPO is a member of the INBO.
- The parties will strengthen the links between organisations at the regional level and will facilitate the relationship and the collaboration between GWP Regions and the regional networks of INBO.
- The parties will share and mutually allow use of relevant documentation and documents and in general seek to keep each other informed about progress and major developments.
- The parties will inform each other about major events, invite each other and participate in each others major events globally and regionally, when relevant.
- The parties will facilitate access to each others networks, partners and members and seek to build linkages between the organisations at the regional, national and local level.
- The parties will seek to involve each other in their activities relating to basin organisations.

Article 6. Contact Person

In the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the assigned Network Officer of GWPO will serve as the contact person for INBO, and the Program Manager at INBO will serve as the contact person for GWPO.

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Article 7. Note of reservation in relation to institutional independence

Notwithstanding the above, both GWPO and INBO reserve the right to act independently where either institution believes it is within their best interest. Both parties reserve the right to their own legal institutional dependence and no contract by either party shall be legally binding upon the other without the explicit written approval of the responsible individuals in both organizations.

Article 8. Controversies

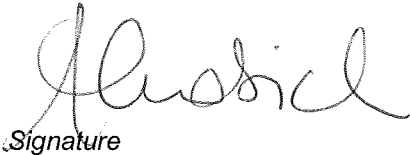
Any controversy arising as a result of or in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably between the Parties. In case that an amicable settlement cannot be reached within three months of consultations, this Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated with immediate effect if one of the Parties states so in writing to the other Party.

Article 9. Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of 3 years, unless terminated earlier by a three months written notice from either party. Project agreements entered into by the parties may have durations that extend beyond the term of this MoU, and the termination or expiration of this MoU will not terminate any project agreements then in effect, which will continue or be terminated in accordance with their terms.

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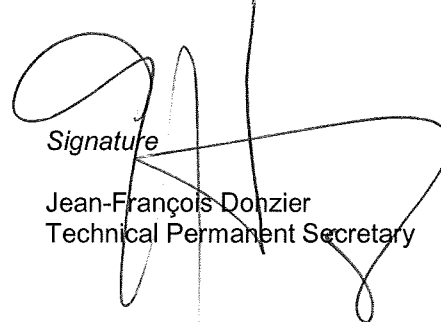
For and on behalf of GWPO



Signature

Ania Grobicki
Executive Secretary

For and on behalf of INBO



Signature

Jean-François Donzier
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