

# For developing and strengthening river basin organizations: INBO / GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATED PROGRAM

The goal of the "Associated Program" is to support all initiatives for the organization of Integrated Water Resource Management at the river basin, lake and aquifer level, whether national or shared. It also aims to develop many experiments to reconcile economic growth, social equity, environmental conservation, water resource protection with the involvement of the civil society.

## ASSOCIATED PROGRAM COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) is responsible for coordinating and managing the Associated Program. The program overall management is entrusted to:

- **A Coordination Committee**, made up of the members of INBO Liaison Bureau and GWP representatives (in particular the Presidents of the Regional Technical Advisory Councils - RTACs concerned), of representatives of bi and multilateral cooperation agencies, funding all or part of the actions, and of those of large international organizations supporting initiatives focusing on Integrated Water Resources Management at the level of river basins.
- **A Technical Unit** which gathers INBO and LANBO Permanent Technical Secretariats, specialists from GWP's RTACs and experts from different countries or organizations interested in supporting the Associated Program.

All GWP initiatives rely on a close interaction between GWP's regional TACS and future Regional Water Partnerships to ensure adequacy between the services provided by the Associated Programs and the real needs observed. **The Associated Program relies on a strong dialogue.**

## FOUR MAIN OUTPUTS ARE EXPECTED

### Output 1

**Twinning between existing, future or pilot basin organizations**

#### Purpose

To allow direct cooperation for stimulating and supporting water management at river basin level.

#### Proposed services

- Direct exchanges of experiences between twin basin organizations,
- Regional and international promotion,
- Exchange of decision-makers and technicians.

### Output 2

**Mobilization of professional support capacities in existing basin organizations**

#### Purpose

To promote the setting-up and development of new basin organizations and assist with their management options.

To help, on request, making progress in this long process of discussion, reflection, dialogue and decision-making undertaken at the level of river basins, or at the national or regional level.

These teams may be broadened to experts from international organizations.

#### Proposed services

- Assistance with the implementation of institutional reforms,
- Initiation of pilot projects,
- Support to several countries sharing a transboundary river basin,
- Design of monitoring networks and databases,
- Training of personnel from basin organizations,
- Assisting new basin organizations with the setting-up of technical teams,
- Formation of partnerships and establishment of institutional mechanisms allowing an equitable citizens' participation in decision-making and activities of basin organizations.

### Output 3

**Synthesis of available knowledge and know-how**

#### Purpose

To collect and analyze actual practices in order to generate ideas and recommendations, and to promote practical guidelines for putting integrated river basin management into practice.

To promote the initiation of pilot projects and implementation of institutional reforms in interested countries.

#### Proposed services

- Assessing the performance of the different systems,
- Contributing to the improvement of knowledge and know-how in the area of basin organizations and IWRM,
- Making available a set of common, easily accessible and measurable performance indicators, in a typological form,
- Training towards good practices.

### Output 4 :


**The networking of water documentation systems**

#### Purpose

To exchange knowledge of water resource management at river basin level. To allow all INBO members and possible partners to share and exchange institutional documentation.

 aims to:

- manage water-related information in a comprehensive and coordinated manner,
- make an inventory of all information networks and develop lasting links,
- develop common meta-crawlers to address queries to all existing networks,
- build multilingual tools, dictionaries and glossaries, norms and consistent grids for classifying the information,
- organize specialized workshops.

 is already being implemented in Latin America and Europe.

In the Mediterranean, EMWIS involves the 27 countries signatories of Barcelona Convention.

#### Proposed services

- Exchange of information and documentation,
- Assistance with the structuring of the National Relay Documentation Centers, responsible for validating, collecting, storing and accessing knowledge useful for water management in each country concerned,
- Services to professionals and decision-makers to provide them the best suited information and documentation.

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# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

## TOGETHER FOR INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OVER THE WORLD

### DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP

**Sound and balanced management of water resources is a prerequisite to ensure quality of life on our planet and the sustainable socio-economic development of our societies.**

The issues raised are complex and the solutions must, at the same time, allow:

- the contending with natural catastrophes and risks of erosion, floods or drought, taking into account land and water management,
- the reliable meeting of urban and rural populations' requirements in terms of good quality drinking water, in order to improve hygiene and health and to prevent important outbreaks of disease,

- the reclamation of farmlands and the development of appropriate irrigation systems to reach food self-sufficiency,
- the harmonious development of industry, energy production, recreational activities and, in some areas, tourism and waterways navigation,

- the prevention and control of pollution of all kinds and origins; in order to preserve aquatic ecosystems and, more especially, to protect fauna and optimize fish farming for human consumption, while meeting the requirements of various uses and more generally, preserving the biodiversity of the aquatic environment.

**All these issues can no longer be approached by sector or localization, nor approached separately.** Looking for solutions, whose objective is sustainable water use, must associate the national and local authorities together with the users in integrated water resource management which respects the natural environment, and is organized on the scale of river basins.

**It is recommended that agreements, strategies, programs, funding and controls be designed for river basins. Cooperation agreements should be signed and formalized between riparian countries regarding large shared rivers, lakes and seas.**

### THE NETWORK MEMBERS

The Network is open to:

- **The organizations managing large national or federal, or even transboundary river basins** and the cooperation structures they have developed among them. The term "Basin Organizations" implies public organizations already existing legally or pending creation in accordance with the legislation in force in their country. They should be legal entities and have their own budget.
- **The governmental administrations in charge of water management** in the countries applying or interested in applying integrated water management:
  - ➔ organized at the level of catchment areas (river basins),

- ➔ associating administrations and local authorities, as well as users from the various sectors (River Basin Councils or Committees),
- ➔ having specific budgetary resources, obtained by applying the "user-polluter-pays" principle.

The term "river basins" means the catchment areas of rivers and lakes excluding the catchment areas of their various small tributaries.

- **Bi and multilateral cooperation agencies** supporting institution-building activities related to river catchment areas and aquifers.

The candidates become members as soon as they have applied to enter the Network by signing the "DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP" and paid their subscription fee.

### PERMANENT OBSERVERS

The other public organizations, interested in INBO, can apply to participate in its activities as permanent observers, provided that their application is forwarded by the Liaison

Bureau and accepted by the General Assembly.

They can attend the General Assembly without any right to vote.

### THE NETWORK OBJECTIVES

The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) has the following objectives:

- to develop lasting relations between the organizations interested in comprehensive water resource management at the river basin level, and favor exchanges of experiences and expertise among them,
- to promote the principles and means of sound water management in cooperation programs to reach sustainable development,
- to facilitate the implementation of tools suitable for institutional and financial management, programming, organization of data banks, and for models adapted to the needs,
- to promote information and training programs for local elected officials, for users' representatives and for the different stakeholders involved in water management as well as for the executives and staff of the member basin organizations,
- to encourage education of the population, the young in particular,
- to evaluate ongoing actions and disseminate their results.



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# OUR STATUTES OUR ORGANIZATION

*The Network relies on its members' willingness to work together.*

*This non-profit association has legal existence and new statutes approved during its General Assembly held in Zakopane (Poland).*

## THE NETWORK PRESIDENT

The President is elected by the General Assembly. He represents INBO. He ascertains that the General Assembly's recommendations are carried out with the support of the Bureau and the Permanent Technical Secretariat, whose work he organizes. He also ensures that the decisions of the Bureau are taken into account.

He convenes the next General Assembly and sets its agenda.

## THE LIAISON BUREAU

### Composition

INBO is managed by the "Liaison Bureau", made up of:

- the serving President of the Network,
- the last two former Presidents,
- together with 15 incumbent or substitute members chosen among INBO member organizations according to their geographic origin (Africa, America, Asia, Europe).

Its composition may be revised during each General Assembly depending on the new coming members of each geographic region.

The President, the Secretary of each Regional Network and the Permanent Technical Secretary participate in the Liaison Bureau meetings.

The Bureau members are elected during each General Assembly.

### Role and Functioning

The Bureau:

- is chaired by INBO President,
- holds at least 2 meetings between two General Assemblies,
- prepares the General Assembly meetings and approves their agenda,
- carries out the decisions made by the General Assemblies,
- coordinates joint projects,
- after examining the applications of new INBO members and permanent observers, it proposes their admission or refusal to the General Assembly,
- prepares the accounts of the association and proposes them to the General Assembly for approval,
- examines the association progress report for approval by the General Assembly,
- defines INBO communication policy and means, submits them to the General Assembly for approval and ensures implementation by the Permanent Technical Secretariat.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Composition

The General Assembly is made up of all INBO members.

It is chaired by INBO President.

It holds at least a meeting every 2 years.

The successive General Assemblies are held in a different geographic region, whenever possible.

On proposal of the Liaison Bureau, the General Assembly approves:

- the admission of new members and permanent observers, or their striking off,
- the orientations of INBO activities up to the following meeting,
- joint projects and, whenever necessary, designates the member organization(s) entrusted with their implementation,
- the association accounts prepared by the Liaison Bureau.

It ensures that INBO is promoted to the national authorities in the countries and to the bi and multilateral cooperation agencies concerned.

It decides of the yearly subscription fee proposed by the Liaison Bureau.

It elects the President and the members of the Liaison Bureau among its members.

In addition, on proposal of the Bureau, the General Assembly approves:

- ▲ the statutes of the Network and their amendments,
- ▲ the content of the "Declaration of Membership" and its modifications,
- ▲ the creation of Regional Networks, their statutes and amendments.

### Decisions

The decisions made by the General Assembly are adopted by consensus between the attending members. When a consensus cannot be reached, the President may request a vote as a last resort.

The permanent observers are invited to attend the Ordinary General Assemblies. They cannot vote or be elected as Bureau members.

Qualified personalities or interested organizations may be invited by the host-member(s) to attend in the same way as the permanent observers.

## THE NETWORK SECRETARIAT

### The Chairmanship's Secretariat

It is organized by the member(s) in charge of the logistics of the Liaison Bureau and General Assembly meetings.

### The Permanent Technical Secretariat

It is designated by the General Assembly for four years on proposal of the Liaison Bureau.

Under the President's authority, it is responsible for:

- preparing the documents needed for the Liaison Bureau and General Assembly meetings, especially the agendas, provisional budgets and draft recommendations,

It is also responsible for:

- writing the reports of the statutory meetings,
- directing INBO and following up the implementation of joint projects in close cooperation with the members designated by

the Bureau or the General Assembly to this effect, whenever necessary,

- implementing the Network communication policy.

The Head of the Permanent Technical Secretariat participates in the General Assembly and Liaison Bureau meetings.

## REGIONAL NETWORKS

INBO member organizations, belonging to the same geographic region, may create a "Regional Network" if they wish so in order to:

- strengthen relations between member organizations from neighboring countries,
- develop INBO joint activities in the region,
- organize joint activities of regional interest.

The regional network is made up, on a voluntary basis, of INBO member organizations and observers located in the region.

The Liaison Bureau submits the creation and draft statutes of a Regional Network

to INBO General Assembly as well as subsequent changes.

All activities carried out by the regional networks are:

- in conformity with INBO objectives and statutes,
- consistent with INBO general program,
- implemented in partnership with INBO members of other geographic regions.

INBO assists the regional networks whenever possible, according to its means and their requirements.

It favors exchanges of information and experiences among the regional networks.

## THE ASSOCIATION'S RESSOURCE

They include:

- yearly subscription fees,
- subsidies from administrations and public organizations,
- funding from bi and multilateral cooperation agencies,
- the income generated by service providing and the sale of documents,
- the financial contributions requested to the participants to attend events organized by INBO.

In order to finance their activities, regional networks may directly mobilize financial resources from central and local administrations of the countries concerned and from bi and multilateral cooperation agencies.

**INBO accountancy is in compliance with the official accounting system.**

**The Liaison Bureau designates an Auditor.**

**In Latin America, the Latin-American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO) was created in 1997 during its Assembly in Bogota (Colombia).**



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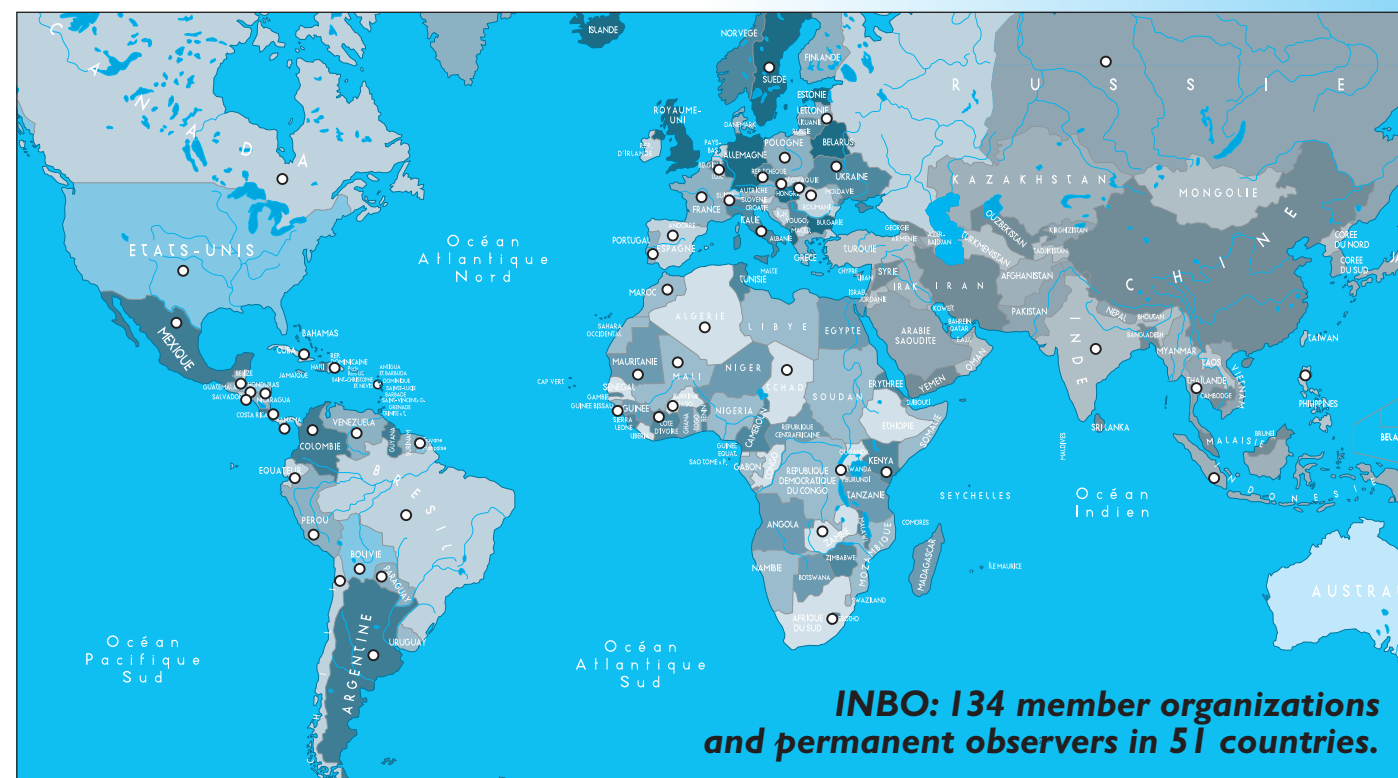
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**INBO: 134 member organizations  
and permanent observers in 51 countries.**