

The Global Water Operators' Partnership Alliance Membership Form

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I. Background

A key recommendation of the “Hashimoto Action Plan” announced by the United Nations Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) was the establishment of a global mechanism to promote Water Operators Partnerships. The Hashimoto Action Plan includes the following principles for water operator partnerships:

“The operators who deliver water services need help. Publicly owned and managed water operators currently provide more than 90 percent of the world’s piped water, and even small managerial improvements could yield major benefits. The Board recommends a new mechanism – water operators’ partnerships. This would be a structured programme of cooperation among water operators, based on mutual support and a not-for-profit basis.”

Cooperation between water operators, or Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs), can be a useful mechanism for providing support for capacity building of public water operators. Given the preponderance of public sector undertakings, it is envisaged that most operating partnerships will be between public operators. However, we do not exclude private sector operators, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), or those who can contribute to the performance of public water undertakings on a not-for-profit basis.”

II. Guiding Principles for the Global WOPs Alliance

Complying with the Hashimoto Action Plan text and spirit, the Global WOPs Alliance shall be guided by the following Guiding Principles:

- A. *Inclusiveness*: The Global WOPs Alliance shall be as inclusive as possible and reach out to all stakeholders in the water supply and sanitation sector including public and private water operators, non-governmental organizations and representatives of civil society, academia, and private sector players at the global, regional, and national levels.
- B. *Non-profit based partnerships*: Partnerships established between water operators under the WOPs umbrella should be built on a not-for-profit basis. Therefore, funding of partnerships – mainly done in the format of “twinning” of utilities – should recover direct costs only without any profit of any sorts for any participating party. This principle should be followed whenever funding is secured through the Global WOPs Alliance.
- C. *Mutuality of benefit*: Mutuality of benefit should always be promoted whenever possible in implementing “twinning” and other activities of exchange of experience and expertise among utilities. Such mutuality shall be used as an incentive, whenever possible, for utility cooperation on non-profit basis.
- D. *Transparency*: The Global WOPs Alliance shall promote transparency in the water and sanitation sector on the global, regional, and national levels.

- E. *Learning from the Past and Others:* The Global WOPs Alliance seeks to draw lessons and learn from past experiences to promote best practices for utility partnerships and capacity building.
- F. *Supporting WOPs Processes Worldwide:* The Global WOPs Alliance shall not seek to recreate, but to reinforce, efforts worldwide to strengthen mutual exchange between water operators. In this sense, the Global WOPs Alliance supports all regional and global initiatives that champion WOPs activities and principles.
- G. *Fostering Sustainable Change:* The Global WOPs Alliance shall support efforts to build lasting positive change within water utilities using mechanisms that are increasingly independent of external financial support.
- H. *Building a Culture of Solidarity:* The Global WOPs Alliance shall embrace and promote a spirit of solidarity and mutual support between water operators and all other water sector actors working towards the goals of the Alliance.

I, _____, on behalf of _____, have read the above guiding principles of the Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance, and I accept these principles. On behalf of my organization, I would like to apply for membership of the Global WOPs Alliance.

ORGANIZATION:

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

**The Global Water Operators' Partnership Alliance
MEMBER INFORMATION**

NAME OF THE ORGANISATION:

CATEGORY:

ADDRESS OF THE ORGANISATION HEADQUARTERS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

EMAIL:

NAME OF THE ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVE:

JOB DESCRIPTION/ TITLE/ POSITION:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

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EXPECTATIONS FROM THE GLOBAL WOPs ALLIANCE:

POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL WOPs ALLIANCE: