

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- A NoWNET member should be a nonexclusive and recognized network, which represents the water sector of its country to the international water community and encourages an active participation of multi stakeholders (governments, private sectors, NGOs and academia) in water-related activities.
- Each country should be represented by only one network.
- NoWNET collaborates with World Water Council and Global Water Partnership.
- Those networks that wish to join NoWNET and meet the above conditions will be approved as new members preferably by consensus.

ACTIVITIES

- Make active contribution to the 4th World Water Forum
 - Facilitate regional preparatory process toward the Forum
 - Promote Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) by hosting "IWRM in the North" session
- Act to improve the current water management system worldwide by providing alternative approaches at international conferences

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BACKGROUND

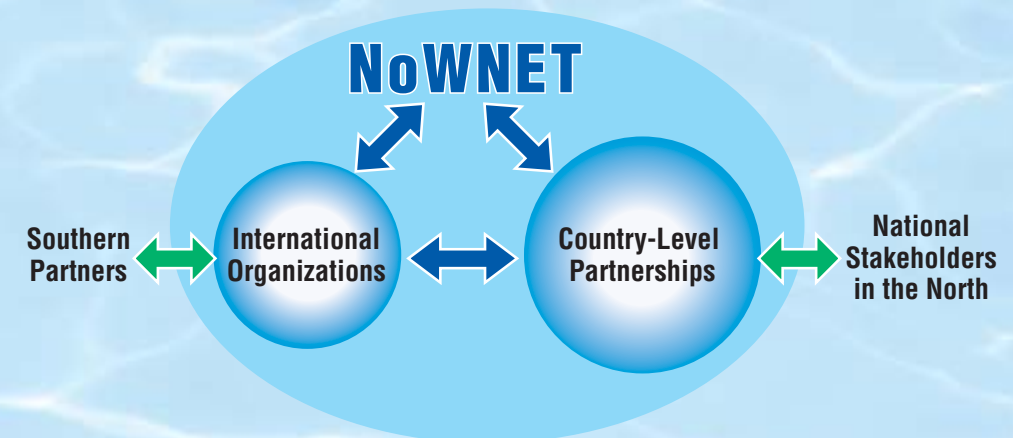
Northern Water Network (NOWNET) was initiated by the World Water Council (WWC), the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the Steering Committee of the 3rd World Water Forum, Japan during the 3rd World Water Forum and the Japan Water Forum (JWF) was identified as the secretariat of this initiative. It is a network of country-level water partnerships in the industrialized countries for sharing knowledge, linking stakeholders, raising awareness and organizing meetings. Northern Water Network collaborates with international organizations with similar or associated objectives.

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage the creation of country-level water partnerships in industrialized countries to deal with unresolved and emerging water issues within the countries and to provide “windows” through which the countries water sector interfaces with the international water community
- Facilitate the development of networks among industrialized countries to exchange experiences and good practices of water resources and services management and interact with partnerships in developing countries
- Bring water issues in industrialized countries to the World Water Forums and other global events to be discussed in multi-stakeholder sessions and to be presented to politicians and decision-makers

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- Participate in activities to share knowledge, promote good water management practices and develop networking among non-partners
- Facilitate and support the formation of additional country-level water partnerships and their inter linking with each other
- Co-ordinate and collaborate as appropriate in connection with bilateral linkages between partnerships in the North and the South



- Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- World Water Council (WWC)

- Australia Water Partnership (AWP)
- Danish Water Forum (DWF)
- Japan Water Forum (JWF) 【Secretariat】
- Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP)
- Swedish Water House (SWH)
- Korea Water Forum (KWF)
- Association Scientifique et Technique pour l'Eau et l'Environnement (ASTEE)

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