



### **The Arab Ministerial Water Council (AMWC)**

The Arab Ministerial Water Council (AMWC) was established on the 30th of June 2009 in Algier. It is composed of all the twenty two Arab Ministers responsible for water resources in the region. AMWC aims to enhance cooperation and coordination between the Arab countries.

One of its main priorities is to develop an Arab Strategy to face up to the challenges of Water in the region particularly the issue of Arab Water Security. The AMWC holds one ordinary session annually and the League of Arab States is its technical Secretariat. The Technical Secretariat is entrusted with the task of carrying out the decisions and recommendations of AMWC, coordinating and cooperating with the Member States as well as the Arab and Regional Organizations, International and other Arab Ministerial Councils and Civil Society and Arab financial institutions in all relevant fields. Also AMWC is participating (as Arab Group) in the Sixth Global Forum on Water to be held in Marseille.



MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION

## The Ministry of Water and Irrigation - Jordan

Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) is the official body responsible for the overall monitoring of the water sector, water supply and wastewater system and the related projects, planning and management, the formulation of national water strategies and policies, research and development, information systems [1] and procurement of financial resources. Its role also includes the provision of centralized water-related data, standardization and consolidation of data.

Since its establishment, MWI has been supported by several donor organization projects that have assisted in the development of water policy and water master planning as well as restructuring the water sector.

Units for public relations, internal monitoring and water security and protection are directly subordinate to the Minister of Water and Irrigation with responsibilities overarching MWI, WAJ and JVA

The Ministry of Water and Irrigation embraces the two most important entities dealing with water in Jordan:

**The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ):** in charge of water & sewage systems.

**The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA):** responsible for the socio-economic development of the Jordan Rift Valley, including water development and distribution of irrigation.

[www.mwi.gov.jo](http://www.mwi.gov.jo)



## **The Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)**

The Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) is a network of partners committed to helping water operators help one another improve their collective capacity to provide access to water and sanitation services for all.

### **Water Operators' Partnerships**

Getting water and sanitation access to those who need it places heavy demands on utilities. Efficiency and financial viability are essential, but utilities also need to be service-oriented, transparent, accountable, and technically competent. In the developing world, most utilities have significant capacity gaps in at least one of these areas, with the result that less than a third of developing country utilities are able to cover even their operations and maintenance costs, let alone extend services to burgeoning populations.

Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) came into focus in March 2006 when the Hashimoto Action Plan (HAP) was launched by the United Nations' Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB). The HAP proposed that increasing the opportunities for exchange of know-how between them through a structured programme of twinning and peer support could go a long way towards empowering utilities to operate more effectively and provide better, more universal, service.

### **Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)**

Upon request by former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, UN-HABITAT has led the development of the GWOPA. In January, 2009, the GWOPA held its foundation meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. During this meeting, it established a general assembly of members, and an international steering committee to advise the Alliance secretariat. The 1st Global WOPs Congress and GWOPA General Assembly will take place in March 2011 in Cape Town, South Africa in conjunction with the World Water Day 2011.

GWOPA implements activities with its partners in the following 5 focus areas.

- Supporting Regional WOPs
- Training and Capacity Building
- Managing WOPs Know-how – Knowledge Management
- Providing financial guidance and linking to finances
- Communications, Advocacy and Alliance Building

[www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org)



## German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

The German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) is a federal enterprise based in Eschborn near Frankfurt am Main. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is its major client. The company also operates on behalf of other German ministries, the governments of other countries and international clients, such as the European Commission, the United Nations and the World Bank, as well as on behalf of private enterprises.

GTZ works on a public-benefit basis. As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, GTZ provides viable, forward-looking solutions for economic, ecological and social development in a globalised world. GTZ is implementing a number of projects related to environmental, energy, natural resource management and health related projects in more than 131 countries in the regions of Latin America and Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Near and Middle East and the Maghreb Asia, Mediterranean region, Europe and Central Asian countries.

<http://www.gtz.de/en/>

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### InWEnt - Qualified to shape the future

InWEnt - Capacity Building International, Germany, is a non-profit organization with worldwide operations dedicated to human resource development, advanced training, and dialogue. InWEnt is commissioned by the German Federal Government, the German business sector, and the German Länder (Federal States).

Into the future with InWEnt. InWEnt makes international knowledge available in developing and transition countries. Our programs improve participant's decision-making skills. We communicate interdisciplinary management techniques along with international and intercultural know-how.

InWEnt has currently two programmes for the water sector in the Mediterranean and Near East (MENA) region:

- **MENA WANT** - Strengthening the MENA Water Sector through Regional Networking and Training. MENA WANT is implemented with regional organisations, the Arab Water Council (AWC) and the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA) and their respective national members and partners.
- **MENA ProCBI** – Promotion of capacity building institutions to support reform processes in the water sector of the MENA region. MENA ProCBI aims to strengthen the capacities of selected training facilities in the water sector of Egypt (HCWW), Morocco (ONEP) and Syria (HIWM) in the areas of human resources and organisational development and management.

Programme website: [www.gc21.inwent.org/mena-water](http://www.gc21.inwent.org/mena-water)



International  
Water Association

## International Water Association (IWA)

The International Water Association is a global reference point for water professionals, spanning the continuum between research and practice and covering all facets of the water cycle. Through its network of members and experts in research, practice, regulation, industry, consulting and manufacturing, IWA is in a better position than any other organisation to help water professionals create innovative, pragmatic and sustainable solutions to challenging global needs.

The strength of IWA lies in the professional and geographic diversity of its membership - a global mosaic of national, corporate and individual member communities. Our members are leaders in their field and represent:

- Researchers - where solutions begin
- Utilities - managing water services worldwide
- Consultants - connecting problem owners with solution providers
- Industry - creating sustainable water solutions
- Regulators - safeguarding public health
- Equipment manufacturers - translating ideas into products

The IWA network is structured to promote multi-level collaboration among its diverse membership groups, and to share the benefit of knowledge on water science and management worldwide. The Association helps make the right connections at the right time, thereby sharing cutting-edge research and practice that allows the water sector shape its future.

[www.iwahq.org](http://www.iwahq.org)



## United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Every country and community depends on water to maintain its population, promote economic growth, and protect its natural environment. Distribution of this vital resource, however, rarely conforms to humans' administrative or political divisions. Shared river basins, for example, cover 50 percent of the globe, are home to 40 percent of the world's people and contribute 60 percent of total fresh water flows. As competing demands on this increasingly scarce resource grow, the potential for tensions will heighten, placing current cooperative relationships at risk, and raising the possibility of conflicts over water rights, allocations and use.

Given these challenges, managing the equitable use and allocation of limited water supplies requires harmonized policies and laws, and strong institutions to carry out public mandate. It also requires technical capacity to undertake the hydrological assessments needed to drive sound planning, permitting, monitoring, and adaptive management.

Improving water resources management requires meeting immediate needs, while protecting water quality and ensuring that future water demands can be met. Decades of experience in the water sector has taught USAID that investing in policy and legal reforms, building local capacity, and strengthening water resources planning, management, and governance yield more lasting change than investments in infrastructure.

### USAID efforts to improve water governance and regulation include:

- Strengthening of policy, regulatory, and institutional frameworks that address planning and permitting at the appropriate scale and across all relevant sectors
- Supply optimization, including assessments of surface and groundwater supplies, water balance, wastewater reuse, and environmental impacts
- Demand management, including cost-recovery policies, water use efficiency technologies, and decentralized water resource management authority
- Equitable access to water resources through participatory and transparent governance
- Financing to sustain investments in water resources management and protection
- Attention to hydrologic variability and climate change and taking actions to mitigate and minimize impacts of droughts and floods.

[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)



## United Nations University's Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)

The core concern of the United Nations University's Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) is the global water crisis. Lack of adequate freshwater supplies and poor water management directly block efforts to alleviate poverty and to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly those for water. It is now widely accepted that a critical factor contributing to the water crisis is the lack of indigenous capacity – scientific, educational, managerial, technological and institutional - for effective water management in many developing countries. Despite some progress, many barriers remain, including the fragmented, intermittent, donor-driven, project-based approach that has been so ineffective, and even damaging, in the past.

UNU-INWEH acts as the 'UN Think-Tank on Water', responding directly to the global water crisis, and facilitates global efforts to meet the MDGs. UNU-INWEH's programme is designed to provide applied science and capacity-building initiatives that enable water managers to better address both the root causes and current manifestations of the global water crisis.

### UNU-INWEH's three core functions are derived from its mandate:

- Capacity Development: Helping developing countries meet the MDGs through: cross-cutting, adult-education programmes, including distance education; "Learning networks" for comparative research, monitoring and knowledge sharing; and new water-related research and management institutions.
- Knowledge Enhancement: Facilitating global knowledge networks to address the global water crisis by: generating new knowledge, based on cutting-edge science; synthesizing existing knowledge through "learning networks"; and mobilizing the learning networks to effectively disseminate knowledge.
- Research-Policy Bridging: Fostering better approaches to water management and governance through applied research designed to fill critical policy gaps. Where local capacity is weak, UNU-INWEH helps communities and countries to: diagnose problems; translate information into policy-relevant formats; and evaluate existing policies.

[www.inweh.unu.edu](http://www.inweh.unu.edu)



German Water  
Partnership

### **German Water Partnership (GWP)**

German Water Partnership (GWP) is a strong network of private and public companies, research institutes and associations of the German water sector. The association with its 300 members from industry and science is supported by five federal ministries. The head office in Berlin is the central contact for international enquiries to the German water expertise. It collects, coordinates and provides information about innovations, activities and services related to water.

German Water Partnership has joined forces in Germany to offer what is the very strength of its water sector: to develop innovative technologies and individually adapted solutions to specific problems and challenges in the field of water anywhere in the world. In order to better meet the specific local needs of foreign partners, GWP has established 16 sections each specialising in one country or region, three of those being the Gulf States Section, the Jordan Section and the Maghreb Section. GWP members active in these sections are continuously strengthening their relations to partners and decision makers with joint activities in Arab countries.

[www.germanwaterpartnership.de](http://www.germanwaterpartnership.de)



### Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

SIWI is a policy institute whose diverse Stockholm-based, internationally-oriented programmes and activities contribute to finding sustainable solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI manages projects, synthesises research and publishes findings and recommendations on current and future water, environment, governance and human development issues. SIWI serves as a platform for knowledge sharing and networking between the scientific, business, policy and civil society communities. SIWI builds professional capacity and understanding of the links between water-society-environment-economy.

In all of its work, SIWI advocates future-oriented, knowledge-integrated water views in decision making, nationally and internationally, that lead to sustainable use of the world's water resources, sustainable development of societies and reduced poverty. By creating opportunities for dialogue and collaboration between water experts and decision makers, SIWI stimulates the development of innovative policies and scientifically based solutions to water-related problems.

Internationally active, politically neutral, and intellectually objective, SIWI welcomes opportunities for collaboration with partners across the world. SIWI manages the annual World Water Week in Stockholm and administrates a number of prizes, including the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize, the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, and the Stockholm Industry Water Prize.

[www.sivi.org](http://www.sivi.org)



## International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to the most pressing environment and development challenges. It supports scientific research, manages field projects all over the world and brings governments, non-government organizations, United Nations agencies, companies and local communities together to develop and implement policy, laws and best practice.

IUCN is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network - a democratic membership union with more than 1,000 government and NGO member organizations, and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists in more than 160 countries.

IUCN's work is supported by more than 1,000 professional staff in 60 offices and hundreds of partners in public, NGO and private sectors around the world. The Union's headquarters are located in Gland, near Geneva, Switzerland.

IUCN's vision is a just world that values and conserves nature. its mission 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.

<http://www.iucn.org/>



## The International Private Water Association (IPWA)

The International Private Water Association - or IPWA as it is more usually known - was formed in 1999 to address the changing dynamics that are taking place in individual countries around the world within the context of the evolving water/wastewater infrastructure project and service arena.

IPWA serves as a conduit between the public and private sector players - facilitating effective timely dialogues that highlight the critical need for speed, transparency and cost-effectiveness in the development and operations of global water and wastewater projects, and the practical means for achieving those elements in projects.

More importantly, IPWA is uniquely recognized as one of the few independent organizations that address, as a central part of its mission, the potential expanding role of the private sector as a viable partner to governments and “parastatals” within the global water/wastewater project and service arena.

[www.ipwa1.org](http://www.ipwa1.org)



## **WASSER BERLIN INTERNATIONAL**

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– Trade Fair + Congress + Public Show – provides the perfect platform to bring supply and demand together at one location in Berlin.

The Global economy depends on water. Water is the source of life for the world population - today and tomorrow. The industry's main event for water and wastewater WASSER BERLIN INTERNATIONAL offers the attractive combination of a professional trade show and an international congress program.

The congress "wat + WASSER BERLIN INTERNATIONAL" features discussion forums with international experts on a variety of water-related topics. It is a capital investment exhibition for international water supply and is an ideal interface for theory and practice.

- Product Range
- Procurement of water
- Water and wastewater treatment
- Water distribution and wastewater discharge
- Pipeline Engineering
- Measuring, regulating, analysis technology
- Valves, pumps, suction systems, driving apparatus technology
- Surface water protection, ground water protection, soil protection
- Construction machinery, excavating machinery and equipment
- Information and communication technologies
- Flood protection
- Desalination
- Geothermic technologies

#### **Visitors Target Groups**

Water experts from government and industry, engineers, experts in civil engineering, well drilling, waterworks construction, representatives from domestic and international organizations, purchasers, water management experts, scientists, representatives of industry associations and institutions, government officials , high-level administrators.

[www.wasser-berlin.de/englisch/](http://www.wasser-berlin.de/englisch/)