

UN-Water Partner Criteria

1. Any organization, professional union or association or other civil-society group (jointly referred to as organizations) actively involved in water-related activities and that show a willingness to contribute tangibly to the work of UN-Water and are active internationally and/or multinational in structure and membership, may request partner status with UN-Water. Such an organization should have a registered legal status.
2. The request for partner status should be sent on the attached form to the UN-Water Secretariat at UNDESA for consideration by UN-Water, stressing in particular how the organization will contribute to the work of UN-Water. Requests are reviewed and discussed during the regular scheduled meetings of UN-Water (normally first and third quarters) and should reach the Secretariat at least four weeks prior to the next UN-Water meeting in order to be considered within the agenda. In granting partner status, preference will be given to organizations that fulfil the below criteria:
 - a. Extensive global networks of members or partners or a high global presence or visibility, through regional or country offices, on ground project activities or globally recognized events/publications;
 - b. Specific expertise with a strong emphasis on water related issues in their organizational mandate;
 - c. Focus on the improvement of global welfare, rather than primarily the advancement and interests of their members (if a member's organization).
3. UN-Water will seek a balance among partners from various major groups.
4. Partner status will not be granted to any political party or state or government agency.
5. Partner status will not be granted to organizations dominated by single-issue advocacy or single country focus.
6. Partner status can only be granted to non-profit organizations. "Non-Profit" in these criteria means that the organization is not established for the purpose of distributing profits to employees, owners or shareholders. This does not exclude umbrella or network organizations related to for-profit sectors to apply for partnership as long as they themselves are a non-profit organization and do not act as advocates for for-profit organizations.
7. Organizations applying for partner status need to certify on the attached form that they will fully support and adhere to the "UN-Water Operational Guidelines" and that they will follow the criteria stipulated for partner status as defined in this document.
8. The partner organization should appoint one focal point and one alternate as principal contact persons for UN-Water matters. The full contact information of the focal point and the alternate should be provided to the Secretariat of UN-Water at unwater@un.org. Each partner will be responsible for providing information regarding any changes in relation to focal points or contact information.
9. Both the focal point and the alternate of the partner will be invited to the annual UN-Water members and partners meeting which will normally be organized in conjunction with the World Water Week in Stockholm.
10. If a partner wishes to attend with additional representatives, a written request should be sent to the Secretariat of UN-Water at least two weeks prior to the UN-Water meeting.
11. Partners may not invite individuals from other, non-partner organizations to participate in UN-Water meetings.

12. No fees are associated with the UN-Water partner status. Partners are expected to cover their own expenses associated with the partner status with UN-Water, including the participation in UN-Water meetings.
13. After clearance from the UN-Water web-master, each partner may display the UN-Water visual identifier and link to the UN-Water web-site on their own web-site. Each partner will have their logo on the UN-Water web-site with a link to the partner's web-site. Partners will have an opportunity to display information on the UN-Water web-page, but only if it is directly related to activities that are part of the agreed UN-Water Work Programme. Such information will need to be cleared by the UN-Water web-master.
14. A partner may only use the UN-Water visual identifier in relation to activities that are part of the UN-Water Work Programme after clearance by the Chair or Secretary of UN-Water.
15. A partner to UN-Water may request to become a member of the UN-Water Task Forces, established from time to time to deal with specific issues, and any other activities that are part of UN-Water Work Programme. UN-Water will not provide financial support to a partner for such participation.
16. Each partner should provide to the Secretariat of UN-Water on an annual basis a short summary on how the partner has engaged in activities with the UN-System on water related issues, including a short assessment on their partner status with UN-Water.
17. Any partner may at any time withdraw from the partner status with UN-Water by giving notice to that effect to the Secretariat. Any such notice to withdraw shall take effect from the date specified in the notice or, if no such date is specified, after receipt of the same by the Secretariat.
18. If a partner fails to meet the conditions indicated herein and in the UN-Water Operational Guidelines, it will be notified to comply with these requirements within a well defined period of time, otherwise its status will be terminated.
19. If a partner is considered inactive for more than two years, UN-Water will evaluate the partnership, preferably in collaboration with the partner itself. Prolonged inactivity can be a reason for UN-Water to terminate the partnership.
20. Organizations requesting partnership status will be informed of UN-Water decision within two weeks after the decision is made in the spring meeting of UN-Water.

UN-Water Partnership Form



1. Name and address of organization:

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2. Brief corporate history:

3. Brief information on the governance of the organization:

4) How do you see your mandates and objectives in line with those of UN-Water?

5. Which areas of UN-Water work programme are you most interested in?

6. How do you see your organization contributing to UN-Water activities?

7. Provide a brief description of current major water-related activities your organization is engaged in and which you feel would be relevant for UN-Water.

Certification: It is certified that we have read the conditions for partnership criteria stipulated in this document and UN-Water Operational Guidelines. We agree to abide by the procedures and conditions indicated in the above document, and we understand that failing to meet these conditions could lead to termination of our partnership status with UN-Water.

Signed and sealed:

Date:

Please submit this form to: UN-Water Secretariat, Room 2250, Two United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA Or through Fax: 212-963-4340 or at chandavarkar@un.org and unwater@un.org