



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



Between:

the International Office for Water (IOWater), represented by its General Manager, Mr. Jean François DONZIER,

and

the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), represented by its President, Mr. Pierre BARIL,

agreed on the following:

Article 1. Reminder of the statutory objectives of the International Office for Water

In the water field, IOWater aims to:

* facilitate exchanges between the different decision-makers, designers, managers, industrialists, trainers, researchers, users concerned to better compare their problems, coordinate their actions and disseminate their information;

* gather the skills and develop partnerships between organizations, and manage joint projects and programs of common interest, to better meet the demands and needs, that require multiple and more and more complex know-how from the « International Water Community ».

The six priority tasks of the « INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR WATER » are:

1) to disseminate a reliable information suited to the needs of its various partners,

2) to gather, analyze and make easily available scientific, technical, economic and institutional documentation on the various water fields, to ensure a technological watch enabling the continuous upgrading, in real time, of knowledge, to make the regulatory and normative information, especially the European one, more available,

3) to contribute to training for the various water professions and facilitate their continuous adaptation to the new jobs, positions and qualifications, induced by technical advance, on the one hand, and, on the other, to the diversity of local, regional or national contexts,

4) to enable the definition of priorities of the professional community and users regarding study and research topics, to participate in the management of study programs of general interest, initiated by Public Authorities, to enhance knowledge and disseminate the results to the interested users, to possibly carry out studies and applied experiments, as a complement and with consistency, together with the specialized research and education institutions,

5) to collaborate to programs for the management and synthesis of data on water quality, pollution, aquatic resources and environmental protection,

6) to develop capabilities for audits and evaluation in these areas, especially concerning legal, economic and institutional aspects, to promote the development of local or regional skills and integrated water resource management in the interested countries.

Article 2. Reminder of the statutory objectives of the International Network of Basin Organizations

INBO aims to promote integrated water resource management at the level of river basins, as an essential tool for sustainable development.

For this purpose, INBO endeavors:

- To develop lasting relations between the organizations in charge of such comprehensive management, and favor exchanges of experiences and expertise among them;
- To facilitate the implementation of tools suitable for institutional and financial management, knowledge and comprehensive monitoring of water resources, for the organization of databases, the concerted preparation of medium and long-term masterplans and action programs;
- To promote the information and training of local elected officials, of representatives of the users and various stakeholders involved in water management, and of managers and staffs of the organizations in charge of water management at the basin level;
- To encourage the education of the populations on these issues;
- To promote these principles in international cooperation programs;
- To evaluate the actions initiated by the Member Organizations and to disseminate their results.

Both parties wished to have their relationship specified in this agreement, especially to support the creation or strengthening of basin organizations over the world.

Article 3. IOWater assignments **As INBO Permanent Technical Secretariat**

During the General Assembly of Zakopane in Poland, on 3 October 2000, IOWater was designated as INBO Permanent Technical Secretariat, in accordance with Article 10 of the statutes of the latter, for a first renewable 4-year period.

Under the Authority of INBO President, It will carry out the following assignment on behalf of INBO:

1) Administrative management tasks:

- ◆ Preparation of the invitations and documents needed for the Liaison Bureau and General Assembly meetings, especially the agendas, provisional budgets and draft recommendations,
- ◆ Writing of the reports of the statutory meetings,
- ◆ Directing INBO,
- ◆ Calls for yearly subscription fees, including their follow-up and reminders,
- ◆ General accountancy, in liaison with INBO Auditor,

2) Studies, audits, training and communication:

- Follow-up of the implementation of joint projects, in close relation, when needed, with the members designated for this purpose by the Bureau or the General Assembly,
- Implementation of the communication policy of the Network and development of the website www.inbo-news.org.

When so requested by bi or multilateral donors, IOWater could carry out assignments on behalf of INBO, while seeking the support and partnership of its Member-Organizations or permanent Observers, especially studies, audits, experts' assignments, documentation engineering or training on the topics of integrated water resource management at the level of river basins.

Article 4. Financial arrangements

IOWater will directly look for financing from bi or multilateral donors, and especially from the French or European Authorities, as INBO head office is located in Paris, to carry out the assignments described in above Article 3.

As concerns the actions, not directly financed to IOWater in the framework of budgets voted by INBO General Assembly, IOWater will bill its work to INBO on the basis of the rate agreed with the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs or agreements or contracts signed by INBO, for which IOWater is subcontractor or a partner in consortiums. The assignments that could not be carried out without VAT, will be subjected to this tax according to the applicable system in each case.

IOWater will be able to ask INBO for the reimbursement of bills paid by IOWater as advance payment in carrying out above assignments.

Possible disputes concerning the application of this agreement will be settled by the signatories themselves or, if this is impossible, will be subject to arbitration from the French Ministry in charge of water management.

Article 5. Duration of the agreement

This convention is established for the time remaining of the 4-year mandate given by the General Assembly of Zakopane and can be renewed by tacit agreement when the time comes of renewing IOWater Mandate during next INBO General Assembly.

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For IOWater

For INBO

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