

## UN-Water Partner Criteria

1. Any organization, professional union or association or other civil-society group (jointly referred to as organizations) that is actively involved in water, has the capacity and willingness to contribute tangibly to the work of UN-Water and is active internationally and international –not only regional– in structure and membership may request Partner status with UN-Water. Such an organization should have registered legal status.
2. The request for Partner status should be sent on the attached form to the UN-Water Management Team 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 UN-Water Management Team at least four weeks prior to the next UN-Water Meeting in order to be included in 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 from applying for Partner status as long as they themselves are non-profit organizations 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 and in the Guidelines on Partners’ Engagement available [here](#).

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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 UN-Water Management Team at [unwater@un.org](mailto: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 UN-Water Meetings. A maximum of two representatives per Partner can attend each UN-Water Meeting.
10. Partners may not invite individuals from other, non-Partner organizations to participate in UN-Water Meetings.
11. 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.
12. After clearance from the UN-Water Management Team, each Partner may display the UN-Water visual identifier and link to the UN-Water web-site on its own web-site. Each Partner will have its 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 Management Team.
13. 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 UN-Water Management Team.
14. A Partner may request to become a member of the UN-Water Expert Groups and Task Forces and any other activities that are part of the UN-Water Work Programme. UN-Water will not provide financial support to a Partner for such participation.
15. Any Partner may at any time renounce to its Partner status with UN-Water by giving notice to that effect to the UN-Water Management Team. Any such notice to renounce shall take effect from the date specified in the notice or, if no such date is specified, after receipt of the same by the UN-Water Management Team.
16. If a Partner fails to meet the conditions indicated herein, in the UN-Water Operational Guidelines and in the Guidelines for Partners' Engagement, it will be notified to comply with these requirements within a well-defined period of time, otherwise its status will be terminated.
17. 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.

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18. Organizations requesting Partner status will be informed of UN-Water decision within two weeks after the decision is made in a UN-Water Meeting.