



المجلس العربي للمياه

Arab Water Council

About the Arab Water Council

The Arab Water Council (hereafter referred to as the “Council”) is registered in the Government of Arab Republic of Egypt on 14 April, 2004 as a regional non-profit organization with activities extended on both regional and international scales. The "Council" is considered a positive Arab response on the way of creating such prospective water culture. It is also an asset in the call for water management strategies, for adopting water ethics doctrines, and for mobilizing societies to face challenges in an effective way.

The Constitution of the “Council” was approved in the 2nd meeting of the General Assembly on December 7, 2006 as it takes precedent over the By-Laws, which in turn take precedent over any other internal executive decisions. These By-Laws serve to provide more detail on the implementation of the Constitution.

On 19 February 2009, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, President of the Arab Water Council, have signed the AWC Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Arab Water Council.

AWC Objectives

The main objectives of the AWC are:

1. To have a sole integral Arab representation advocating Arab water rights in the water-related international fora and assemblies.
2. To activate and empower the concept of integrated water resources management for achieving food and water security from the viewpoint of a shared Arab vision.
3. To offer technical consultation for bridging the gap between Arab countries, with the aim of strengthening the cooperative links and properly managing water crises.
4. To study the water problems related to the Arab Water conditions with regular assessment of the emerging situations.
5. To build up a joint vision regarding integrated water resources management, especially as far as shared water resources are concerned.
6. To provide technical consultation regarding legal and institutional aspects related to water use, and to suggest and formulate policies related to water resources protection from pollution.
7. To evaluate the water reuse and water rationalization policies.
8. To assist in coordinating the water policies issues on the Arab scale within the framework of the Council commitments.
9. To disseminate information and facilitate exchange of expertise, effective practices, up-to-date technologies and research results among Arab countries.
10. To present suggestions on directing scientific and academic research to serve water technology advancements on the Arab scale.
11. To take action steps towards linking and interacting with regional and international water-related programs and initiatives.
12. To collaborate and interact with regional and international agencies working in the field of water in the Arab region.
13. To support Arab cooperation and raise awareness as far as water resources issues are concerned, and to promote capacity building to achieve better understanding of the concept of integrated water resources management.
14. To examine the public opinion trend towards projects related to shared water resources management and use, and to survey the water legislations and policies on the national and regional scales.

15. To follow up the international initiatives and agreements related to water resources, and to present any suggestions that aims to endorse or incorporate the Arab water situation into those initiatives.

AWC Means and Activities

For best achieving its goals, the AWC uses certain means and activities that include, but are not restricted to, the following:

1. Develop and issue a regular status report on the "Arab Water Situation."
2. Publish a scientific journal on water in the Arab region.
3. Develop website(s) for Arab water, to be continuously updated and linked to the water legislations database and to the institutions concerned with Arab water, with the aim of facilitating electronic dissemination of information to AWC members and to the public at large.
4. Publish a regular newsletter to provide news and information deemed useful for AWC members in pursuing their professional and scientific interests.
5. Organize Arab water fora on regular basis to promote the views and interests of the AWC.
6. Provide all needed support to conduct specialized studies on the water problems on the Arab scale.
7. Promote water awareness programs and activate the role of the civil society, including women, youth and children for educational purposes.
8. Establish appropriate mechanisms for coordination between relevant Governmental authorities, civil society institutions, private sector and international agencies and organizations.
9. Participate in regional and international fora, meetings and gatherings related to water policies.
10. Work towards attracting and directing available investments through an Arab Water Fund.
11. Formulate the charter for Water Resources Ethics for securing water conservation.
12. Work towards involving the Arab water key issues in the curricula of the different stages of education.
13. Organize training courses in the field of water resources management, with the aim of capacity building and human resources development on the Arab scale.
14. Encourage the establishment of specialized networks in the field of water use and management in Arab countries with analogous situations.

AWC Organization

The AWC structural organization consists of: The General Assembly, the Board of Governors (BOG), the Executive Commission and the Permanent Secretariat.