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Global Platform for National Water Associations

Bringing together National Water Associations for Sustainable Solutions



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Collectively seeking sustainable solutions

National water associations play an integral role in representing the interests of the broader water sector within their country. They can advocate for their members, influence policy and help to facilitate productive, impactful connections between their members and partners.

And in a world grappling with increasingly complex and urgent water challenges, the need to amplify the voices of these national water associations on the global stage has never been more critical.

While international water associations, like the IAHR, are working hard to represent the water sector globally, there remains space for national water engineering associations to be heard, both individually and as a collective.

The IAHR Platform for National Water Associations offers a unique opportunity for water engineering organisations that are not confined to specific parts of the water cycle, such as drinking water supply, sanitation, or irrigation. It provides collaborative opportunities for national water associations to advocate for global priorities, contribute to sustainable water management initiatives and implement holistic solutions.



For the Société Hydrotechnique de France, being a member of the IAHR Platform is extremely valuable. It gives our members access to an international strategic vision. It also opens up a global network for young professionals."

- Jean-Paul Chabard
President of the SHF

A powerful commitment to the SDGs

Water sector organisations around the world have a collective responsibility to work together effectively to address global priorities and implement solutions aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through collaboration and a clear, shared commitment to the UN SDGs, this united front has the potential to drive positive change and make a lasting impact on the future of water management.

Platform objectives



Facilitate
cooperation and
knowledge ex-
change



Gain global
visibility



Provide
access to
resources



Offer
opportunities for
collaboration

Global Water Innovation Report



Launched at the 41st IAHR World Congress in Singapore, the 2025 IAHR Global Water Innovation Report is the first collaborative output of the Platform of National Associations.

This landmark publication shares the main priorities for water innovation, consolidating the perspectives of over 200,000 water professionals and national associations from nine countries representing more than three billion people.

Join the platform!

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Participating associations

- Brazilian Water Resources Association | Brazil
- Chilean Society of Hydraulic Engineering | Chile
- Chinese Hydraulic Engineering Society | China
- Indian Society of Hydraulics | India
- Indonesian Association of Hydraulic Engineers | Indonesia
- Mexican Hydraulics Association | Mexico
- Mongolian Society for Water Engineering | Mongolia
- Peru Association of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering | Peru
- Portuguese Water Resources Association | Portugal
- Société Hydrotechnique du France | France
- Society of Korean Smart Water Grid | Korea
- Spanish Council of Civil Engineers | Spain
- Spanish Institute of Engineers | Spain
- Vietnam Water Resources Association | Vietnam

