

**Statute  
of the Vietnam Water Partnership  
as revised and adopted at the Third Plenary Meeting of VNWP Partners  
Hanoi, 21 June 2007**

**CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1: Establishment and objectives**

**1.1 Establishment**

The Vietnam Water Partnership was established in 3 April 2002 at its First Meeting of Founder-Partners who thereof adopted the Statute. Basing on the agreement reached among Water Partnership Promotion Committee members and the proposal of the Director of the Institute of Water Resources Research, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) in its Decision No 391/QĐ/BNN-TCCB dated 4 February 2002 assigned the Institute of Water Resources Research to host the standing office of the Vietnam Water Partnership.

**1.2: Objectives**

The Vietnam Water Partnership is a network which liaises governmental agencies, institutions, social organizations, professional associations, water services, river basin organizations, businesses, media, scientists and water users active in the fields of water resources for the cooperation in views of sustainable protection and development of water resources in Vietnam and for the integration into the network of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and Southeast Asia Water Partnership (GWP-SEA).

The Vietnam Water Partnership is the only network in Vietnam which is accredited by GWP and GWP-SEA.

**Article 2: Name**

The name in Vietnamese is: **Mạng lưới Cộng tác vì Nước của Việt Nam**

The name in short is: **Cộng tác vì Nước Việt Nam**

The name in English is: **Vietnam Water Partnership**

Abbreviation: **VNWP**

**Article 3: Headquarter**

The headquarter of the VNWP Secretariat is based at the Center for Water Resources and Environment which is a branch of the Institute of Water Resources Research, located at No 165/2 Chua Boc Street, Hanoi.

## CHAPTER II : DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES

### **Article 4: Duties**

VNWP has the following duties:

- 4-1 To participate to propagating, promoting the practice and practicing the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in views of sustainable protection and development of water resources in Vietnam.
- 4-2 To cooperate with GWP and GWP-SEA, to implement and participate to the implementation of GWP and GWP-SEA work programs in Vietnam.
- 4-3 To contribute to heightening Vietnam role and fostering regional and global integration in water related activities.

### **Article 5: Activities**

VNWP has the following modes of activity:

- 5-1 Dialogues, forums, workshops on IWRM topics with encouragement of new initiatives in propagating and practicing IWRM.
- 5-2 Studies of IWRM topics and integration of IWRM principles into in-country regular activities.
- 5-3 IWRM capacity building, awareness raising and on-the-job training in network professional operation.
- 5-4 Information exchange on IWRM practices in Vietnam and elsewhere under forms of website, data-base, documents and others.

## CHAPTER III : ORGANIZATION

### **Article 6: The Vietnam Water Partnership - VNWP**

VNWP strives for GWP values of inclusiveness, openness, transparency and accountability.

VNWP activities are of non-profit nature. VNWP operation principle is in line with mutual agreement. Partners adhere to VNWP as volunteers.

### **Article 7: Partners**

Water agencies and professionals interested in IWRM and acquiescing this Statute can adhere and become Partners of VNWP.

VNWP Partners have the following benefits and obligations:

#### **7-1 Benefits**

- To participate to VNWP, GWP-SEA and GWP activities for contributing to IWRM.

- To be provided with and to use VNWP, GWP-SEA and GWP related information and documents.
- To stand for candidacy to the VNWP Standing Board.

## **7-2 Obligations**

- To propagate, integrate and implement IWRM principles into and within partner regular activities.
- To inter-share information related to IWRM practices among network Partners.
- To abide by VNWP Statute and participate to VNWP activities.

## **Article 8: Organization**

VNWP is operating through Plenary Meeting. The Standing Board is in charge of running the network with support of the VNWP Secretariat and the Technical Advisory Committee.

### **8-1 Co-Presidents**

A Vice-Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development and a Vice-Minister for Natural Resources and Environment are honorably invited by VNWP Partners to be VNWP Co-Presidents

### **8-2 Partners Plenary Meeting**

The Partners Plenary Meeting is conducted every two years. Abnormal Partners Plenary Meeting could be convened as necessary by the Standing Board.

The Partners Plenary Meeting has the following authorities:

- To adopt the strategy of network development, the orientation of duties and action programs of VNWP.
- To acknowledge new Partners of VNWP.
- To adopt and amend the VNWP Statute.
- To consent on nominating the Standing Board.
- To approve the term financial report.

### **8.3 Standing Board**

The Standing Board is nominated by the Partners Plenary Session. It has the following duties:

- To formulate the strategy of network development and the orientation of duties of VNWP.
- To approve work plans and budgets of VNWP.
- To execute and coordinate the execution of VNWP work plans.
- To raise funds for VNWP activities.
- To approve VNWP annual working and financial reports.
- To nominate VNWP representatives to be Member and Member Alternate for Vietnam at GWP-SEA Steering Committee.
- To decide on convening Abnormal Plenary Meeting

The Standing Board composes of the Chair and members. The Chair, a Directorate Member of Institute of Water Resources Research, is in overall charge of the Standing Board duties, out of which in direct charge of formulating the strategy of network development and the orientation of duties of VNWP. The Standing Board composes of 9-15 members with virtue of volunteer, willingness and availability. The membership could be larger as necessary. Representatives of state management agencies, if required, may have alternates to replace them in VNWP activities.

The Standing Board meets twice a year. The Chair may convene abnormal meetings as necessary. Standing Board members are allotted with special responsibilities related to in-country VNWP activities as well as GWP and GWP-SEA and IWRM activities undertaken in Vietnam.

#### **8.4 Secretariat**

The Secretariat renders office services to VNWP. It has the following duties:

- To liaison VNWP Partners and between VNWP with other related national and international sides.
- To organize all periodic and abnormal meetings of the VNWP Plenary, the Standing Board and the Technical Advisory Committee.
- To prepare VNWP in-country and international work plans and budgets.
- To implement and support Partners in the implementation of VNWP in-country and international work plans.
- To be in charge of VNWP financial operation.
- To set-up and manage VNWP database.
- To operate the IWRM information system through inter-exchange IWRM practices of Partners.

The staffing of the Secretariat composes of:

- Secretariat Director: the Director of Center for Water Resources and Environment, part-time.
- Program officer, full-time.
- Communication officer, full-time.
- Administrative/ financial officer, full-time or part-time.

The number of staffs is decided by the Secretariat Director as required.

#### **8.5 Technical Advisory Committee**

The Technical Advisory Committee advises the Standing Board in all activities that promote IWRM.

The composition of the Technical Advisory Committee is:

- The Technical Advisory Committee Chair is designated by the Standing Board. The Committee Chair invites advisory members as required. All of them work part-time as individual professionals.
- The program officer of the Secretariat is on stand-by for the Technical Advisory Committee.

Organization chart of VNWP

## **CHAPTER IV : FINANCE**

### **Article 9: Funding**

- 9.1 VNWP operation is based on self-sufficient mode.
- 9.2 VNWP secure funds from the following sources:
  - Annual support from GWP.
  - Implementation of national and international programs/ projects/ activities.
  - Support from Partners and other national and international organizations.
  - Other sources.

### **Article 10: Financial principles**

- 10.1 Financial principles of transparency and openness are applied, with respect to financial rules of the government and donors.
- 10.2 The Institute of Water Resources Research is the host institution of VNWP.

## **CHAPTER V : FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 11: Final provisions**

- The present revised Statute entries into force as adopted by VNWP Partners at its third Plenary Meeting on 21 June 2007.
- The provisions of the Statute may be amended by mutual agreement at further VNWP Partners Plenary Meeting.
- This Statute is deposited at the Chancellery of MARD and at the Institute of Water Resources Research.