

# South East Asia Water Utilities Network

## HANOI DECLARATION<sup>1</sup>

### Statement

Twelve Water Utilities from Five countries in South East Asia (Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand) agreed during a seminar in Hanoi, Vietnam from 12 - 13 August 2002 to establish SEAWUN, South East Asia Water Utilities Network, with the following Goal, Objective, Strategies, Organization Structure and Financing Strategies:

### Goal

"To help the members improve their performance in the delivery of water supply and sanitation services. This includes improving efficiency in operation and management, achieving financial viability, and advocating for reforms in the sector to improve the policy environment."

### Objective

To establish a strong regional, self-sustainable organization, which is demand driven, by focusing its activities on the key issues agreed upon by the members of the organization"

### Strategies

The Network will seek to achieve its objects through the following strategies:

1. Establishment & maintenance of secretariat and permanent office;
2. Implement activities, based on a regular business plan, which includes key issues to be addressed; Financial plan; Description of regional and cross-border projects and Fund-raising activities to sustain the organization
3. Development and maintenance of database of information to be shared among the members;
4. Posting of information and discussion of specific issues by use of e-mail and website for communication
5. Development of twinning agreements;
6. Organizing meetings, conferences and exhibitions, publishing reports, papers and periodicals in both hard and electronic form.
7. Co-operating with other bodies with similar objectives
8. All other lawful things at the discretion of Network which shall tend to further the promotion or attainment of the said objective

### Organizational Structure

The Network members are Water Utilities from the participating Countries. Members will have to subscribe to the Network Charter and pay the required membership fees. The Network Members, through regular General Members meeting decide, through the Business plan, on the specific strategies and key activities to be implemented during each period.

The board of Directors consists of representatives of the Water Supply Associations of the five participating Countries. The main tasks of the Board are to manage the affairs of the Network, including the commitment and disposal of its funds, all in accordance with the Network Charter and Network Business Plan. Indonesia, represented by Ir. Kumala Siregar, president of PERPAMSI will be the first SEAWUN president for a period of three years.

A permanent secretariat office will be established in Hanoi, Vietnam under leadership of the SEAWUN executive Director, Mr. Vu Kim Quyen.

### Financing Strategy

For the operating expenses funds will be mobilized initially from donor organization, but gradually this support is replaced by membership fees. For project activities, support will be sought primarily from international donor agencies, supplemented by income from international conferences, sponsoring and other sources etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Agreed upon by SEAWUN members during the meeting in Hanoi on 13 August 2002.