

# Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) - Steering Committee - Terms of Reference

## Background

AGWA is an informal network for water resources adaptation to climate change, focused on supporting experts, decision makers, and institutions within the water community to work together to find solutions for sustainable water resource management.

The Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) is established to provision tools, partnerships, and technical assistance to improve effective decision making, action, governance, and analytical processes in water resources management, focusing on climate adaptation and climate change relevant scales.

AGWA's Purpose:

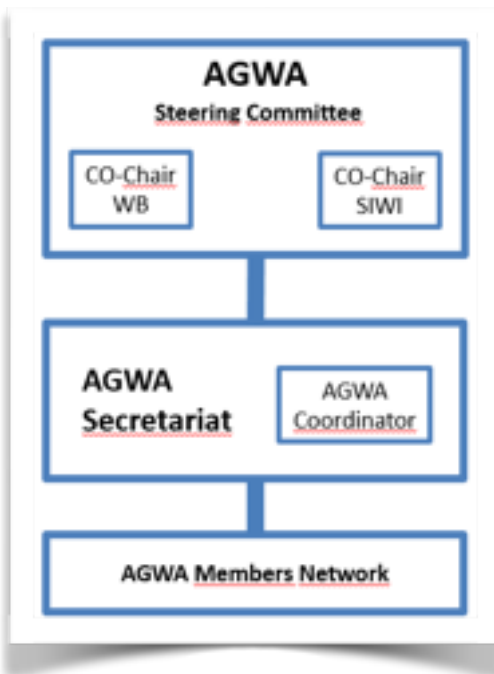
- To serve as a member network for sharing knowledge, developing analytical tools, creating methodologies, and coordinating joint actions to assist in resilience building that can be implemented through projects and programs.

- To contribute to water and climate policies and practices to ensure they are integrated to resilient communities.

AGWA currently (as of 2015) consists of about 50 organizations from all regions around the globe.

AGWA is governed by a steering committee (SC), and jointly chaired by representatives from two institutes. Currently the two co-chairs of AGWA are Diego Rodriguez from the World Bank and Karin Lexén from SIWI.

The AGWA network has a coordinator who has the main responsibility for carrying out agreed AGWA activities and a secretariat to support AGWA and the SC. Currently the coordinator is John Matthews while the secretariat is hosted by SIWI.



**Fig. 1 AGWA Organisational structure** MANDATE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The main tasks of the **Steering Committee** are:



1. Take strategic decisions on AGWA's long term work and directions.
2. Review and put forward the annual work plans and budgets to the Annual meeting for formal decision.
3. Guide the AGWA coordinator in his/her work.
4. Assist in identifying funding sources to secure funds for the AGWA network and its activities.
5. Create awareness about AGWA and represent AGWA in official capacity.
6. Review and approve AGWA publications, position statements, proposals, and communication materials.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

1. The Steering Committee (SC) shall consist of maximum 10 persons. New members are appointed by the SC, and confirmed by the Annual meeting.
2. In their profession the SC members shall be linked to the field of water, climate and resilience or any other profession that is deemed relevant by the SC. The SC shall reflect, if possible, the diversity and balance in terms of:
  - Geography: Europe, N. America, Latin America, Africa, Asia
  - Backgrounds: academic/practitioner, public/private, local/global, business/civil society/ NGO
  - Disciplines: natural sciences (hydrology, ecology etc.), sociology, political science, economics, law etc.
  - Gender.
3. Committee members represent their organization or institution. They are appointed for a three-year period.
4. The SC shall meet regularly according to the following schedule:
  - Approximately bi-monthly phone/skype meetings
  - SC face to face meeting in Stockholm in connection with the AGWA annual meeting
5. The working language of the committee is English.
6. The SC meetings shall be documented by minutes. The minutes shall be kept for future availability by the secretariat.
7. The SC members agree to provide minimum input to AGWA in the order of 40 hours/year, including SC meetings.
8. Replacement of SC members shall be done while ensuring continuity of the work of the SC. Therefore not more than ¼ of the SC shall be replaced at one time.



#### **THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2015**

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