

## FURTHER ACTIVITIES

- Play a role in contributing to the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico, 16 - 22 March, 2006:
  - Regional preparatory processes (initially Europe through Danish Water Forum, Netherlands Water Partnerships, Swedish Water House and interested partnerships in the CEE region such as Poland; and Asia through Japan Water Forum and Australia Water Partnership)
  - “Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the North” session
- Utilize major conferences, including the Global Water Partnership Consulting Partners’ Meeting in Guatemala, 23-27 May, 2005, and the World Water Week in Stockholm, 21-27 August, 2005, as opportunities to get together and act together as well as provide input to improved water management worldwide

### .. Inviting to Join ..

- (a) Country-level water partnerships in industrialized countries consisting of multi stakeholders, such as the government organizations, private sectors, civil society organizations and academia
- (b) International organizations with similar or associated objectives as country-level water partnerships

Those wishing to become new partners can apply on-line:

**<http://www.northernwater.net/>**

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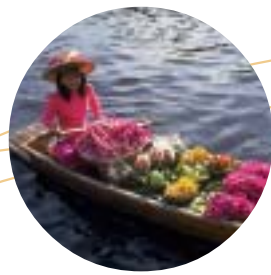
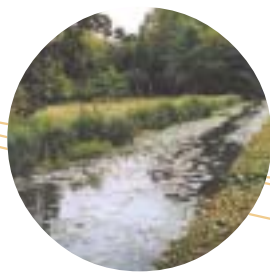
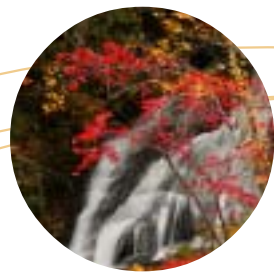


## NORTHERN WATER NETWORK



Partnerships for Knowledge Exchange

Enhancing the Northern Dimension  
Linking to the South



## BACKGROUND

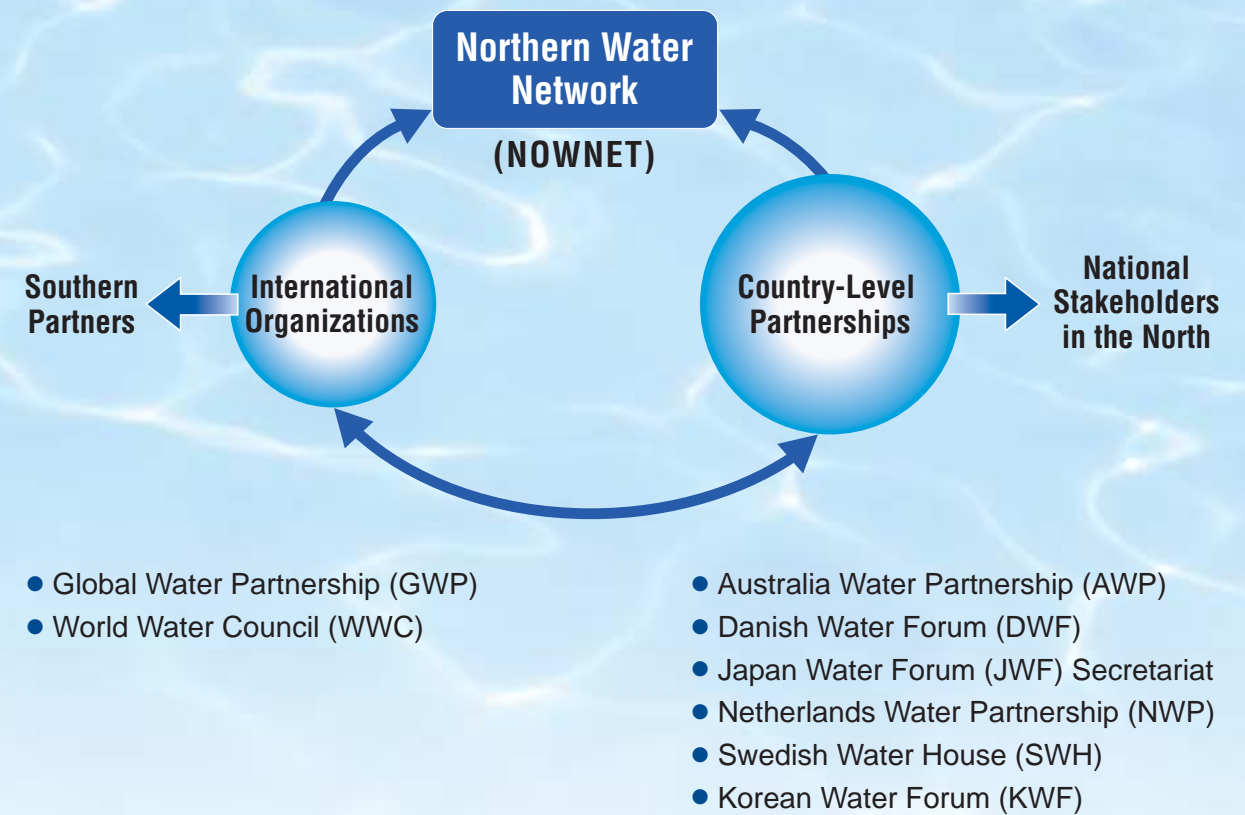
**Northern Water Network (NOWNET)** was initiated by the World Water Council (WWC), the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the Steering Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum, Japan during the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum and the Japan Water Forum (JWF) was identified as the secretariat of this initiative. It is a network of country level water partnerships in the industrialized countries for sharing knowledge, linking stakeholders, raising awareness and organizing meetings. The Northern Water Network collaborates with international organizations with similar or associated objectives.

## OBJECTIVES

- Encourage the creation of country-level water partnerships in industrialized countries to deal with unresolved and emerging water issues within the countries and to provide “windows” through which the countries water sector interfaces with the international water community
- Facilitate the development of networks among industrialized countries to exchange experiences and good practices of water resources and services management and interact with partnerships in developing countries
- Bring water issues in industrialized countries to the World Water Forums and other global events to be discussed in multi-stakeholder sessions and to be presented to politicians and decision-makers

## ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- Participate in activities to share knowledge, promote good water management practices and develop networking among non-partners
- Facilitate and support the formation of additional country-level water partnerships and their inter linking with each other
- Co-ordinate and collaborate as appropriate in connection with bilateral linkages between partnerships in the North and the South



(as of March 2005)