

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

### Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Establishment of networking partnership for sharing knowledge and cooperation through the activities of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum – The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum initiative will attempt to solve the water problems in the world –

**Expected date of initiation:** March 2003

**Expected date of completion:** March 2013

### Partners Involved:

Governments:

Developed countries ---- Japan, and others

Developing countries --- from Asia, Africa, and others

Intergovernmental organizations:

Major groups:

Secretariat of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum (WWF3), World Water Council (WWC), Global Water Partnership (GWP), and others

Other:

*Leading Partner:* The Secretariat of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum

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### Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

○ The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum is a golden opportunity for governments, experts, and NGOs to exchange knowledge, experiences and information on proven “Actions” to solve water problems in the world as well as to discuss wisdom, experiences, and information from each country. Therefore, making use of this Forum can result in making a “commitment” to networking partnership among activities which have been conducted separately so far, building networking partnerships regarding water in the world, and establishing the framework for cooperation and collaboration.

○ In terms of technology, sharing experiences and knowledge can facilitate capacity building of each other. In terms of financing, sharing information can realize the investment effectively and intensively. Furthermore, this initiative will build the networking partnership, which will make it possible to use the initiatives as a means to disseminate, communicate and share information.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

Current water issues are defined in the Agenda 21, Type 1 document for WSSD, Millennium development goals.

**Expected results:**

Please provide a brief description:

- Sharing and utilizing outcomes after the Forum is held, which were derived from activities towards the WWF3, can improve more effectively the technologies used for the water resources management in developing countries in the world.
- Results of activities towards the WWF3 in cooperation with existing technology support programs can improve capacity building and institutional building, and promote ownership in the water sector in developing countries.
- Information dissemination and PR activities will be conducted through the networks established from activities towards the WWF3. Through the network the effect of the projects can be monitored as a part of our daily life.

**Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

(1) Timeframe

- ~March 2003: Report of World Water Actions with maximum inputs of knowledge through “Actions” and experience to solve water issues and its presentation at WWF3
- April 2003~: Technology Transfer based upon World Water Actions
- ~March 2004: Commencement of Networking Partnership projects
- March 2006: Interim Evaluation 1
- March 2009: Interim Evaluation 2
- March 2013: Final Evaluation

(2) Actions

- “World Water Actions” report and the database

Activities, which range from projects by the governments in each country to activities of grass root NGOs, are arranged in each region and field. Sharing information on these activities brings us more effective networking partnerships.

- IWRM Tool Box

The IWRM Tool Box (see GWP’s home page in detail) describes a wealth of experience and expertise in each field through “Cases” in various regions in the world. This could be a valuable source to support water professionals and policy makers by offering practical and referential information for future policies and activities.

- Virtual Water Forum

It is possible for people from various sectors in the world to freely exchange opinions through the Internet. It is also possible to make use of the VWF to share opinions and experiences to reach an agreement.

- “Water Voices” Database

The database is a collection of “Water Voices” from grass root level in various regions in the world. It is also possible to use it to capture the on-site concerns on water issues at the grass root level as well as make use of it as basic data to evaluate the project by reviewing and collecting “Water Voices” continuously.

- Floods

Appropriate technology transfer regarding flood management through flood management networking partnership, information collection through making use of the network, and technological cooperation

- Donors

Sharing information, and effective and increased investment through the networking partnership among donors

- Gender, Youth, and Children

World-wide PR activities through networking partnership, effective campaign activities, hearing about the evaluation of water projects in each venue, and monitoring.

- Journalists

securing information dissemination on water situations in the world through mass media, and contributing to the raising awareness of general public through continuous networking partnership during the Water Forum

- Parliamentarians

further networking partnership for the awareness-raising of water for policy/decision makers

- Water, food and agriculture

promotion of management through farmers’ participatory approach

- Financing water facilities

building capacity and mechanism to provide for private investment

- Water and governance

establishment of appropriate institution and system for water governance

- Water and poverty

proposal for how to deal with poor people etc,

- Water and climate change

advocacy on water resources which adjusts to the climate change in the future

### **Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

Major groups, such as the Secretariat of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum, World Water Council, and the Global Water Partnership, take leadership and play a proactive role towards the Water Forum and build a platform for networking partnership through the participatory process for the Water Forum.

Many donors such as Japan, international organizations, for example UNESCO and UNICEF etc, the World Bank, and Asian Development Bank, will take part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum. They will participate in the networking partnership and are expected to make use of it to implement their technical cooperation etc.

### **Arrangements for funding**

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the

Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

Making use of existing financial resources for technical cooperation and not seeking new funds.

**Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Various kinds of good practices will be provided to solve the water problems through the Internet activities such as Virtual Water Forum and Water Voice Project organized by the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum, World Water Actions by the World Water Council, and IWRM Tool Box by the Global Water Partnership.

The information will be used for the technical cooperation implemented by developed countries such as Japan. As a result capacity building and institute building can be attempted to.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Japan has conducted various kinds of technical cooperation in the field of water. Networking partnership will be made use of, and the findings will be applied to the technical cooperation in developing countries, and thus the capacity building and institute building will be realized.

The results of the application to the technical cooperation will be used as a feedback to the networking partnership, in the information exchange, and for further improvement of information quality.

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

Please provide a brief description:

(1) "World Water Actions" report and the database

The "World Water Actions" report is a participatory initiative conducted by the water community for the water community, to be presented at the 3rd World Water Forum. By taking an inventory of the thousands of worldwide actions which affect the way water is managed, the report aims to raise awareness of solutions that are available to improve water resources management and anticipate emerging priorities which will serve as guidelines for future efforts.

(2) IWRM Tool Box

The purpose of GWP's Tool Box on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM ToolBox) is to provide water management professionals clear examples of good and bad practices and lessons learned from real life experiences of implementing IWRM. The primary users of the IWRM Tool Box are water resource management professionals such as water resource planners, policy makes, river basin managers and political advisors. Other users will include local government staff, non-government organisations and the general public with water interests. The IWRM Tool Box is being developed in hard and electronic copy. The electronic version is being developed in close corporation with the Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) and funded by the Netherlands Program Partners for Water.

**(3) Virtual Water Forum**

The Secretariat of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum has called for broad participation in the preparatory phase of the Forum, in line with the Forum's commitment to openness and transparency. Attending a conference is expensive in terms of both money and time. Participants have to coordinate complex event schedules and must forgo some events because of scheduling conflicts. Language problems often create other obstacles to full participation. The Virtual Water Forum was created to address some of these problems. It enables more people to exchange opinions and deepen their understanding of water issues. In preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum, the Virtual Water Forum provides links to real discussions around the world. It offers many practical features, such as automatic translation from English into French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean and the reverse.

**(4) "Water Voices" Database**

To reflect water voices from around the world in various activities in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum, the Secretariat will sort out collected water voices in accordance with active themes and provide valued voices with facts found and outcome of analysis to those who participate sessions and VWF as well as Water Action Unit and Secretariat of Ministerial Conference. To facilitate access to valuable water voices further, the Secretariat will mark up selected voices, which have important information, strong impact and so on. Based upon the water voice database, the Secretariat will also plot distribution and vast expanse of voices in the world map, which will give a basic reference for discussion in sessions. Voices sorted in country by country will be presented with analysis to water related ministers who participate the Forum. Finally the Water Voice Report will be compiled based upon those outcomes. The Secretariat will hold a Water Voice event during the Forum, where most successful messengers and best partner organizations will be rewarded and a panel discussion will be held in light of the importance of water voices and follow up of water voice project.

**Monitoring Arrangements**

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

Monitoring and reporting on projects will be made among partner countries including Japan. Also the World Water Forum every three years will provide an opportunity for evaluation of projects as well as World Water Assessment Program, which secure openness of projects.

**Other relevant information:**

As guiding principles, the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum and its preparatory process are open to all where anyone can participate in the Forum activities with a bottom-up participatory approach.

Web-site (if available): <http://www.worldwaterforum.org>

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