

AAWC

ASIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WATER CONSULTATIVE BOARD



What is AAWC?

The Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board (AAWC) was established to strengthen cooperation among parliamentarians from Asian countries to address water-related challenges through legislative and policy initiatives.

Already faced with severe water challenges including rapid population and economic growth, Asia must also adapt to global warming and climate change. To reach inclusive prosperity for all Asians by securing of clean and sufficient water bridging the gap between generations, regions, and the have and the have nots, there was a consensus to form a consultative body comprised of parliamentarians (lawmakers) who are committed to resolving water issues through legislative measures.

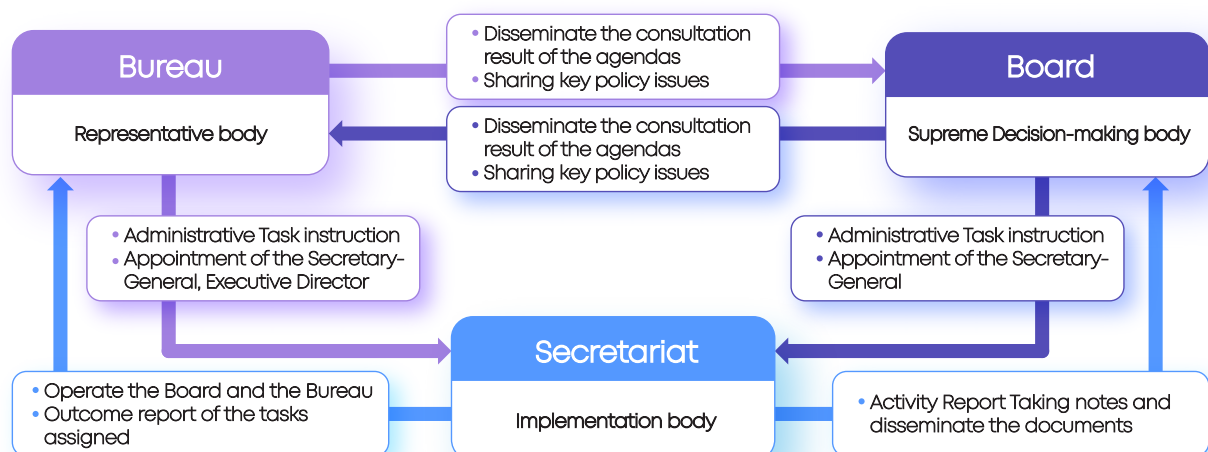
This initiative aligns with the objectives of the Asia Water Council (AWC), founded in 2016 to promote sustainable growth in Asia by ensuring clean and sufficient water through practical and technical support.

Throughout the series of inter-parliamentary meetings, a specific concept of the consultative body was designed. On 15 March 2019, seven parliamentarians gathered at the Preliminary Meeting of the 'Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board' in Manila, Philippines, and declared the 'Manila Statement' to enhance collaboration of legislation and policy to resolve water-related issues in Asia as well as to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Through a series of inter-parliamentary meetings, the concept of AAWC was developed. On 15 March 2019, parliamentarians from seven countries convened at the Preliminary Meeting of the AAWC in Manila and adopted the "Manila Statement," committing to legislative collaboration on water issues.

On 3 September 2019, sixteen parliamentarians from seven Asian countries convened in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea to officially launch the '**Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board (AAWC)**', declared their political will in 'Seoul Statement' and delivered the written commitments into their respective national laws, policies to intensify joint efforts to advance water-related cooperation in Asia.

AAWC Organization



AAWC Timeline

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2016

Aug

Committee on Transport High-level Meeting, Thailand
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2017

Jul

National Committee on Trade and Transport Facilitation, Mongolia

During the meetings, the need of involvement of the legislative branch to effectively resolve water issues was discussed
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2018

Apr

9th World Water Forum, Brazil
- Mar

International Conference on Water, Environment and Climate Change, Nepal

During the meetings, the need of involvement of the legislative branch to effectively resolve water issues was discussed
- Aug

Korea-Vietnam Water Management Seminar
 7th AWC Board of Council Meeting

Drafted the concept of the ‘Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board’ and requested support from Asian countries
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2019

Mar

3rd AWC General Assembly, Philippines

Preliminary meeting for organizing the ‘Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board’
- Sep

1st AAWC General Assembly & 1st Board Meeting, Republic of Korea

*Election of the 1st President of AAWC
(H.E. Seung-yong Joo, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea)
Establishment of the AAWC Constitution and Declaration of Seoul Statement*
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2020

Sep

2nd AAWC Board Meeting (Jeju Island, Republic of Korea)

*Election of the 2nd President of AAWC
(H.E. Jae-il Byun, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea)
Enhancement of collaboration with Asia Water Council(AWC) including Water Project and Policy Research*
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2021

Mar

3rd AAWC Board Meeting (Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea)

*Declared Vision and Mission of AAWC
Signed MoU between Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), AWC and AAWC concerning on collaboration projects*



1st AAWC General Assembly



2nd Board Meeting



3rd Board Meeting

- ▼ **2022** **Mar** 4th AAWC Board Meeting (Labuan Bajo, Indonesia)

Hosted along with 2nd Asia International Water Week (AIWW)
Discussed Action Plans for the Parliamentarian Declaration

- ▼ **2023** **May** 5th AAWC Board Meeting (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

Conducted High-level Round-table in connection with the Board Meeting
Adopted Phnom Penh Statement
Participated in the 10th World Water Forum (WWF)

- ▼ **2024** **May** 6th AAWC Board Meeting (Bali, Indonesia)

Election of 3rd President of AAWC
(H.E. Jeoung-ae Han, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea)
Adopted Bali Statement
Participated in the 3rd AIWW

- Nov** 7th AAWC Board Meeting &
AAWC 1st Climate and Water Round-table (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

Presentation and Discussion on the Policy Research & Korea's Overseas Projects
focused on the Asian Region

- ▼ **2025** **Jul** 8th AAWC Board Meeting &
AAWC 2nd Climate and Water Round-table (Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic)

Adopted Bishkek Statement
Presentation and Discussion on the Oversea Projects & Technical Seminar

4th Board Meeting5th Board Meeting6th Board Meeting7th AAWC Board Meeting8th AAWC Board MeetingAAWC 2nd Climate and Water Round-table

What does AAWC do?

AAWC aims to enable sustainable water management in the Asia region by promoting cooperation among Asian lawmakers in legislative and political dimensions for solving Asian water problems, sharing cases of law making and suggesting appropriate legislative alternatives, and collecting feedback from various water experts and stakeholders in accordance with the purpose of the 'Preliminary Meeting of the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board' and the 'Manila Statement.' AAWC's activities will have synergy effects when they are linked with the AWC's Water Projects, Policy Research outcomes, and technical assistance to be implemented in a timely and sustainable manner.

Mission

Achieving Asia's Water Prosperity

Vision

Supporting the common prosperity of all Asians through water-related legislative activities

Objectives

Promoting the lawmakers' diplomacy to expand water management cooperation in Asia by discussing the seriousness of water-related problems, sharing water-related legislative activities of each country, and linking them with the main activities of AAWC

Key Activities of AAWC

- 1 **Share** each member country's data, including but not limited to cases of law making and policies regarding water management
- 2 **Suggest** the establishment and amendment of laws regarding water management
- 3 **Publicize** Asian water issues through participation in international water conferences and political sessions
- 4 **Conduct** Policy Research on laws and policies regarding water management and examine their applicability in the context of Asia
- 5 **Cooperate** with Asian water organizations such as the Asia Water Council
- 6 **Pursue** other water-related activities needed to achieve its objectives

Why AAWC?

Legislative & Political Support



Sharing legislative practices and water management policy



Technical & Practical Solutions



Selecting practical water projects and providing technical consultation



Achieving the SDGs in Asia, Asia's Water Prosperity



To provide a full range of Water Policy, Legislative, Technical solutions to achieve 'Sustainable Asia and Prosperity with Water'

What are the Benefits?




Knowledge Sharing

Share water policies and exemplary cases that contributed to resolving water problems in each country



Networking

Build a cooperative network between Asian lawmakers to strengthen water-related legislation and policy implementation



Human Rights

Provide a platform for institutional and policy implementation to achieve basic human rights for clean water and sanitation

Who are the AAWC Members?

AAWC Members are incumbent lawmakers who agree with the objectives of AAWC and have expressed their intention to carry out the Member's obligations and responsibilities stated in the AAWC Constitution.

As of Aug 2025, AAWC is composed of 26 members from 10 countries in Asia. AAWC is open to parliamentarians from Asian countries who are seeking effective and practical legislative measures to strengthen water resources management in their respective countries.

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How to join AAWC?

Qualification

- Incumbent parliamentarians in Asian countries who are interested in resolving water-related issues through their legislative mandates

Member's Rights

- Members have the right to vote at the Board Meeting
- Members can apply for the Board Membership consecutively
- Members can suggest potential AAWC activities at the Board Meeting
- Members can receive materials and publications produced by AAWC and review materials concerning AAWC operations

Succession of Membership

- If a member loses his/her own position and is no longer an incumbent in their respective Parliament/National Assembly, he/she should recommend a successor by submitting a replacement proposal to the Secretariat; then the membership of that country in AAWC will be maintained.



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