

# 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.

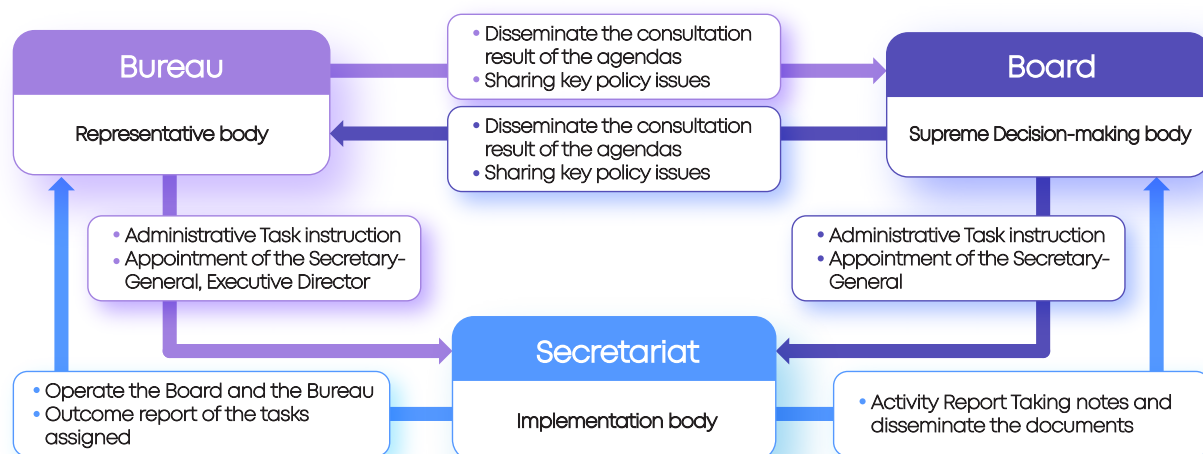
This initiative aligns with the objectives of the Asia Water Council (AWC), founded in 2016 to promote sustainable growth in Asia by ensuring clean and sufficient water through practical and technical support.

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

▼ 2016	Aug	Committee on Transport High-level Meeting, Thailand
▼ 2017	Jul	National Committee on Trade and Transport Facilitation, Mongolia <i>During the meetings, the need of involvement of the legislative branch to effectively resolve water issues was discussed</i>
▼ 2018	Apr	9 <sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Brazil
	Mar	International Conference on Water, Environment and Climate Change, Nepal <i>During the meetings, the need of involvement of the legislative branch to effectively resolve water issues was discussed</i>
	Aug	Korea-Vietnam Water Management Seminar 7 <sup>th</sup> AWC Board of Council Meeting <i>Drafted the concept of the 'Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board' and requested support from Asian countries</i>
▼ 2019	Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> AWC General Assembly, Philippines <i>Preliminary meeting for organizing the 'Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board'</i>
	Sep	1 <sup>st</sup> AAWC General Assembly & 1 <sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, Republic of Korea <i>Election of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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</i>
▼ 2020	Sep	2 <sup>nd</sup> AAWC Board Meeting (Jeju Island, Republic of Korea) <i>Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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</i>



1<sup>st</sup> AAWC General Assembly



2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting



3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting



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**2021**

Mar

**3<sup>rd</sup> AAWC Board Meeting** (Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea)

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*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*
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**2022**

Mar

**4<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting** (Labuan Bajo, Indonesia)

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*Hosted along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia International Water Week (AIWW)*

*Discussed Action Plans for the Parliamentary Declaration*
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**2023**

May

**5<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting** (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

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*Conducted High-level Round-table in connection with the Board Meeting*

*Adopted Phnom Penh Statement*

*Participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF)*
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**2024**

May

**6<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting** (Bali, Indonesia)

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*Election of 3<sup>rd</sup> President of AAWC*

*(H.E. Jeoung-ae Han, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea)*

*Adopted Bali Statement*

*Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> AIWW*
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**2024**

Nov

**7<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting & AAWC Climate and Water Round-table** (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

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


4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Parliamentary Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> WWF

7<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting


AAWC 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?

## Achieving the SDGs in Asia, Asia's Water Prosperity



Legislative &  
Political Support



Sharing legislative  
practices and water  
management policy



Technical &  
Practical Solutions



Selecting practical water  
projects and providing  
technical consultation



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.

## Bureau



**Jeoung-ae Han**  
President  
National Assembly of  
the Republic of Korea



**Amresh Singh**  
Vice President  
Federal Parliament of  
Nepal



**Suos Yara**  
Vice President  
National Assembly of  
Cambodia



**Daniyar Tolonov**  
Vice President  
Supreme Council of  
the Kyrgyz Republic



**Ju-young Kim**  
Treasurer  
National Assembly of  
the Republic of Korea

## Members



**Tae-young Eom**  
Member  
National Assembly of  
the Republic of Korea



**Sung-won Kim**  
Member  
National Assembly of  
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**Jeung Park**  
Member  
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the Republic of Korea

## Members



**Khut Chandara**

Member  
National Assembly of  
the Kingdom of Cambodia



**Hongkham  
Souvannavong**

Member  
National Assembly of  
Laos



**Khammouane  
Xomsihapanya**

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Parliament of the Republic  
of Kazakhstan



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Supreme Council of  
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Parliament of Sri Lanka



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Nepal



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Federal Parliament of  
Nepal



**Romeo S. Momo**

Member  
House of Representatives  
of the Philippines



**Yevgeny Emanov**

Member  
House of Representatives  
of the Philippines

## Secretariat



**Seung-jae Ha**

Secretary-General,  
AAWC



**Chung-woo Lee**

International  
Cooperation Director,  
AAWC



# 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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