

The Partnership for Agricultural Water for Africa



### Steering Committee/Partners Meeting

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#### Being an AgWA member/partner means....

- ✓ Supporting sustained agricultural growth in Africa
- ✓ Contributing to African socio-economic development
- **how?** by pooling either financial/in kind resources or technical knowledge
- **in return...** partners belong to a wide network of AWM organizations and professionals that share interests and most-up-to date knowledge in AWM





#### **Current AgWA partners**







#### **Proposed types of membership**

#### **Funding partners**

- Provide financial support (by funding projects or through the basket fund proposed)
- Do in kind contributions (office space, material and equipment, expert knowledge, etc.)
- ✓ Members in the Steering Committee
- ✓ Right to vote in partners meetings

#### Non funding partners

Only make in kind contributions- share interests and most-up-to date knowledge in AWM





#### **Membership criteria**

Open to any organization or network with an interest in and capacity for contributing to promotion of effective AWM in Africa.

Governments, donors, NGOs, research and educational institutions, private sector and civil society organizations at all levels (international, national).

AgWA will be more proactive in including the **civil society** and **universities/research institutions** 

### more specifically...

✓ Any aspect of AWM in the scope of partners' work.

- Evidence on the will to improve AWM through more environmentalfriendly socially-equitable initiatives.
- ✓ The geographical coverage of partners' work should include Africa.
- The added value of each partner and partners' commitments towards AgWA has to be justified.







#### **Host institution**



The Secretariat is currently hosted by **FAO** at its **Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE)** in Addis Ababa.

Proposal: Secretariat to stay at FAO SFE for 2 more years

StaffAgWA Coordinator, Assistant, Specific-Task ConsultantsTechnical Backstopping by FAO-HQs/Decentralized Offices



### **SECRETARIAT**

#### **Terms of reference**

- ✓ Keep **communications** with partners
- ✓ Identify future partners
- Prepare terms of reference for consultants that will prepare specific reports, studies, etc.
- ✓ Supervise and support the work of consultants.
- ✓ Attend AWM related events and meetings
- ✓ Organize AgWA related events and meetings
- ✓ Support and supervise the implementation of AgWA projects
- ✓ Prepare the AgWA progress report
- ✓ Work to transform AgWA into a legal entity



### STEERING COMMITTEE

### Members Steering Committee to be constituted of up to 12 partners

#### **Terms of reference**

- ✓ Provide overall strategic guidance and advice to develop AgWA
- Review and approve the future Operational, Governance and Financing Plans, any major changes in the core operation of AgWA
- ✓ Review and approve major **memoranda of understanding**
- ✓ Identify opportunities for AgWA to promote AWM
- Act as champions supporting both the development of AgWA and its broader goals and objectives
- Engage African inter-governmental organizations
- Engage regional and international organizations and development partners supportive of AWM





### AgWA's LEGAL STATUS

## The partnership should become a legal entity at the pan-African level

#### **Typologies**

- ✓ **Registration:** international NGO, Society, or Trust.
- Based at country level (e.g. WaterNet) or to apply for registration through the African Union Commission in order to get diplomatic status (e.g. FARA).
- ✓ **Time frame** for AgWA to become a legal entity: 2–5 years





### THANK YOU YOUR ATTENTION!!





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