

Wetland City Network Action Plan 2025-2028

Purpose

Following the 2nd Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors held in Amiens in France, Members of the Wetland City Network endorsed the Wetland City Network Strategic Plan 2022-2028. The Strategic Plan outlines the vision, objectives and targets of the Network for the next seven years to guide the Network in fulfilling its purpose as a platform that:

1. enables effective communication among Wetland Cities;
2. promotes information exchange on experiences and lessons learned in managing urban and peri-urban wetlands with respect to local policies;
3. facilitates dialogues to develop environmental and socio-economic cooperation among Wetland Cities; and
4. provides access to exchanges of resources among network members.

The Wetland City Network Action Plan provides the basis for operationalizing the Strategic Plan through specific activities for implementation by the Wetland Cities and the Wetland City Network Secretariat, in cooperation with partner organizations. These activities may be updated, as necessary, to reflect the priority needs of the Wetland Cities.

Action Plan

The Wetland City Network Action Plan prescribes a three-pronged approach to implementation: (1) between Wetland Cities, (2) between Wetland Cities and the Wetland City Network Secretariat, and (3) between Wetland Cities and partner organizations. Each activity in the Action Plan aims to contribute to the achievement of specific targets and objectives under the Strategic Plan.

1. Wetland City – Wetland City

Direct coordination and implementation of activities are freely carried out by Wetland Cities.

- 1.1. establish friendly relations and forge formal partnerships as “sister cities”
- 1.2. collaborate with non-government organizations and government-led educational institutions to promote Wetland Schools and to carry out “school twinning”
- 1.3. share information between Wetland Cities with similar conditions
- 1.4. organize learning exchange visits and internship exchange programs involving target groups at the executive, technical and youth levels
- 1.5. facilitate transfer of artificial intelligence-based technologies for monitoring wetlands
- 1.6. share and mobilize financial resources for implementation of priority wetland projects

2. Wetland City – Wetland City Network Secretariat

Wetland Cities specifically define activities or services that are expected to be delivered by the Wetland City Network Secretariat.

- 2.1. organize and deliver in-person or virtual training events and technical level meetings
- 2.2. assist in coordinating and establishing cooperation among Wetland Cities
- 2.3. facilitate matching of Wetland Cities based on common characteristics and interests
- 2.4. develop and maintain a website and web magazine for sharing of news articles and related materials from Wetland Cities
- 2.5. establish a communication channel where Wetland Cities can seek technical advice from wetland experts
- 2.6. extend assistance in accessing international grants for projects on wetland conservation and wise use

3. Wetland City – Partner organizations

Wetland Cities identify scientific or technical assistance to be requested from partner organizations or wetland experts.

- 3.1. disseminate case studies on wetland conservation efforts being done in areas other than Wetland Cities
- 3.2. provide technical advice on wetland management planning, monitoring and evaluation, and information that will support decision-making
- 3.3. collaborate with relevant government agencies, non-government organizations and academic institutions to carry out community outreach programs and scientific studies
- 3.4. recommend measures to raise the profile of Wetland Cities by maximizing the benefits derived from the wise use of wetland resources
- 3.5. assist potential Wetland Cities in the accreditation process