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– your gateway to water knowledge

Danish Water Forum, DWF, established in 2002, is your gateway to the Danish Water Sector. DWF embraces the Danish stakeholders within water and encompasses research, development, export and knowledge-sharing and we cover all parts of the hydrological cycle, clean water as well as wastewater. Our 45+ members include several companies with global representation in goods and services.

A membership of DWF is open to all Danish organizations within water and relevant actors in related fields such as governance, environment, agriculture, and health. We seek to contribute to close interaction and integration between research, technology, society, development, and the water sector and we represent contractors, industries and manufacturers, water utilities, consultants, research institutions, organizations, and government bodies.

Our aim is:

- To promote knowledge sharing on national and global water issues, knowledge transfer and international exposure of Danish competencies within water.
- To strengthen cooperation within research, technology development and innovation between national and international stakeholders in the water sector.
- To strengthen the visibility internationally of the Danish competencies within water – a trademark of quality and efficiency.

DWF is a member of World Water Council (WWC), European Water Association (EWA), International Water Association (IWA) and the Danish national IWA committee, Northern Water Network (NoWNET - for water fora in Europe, Korea and Japan), and Water Europe.

Join us and enjoy the benefits from collective action and working with many of the Danish world-leading companies. Send your request to dwf@danishwaterforum.dk

Resent International Footprints:

- 2025: IWA 2026 Glasgow, UK. DWF Initiator for a Groundwater Forum (pre-accepted)
- 2025: DWF Co-convener for session during Stockholm World Water Week, together with the Northern Water Network (NoWNET)
- 2024: Organizing a Groundwater Forum during the IWA World Congress in Toronto, Canada
- 2024: DWF signs MoU with Ukrainian Water Association
- 2024: DWF Co-convener for session during Stockholm World Water Week, together with NoWNET (celebrating the 20th anniversary of NoWNET)
- 2023: 2023 UN Water Conference, New York, USA. DWF session lead with World Bank on the hidden wealth of access to groundwater, together with the Danish ministry of Environment with participation of Minister of Environment Magnus Heunicke
- 2023: DWF Co-convener for session during Stockholm World Water Week, together with NoWNET
- 2022: The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France: DWF session lead on groundwater management and assessment.
- 2022: DWF Co-convener for session during Stockholm World Water Week, together with NoWNET
- 2022: DWF participating in the IWA World water congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. Sponsor of events.
- 2021: DWF co-convener of Danish Indian Water Days in India
- 2021: DWF signs MoU with Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI)

National events:

- 2004-2025: DWF annual Water Research Conference with 120+ participants and 40+ presentations and abstracts

Danish Water Forum History

Danish Water Forum was founded in 2002 by the former Director of the Danish Water Quality Institute, Dr. Torkil Jønch-Clausen. The aim was to strengthen the Danish water sector and to create an organisation to cover all steps of the water cycle: water users, water utilities, manufacturers and producers, universities, consultants and ministries. The founding fathers were Grundfos, Danfoss, COWI and DHI. The Secretariat was since been hosted by DHI. DWF is governed by a Board of Directors of 16 members currently chaired by the utility Novafos.

Through the years, Danish Water Forum has been focussing on knowledge-sharing and dissemination of the results from the latest research to enable the water sector to develop. One of the vehicles for dissemination has been the annual water research conferences, where, DWF together with IWA, among others, supports young water professionals with academic advice, poster competitions and professional networking.

Until 2012, DWF acted on behalf of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in creating research and capacity building networks between Danish universities and universities in Africa and Asia. In 2012 the role as mediator between universities in Denmark and Africa and Asia was given to the universities themselves.

Several studies linked to water in a broad context were initiated during the period, where DWF was the mediator.

DWF has been convening several Danish export events with special focus on India, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam to promote the Danish services and products to assist countries to use groundwater as a primary source for water supply.

Members (private and public)

- Knowledge centres (public): 2
- Utilities (public): 5
- Water-related Organisations (NGO): 4
- Consultants (private): 19
- Universities and university colleges (public): 7
- Producers/manufacturers (private): 11

The DWF Secretariat



The Secretariat is the hub of DWF where all our activities are coordinated and co-developed. The Secretariat is mainly servicing our members and our board. The Secretary General of the Secretariat is Mr Jesper Goodley Dannisoee, who is a water professional and a senior ecologist with working experience from 45+ countries and 20 years in the Secretariat.

Jesper has been working with a wide range of water-related issues over the last 35 years, ranging from marine surveys, freshwater studies and climate change projects, besides running the DWF secretariat. Since 2005 he has been engaged with Danish Water Forum, where he for the last eight years has been the director general. Together with members of DWF, Jesper carried out the first non-revenue water study in India in 2013 in Gujarat.

The annual budget for the secretariat is approx. 35,000 €

If you want to learn more about the Danish water sector, please feel free to contact Mr Jesper Goodley Dannisoee at dwf@danishwaterforum.dk and he can assist you in your journey.
