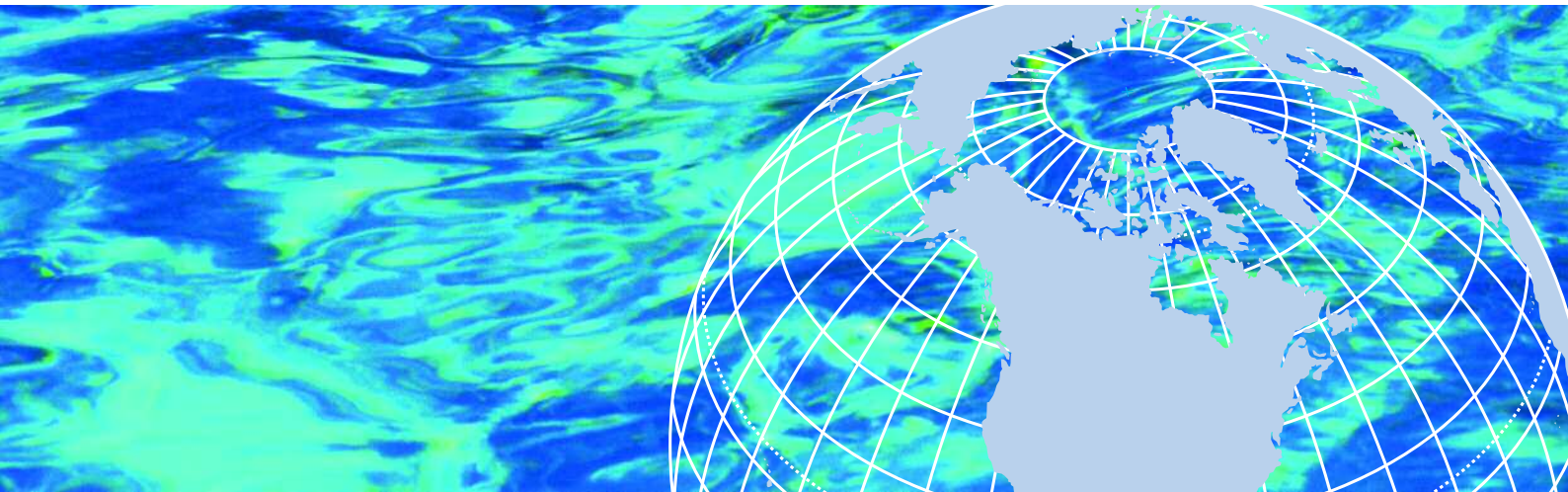


AquaFed

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
PRIVATE WATER OPERATORS



AquaFed is an association set up to connect international organisations with private sector providers of water and waste water services.

It will do this on the international scene, representing the operators through direct membership and through their national associations.

AquaFed membership is open to all privately controlled companies irrespective of their size or location.

Filling a gap

AquaFed exists to connect private water operators, public institutions and civil society organisations.

Private Water Operators have been instrumental in helping to shape and raise awareness of growing water issues at the international level. Partnerships with the private sector have also been acknowledged as being one of the motors for progress and development for the sector.

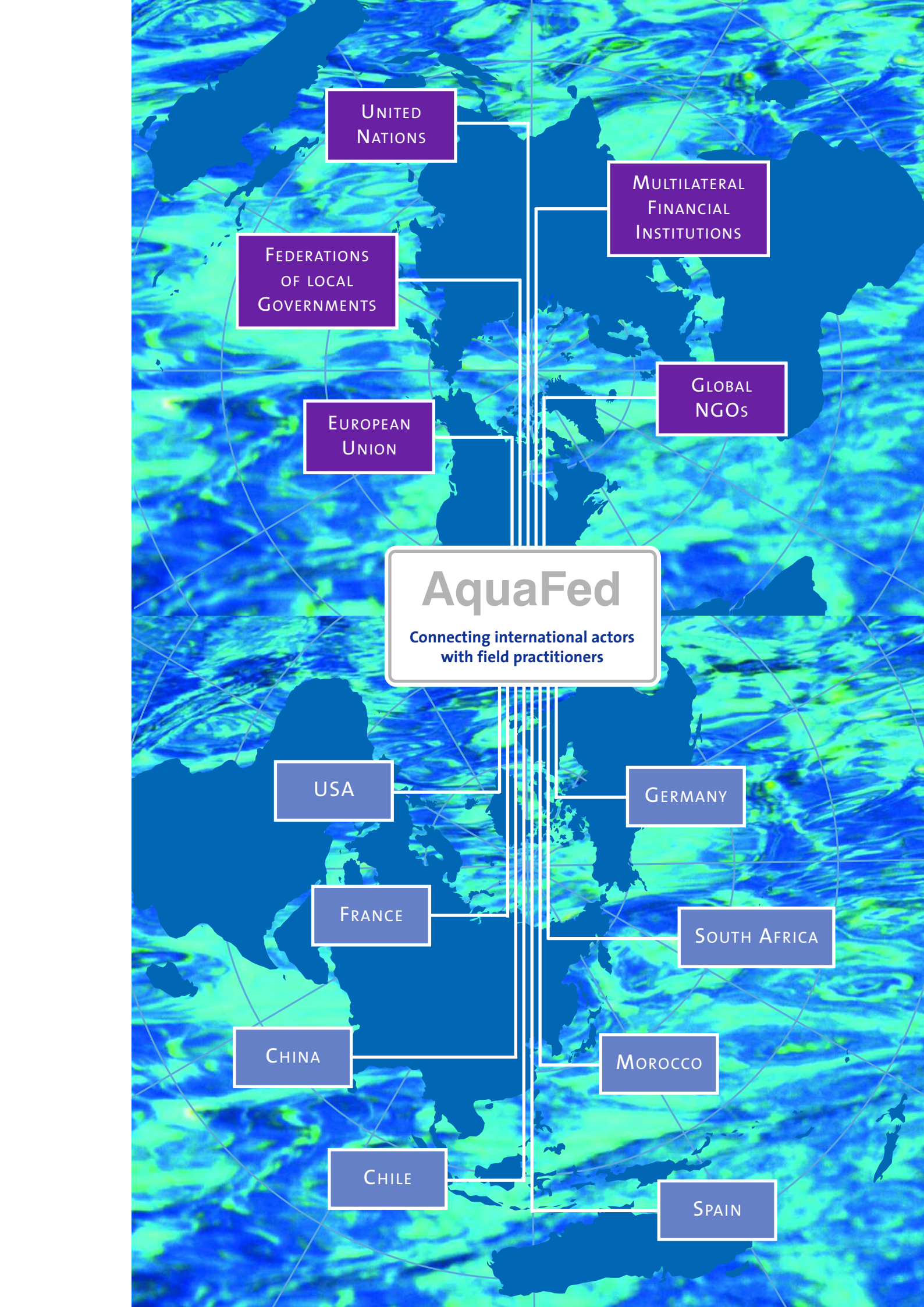
Up to now, Private Water Operators as a body have not been represented internationally. Public Institutions, governments and other interested international parties have lacked a way of communicating with the sector as a whole, being limited to ad hoc contacts with individual companies or to third party information.

The creation of AquaFed responds to real demands from many international organisations. Private Water Operators now have a legitimate industry Federation that will represent them internationally.

Through AquaFed, private service operators will be able to jointly collaborate with all other stakeholders in order to find practical solutions to water issues facing the world: economic development, improved health and living conditions, poverty alleviation, climate change impacts, to name but a few.

AquaFed already brings together over 200 water service providers from more than 30 countries all over the world. It is the natural representative and point of contact between the Private Water Operators' Industry and international organisations.

**Over 200
Water Service
Providers
operating
in 38 countries
worldwide**



UNITED NATIONS

FEDERATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

EUROPEAN UNION

AquaFed
Connecting international actors with field practitioners

USA

FRANCE

CHINA

CHILE

MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

GLOBAL NGOS

GERMANY

SOUTH AFRICA

MOROCCO

SPAIN

MISSIONS

To provide a channel between private providers of water / wastewater services and key international actors.

A reliable industry representative body to communicate with:

- United Nations
- World Bank and other Multilateral Financing Institutions
- European institutions
- Major NGOs
- Intergovernmental and international conferences

To contribute to solving the world's water issues by working with the international community and making the private sector experience available.

AquaFed contributes to international debates on water-related problems. It constructively supports and proposes ideas to help the international community to meet these challenges.

AquaFed focuses on the reality of the problems on the ground by taking advantage of members':

- Practical experience and solutions
- Know-how and technology
- Ability to innovate

To promote private sector participation in water and wastewater management and to demonstrate its legitimacy.

While the worldwide footprint of private sector operators is all too often overestimated, its contribution to public health and sustainable development is greatly underestimated by the international community.

AquaFed works to close this gap by:

- Drafting common positions and messages
- Promoting industry results and performance
- Contributing through AquaFed members to Sustainable Development and to meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals

GOVERNANCE

AquaFed has been established as a not for profit association governed by Articles of Association, Bylaws and a Code of Ethics.

AquaFed is directed by its members through an annual **General Meeting**, which determines the objectives and strategies.

The Executive Committee (appointed by the General Meeting) is responsible for:

- The daily administration of AquaFed
- The development of the Federation's positions on water challenges facing the international community
- Overseeing the pursuit of the Federation's objectives

KEY FUNCTIONING PRINCIPLES

AquaFed's objectives and core strategy are developed through regular consultation with its members.

Working Groups will prepare the Federation's positions and messages on relevant water sector issues, in order to share consistent messages on the international scene.

AquaFed positions and messages respect the diversity of its members and their various ways of operating.

Examples of Working Group Themes:

Organisation of Water Services Provision:

- Range of options for Private Sector Participation
- Success factors

Water Management: experience of the private sector

- Contributions, results
- Efficiency and performance

Access to water and sanitation

Monitoring & Benchmarking

Financing

- How to combine public and private funds
- Sustainable cost recovery – Affordable pricing

MEMBERS

AquaFed membership is open to all private companies that are active in public water and/or wastewater service management through contracts, joint-ventures or licenses, concluded with public authorities.

AquaFed membership categories:

- National industry associations
- Corporate Members
- Associate Members

Their main area of activities of the member companies must be operation of water/wastewater services.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

International debates will be enriched through the active participation of the private water industry, with contributions based on a wide range of field experience and know-how.

The Federation's legitimacy stems from the diversity of its members.

AquaFed looks forward to developing its role as a channel linking private water operators for a brighter water future worldwide.



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