

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WATER LAW
(AIDA)**

Art. 1 - The name of the Association shall be **International Association for Water Law**, for which the acronym “AIDA” will be used in recognition of the Association’s name in Spanish (Asociación Internacional de Derecho de Aguas), and herein called “the Association”.

Art. 2 - The Association, created in Washington, D.C., the United States of America, on May 30th, 1967, is a private, international, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organization operated exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes.

Art. 3 - The principal office and secretariat of the Association shall be located in the place designated by the Executive Council.

Art. 4 - The purpose of the Association is to foster the evolution, study, knowledge, understanding and application of water law, at the local, regional, national, and international levels of governance, with a view to the development of water law and institutions related to domestic and transboundary water resources.

Art. 5 - The Association shall consist of individuals and institutions from throughout the world who express a desire to cooperate with the Association in its purposes and objectives and abide by its Articles of Associations and Bylaws. The Bylaws shall specify the types of regular and other types of membership and eligibility, and the Executive Council shall have the authority to register and remove Association members from the Association register.

Art. 6 - The authority to manage and oversee the affairs of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Council composed of elected directors or officers, and a General Assembly, composed of individual members in good standing, as defined in the Bylaws.

Art. 7 - The Executive Chair of the Association shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and legal representative of the Association.

Art. 8 - The number of directors or officers of the Association, their powers and duties, qualifications, tenure, manner of election, and all other matters pertaining to the directors or officers shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Association.

Article 9 - The funds of the Association include membership dues, donations, grants of modest value, contributions, sponsorships and any other proceeds from activities, which may also include those of a commercial nature that are instrumental, but not predominant, to the pursuit of the Association’s institutional goals. The Association may not grant, directly or indirectly, any proceeds or amounts made available by the conduct of the Association’s activities, unless the destination or distribution are required or permitted by law.

Art. 10 - Membership obligations and benefits for each category of membership shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Art. 11 - These Articles of Association may be amended by a two-thirds majority of eligible Association members who participate in the vote where at least a simple majority of the members of the Association who are in good standing participates in the vote.

Art. 12 - Existence

- A. The period of existence of the Association shall be perpetual, unless merged with another organization of similar goals and objectives or dissolved by at least a four-fifths vote of the Executive Council and thereafter approved by a two-thirds majority of eligible Association members who participate in the vote where at least a simple majority of the members of the Association who are in good standing participates in the vote.

- B. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all Association assets shall be donated to another non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organization as determined by the Executive Council. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member.

Art. 13 - Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted and amended by either the Executive Council or the Members of the Association in such form as they may choose that is consistent with these Articles of Association.

Art. 14 - Miscellaneous

- A. The founding members of the Association are those who participated in the Constitutive Session on May 30th, 1967, in Washington, DC and include:
 - 1) **Regular Members:** Charles Campet, Guillermo J. Cano, Dante A. Caponera, Vicente Giner, Robert D. Hayton, Armaldo Merino, G.W. Putto, José Rojas Garcidueñas, Isidoro Zanotti, Rafael Tasso.
 - 2) **Associate Members:** Luis Cabrera, Mariano de la Hoz.

- B. The predecessor to these Articles of Association, described as a “Charter,” was unanimously subscribed in Valencia, Spain, on 24 March 1968 by the Interim Committee and was amended by the Executive Council on 30 June 1997, 31 October 2001, 25 June 2003, 29 December 2008. These Articles of Association were unanimously subscribed on 31 May 2022.