



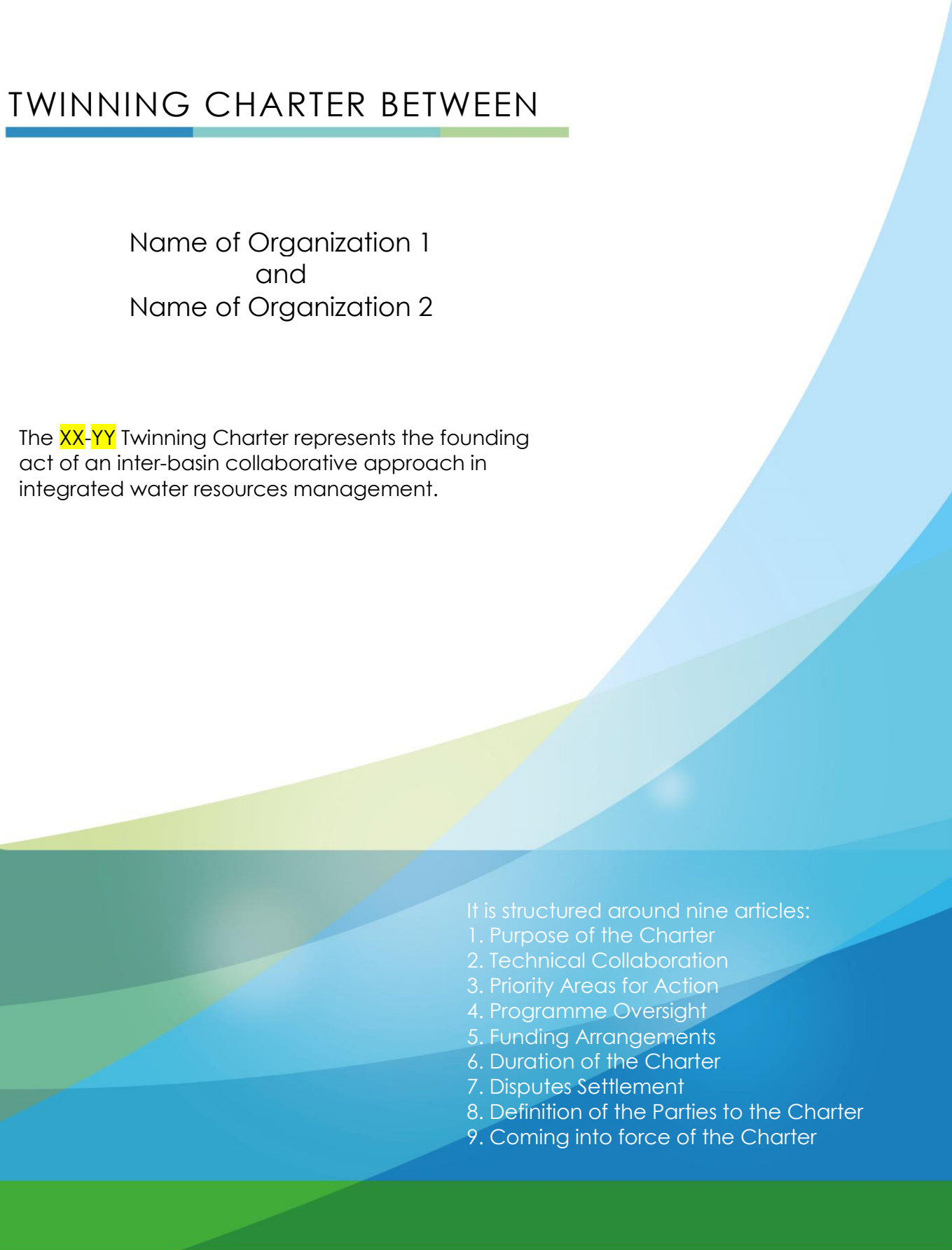
TWINNING CHARTER BETWEEN




Name of Organization 1
and
Name of Organization 2

The **XX-YY** Twinning Charter represents the founding act of an inter-basin collaborative approach in integrated water resources management.

It is structured around nine articles:

1. Purpose of the Charter
 2. Technical Collaboration
 3. Priority Areas for Action
 4. Programme Oversight
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 6. Duration of the Charter
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Considering the growing importance of sustainable integrated water resources management;

Considering that Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in xx and yy countries addresses the common goal of promoting better use of water resources to protect aquatic, terrestrial and riparian ecosystems while supporting economic and social development;

Considering that the chosen management approaches are different and can inspire one another;

Considering that the continued development of interactions and spontaneous technical exchanges between the basin organizations contribute to the protection and sustainable use of water in their respective territories;

Convinced of the benefits:


- of collaboration in the field of integrated water resources management and the need to protect the environment especially aquatic environments.
- of a comparison between the work processes, joint actions, knowledge and assessment of data on aquatic environments;

AND

based on laws applicable in xx and yy countries,

the Parties pledge to undertake joint initiatives based on the principles defined in the following articles.





Article 1: Purpose of the Charter

The Charter aims to define an initiatives programme and establish priority areas for action to improve the integrated water resources management for **XX** and **YY**¹ basins.

It is signed by the Parties subject to the approval of the executive authorities of the institutions concerned.

Article 2: Technical Collaboration

For the duration of this twinning, the Parties agree to develop an initiatives programme that will consist mainly of:

- Exchanging general and scientific information, technical documentation, tools and experiences for the mutual enhancement of their knowledge on integrated water management;
- Organizing technical visits and other activities (seminars, conferences, workshops) aimed at increasing knowledge and building awareness on topics of common interest;
- Carrying out expert studies and missions of common interest for each basin;
- Holding regular meetings (which can be done remotely) between the representatives of the two basin organizations.²


Article 3: Priority Areas for Action


The priority areas for action targeted by the Parties concerned are the following:

- initiatives in terms of communication, awareness-building and education for greater public involvement in integrated water resources management;
- Improving governance methods within the basins by strengthening collaboration between all local users and decision-makers;

¹ See the «Description of the twin organizations» in Appendix 1

² Points 1 to 4 are provided for information purposes only. The twin organizations are requested to modify and/or add specific points.



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- Identifying problems with the implementation of integrated water management including institutional and socio-economic issues;
 - Improving the methods and tools for the management of an evaluation and information system based on reliable databases and relevant indicators.³

Article 4: Programme Oversight

The Parties agree to hold regular meetings to coordinate the implementation, evaluation and updates of their twinning.

The **xx and yy** national basin organizations and the regional networks of the International Network of Basin Organizations (**xx and yy**⁴) act in support of the twinning.

Article 5: Funding Arrangements

No financial commitment of any kind is attached to this Charter. Each Party shall bear its own travel and mission expenses for initiatives implemented in the context of this Charter. Any joint action will be subject to a special agreement regarding its cost, funding arrangements and the responsibilities of each Party.


Article 6: Duration of the Charter


This Charter is not a fixed protocol, but shall be scalable and allow the necessary adjustments as per the evolution of the parties concerned and their respective territories. The aim, therefore, is to enhance it as proposed by the partners.

The Twinning Charter is effective for a period of 2 years.

³ The priority areas for action listed in Article 3 are for information purposes only. The twin organizations are requested to modify and/or add specific points.

⁴ The eight regional networks of the INBO are : the [North American Network of Basin Organizations](#), the [African Network of Basin Organizations](#), the [Latin-American Network of Basin Organizations](#), the [Network of Asian River Basin Organizations](#), the [Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian Network of Basin Organizations](#) , the [Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organization](#)n and the [Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations](#).





Article 7: Disputes Settlement

Any dispute arising from the implementation or interpretation of this Charter shall be settled by mutual agreement between the Parties.

Article 8: Definition of the Parties to the Charter

Add a short description of each of the Parties concerned specifying:

- The type of organization (governmental, NGO, etc.)
- The date it was founded
- Its mission

NB. The detailed description of the organizations may be added in Appendix 1.

Article 9: Coming into force of the Charter

The Charter will take effect upon signature, with the prior approval of the Board of Directors or the authorized executives of each of the Parties concerned.

Signed at **Place**, on **date**


For name of organization 2

For name of organization 2

Name of the Representative _____

_____ Name of the Representative





Appendix 1 - Description of the twin organizations

Please specify here:

- The mission and mandates of the organization
- The members of the organization
- The main laws and regulations governing its work
- A link to a website for more information





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