



CHARTER
OF THE
ASIAN RIVER RESTORATION NETWORK

Adopted at the sixth ARRN Governing Council Meeting, November 11th, 2011

Article 1 Name

This international information exchange network shall be called “Asian River Restoration Network” (hereinafter referred to as ARRN).

Article 2 Objectives

ARRN is a non-political organization for exchanging knowledge and technical information on the restoration of rivers and watersheds in Asia. The primary objective is to provide various opportunities for river restoration related organizations and individuals to share and exchange knowledge and experiences through this network, aiming to enrich the participants’ knowledge and scientific technology through mutual and multilateral cooperation.

Article 3 Categories of Activities

In order to attain the objectives stated above, activities in the following categories shall be carried out in relation to the restoration of rivers and watersheds:

- Activities for technical support
- Activities for research and development
- Activities for publication
- Activities for public relations

Article 4 Particulars of Activities

ARRN shall carry out the following activities in relation to the restoration of rivers and watersheds to attain the objectives defined in the Objectives.

- Activities involving exchanging and sharing information through newsletters to be distributed on the web-site and by e-mail.
- To hold workshops and forums with a view to provide a platform to introduce or compile information on the latest global waterfront situation and case studies of improved waterfront environment.
- To draw up or revise guidelines for the restoration of rivers and watersheds.
- To conduct joint studies to be undertaken by participating countries to support the provision of information for study purposes.
- To exchange lecturers from participating countries.
- To translate and publish books on the restoration of rivers and watershed.

ARRN will expand the scope of activities as required.

Article 5 Eligibility for Participation and Registration Procedure

1. ARRN shall accept applicant from administrative institution, private organization, researcher and individual to be a member of this network as long as they will follow the objectives of this network.

2. All participants shall register themselves with the Secretariat following the approach below.
3. In a country/region where “River Restoration Network” (hereinafter referred to as RRN) secretariat has already been established, applicants to ARRN should be registered through the RRN secretariat. In any country/region where there is no RRN, applicants to ARRN should be registered through the ARRN secretariat directly.

Article 6 Organization

ARRN is operated by the Governing Council. In this council, Information Committee and Technical Committee may be established to perform routine duties.

Article 7 Governing Council

1. The Governing Council make decisions on the management of ARRN such as the organizational framework and action plans.
2. The Governing Council is composed of the representative of each national RRN.
3. A Chairperson shall be appointed for the Governing Council, who is a qualified expert in the field of river restoration and his/her term of office is 2 years.
4. The chairperson will be nominated by each national RRN and be elected at the Governing Council meeting.
5. In the Governing Council, the following items can be proposed by any ARRN participant and the Secretariat shall be deliberated:
 - Decisions on the structure of the Governing Council and the Secretariat.
 - Decisions on the execution, revision and cancellation of this Charter
 - Decisions of the annual action plan and its implementation.
 - Other matters put on the agenda by participants

Article 8 Information Committee

1. The ARRN Information Committee aims at preparing future vision and activities of ARRN and sharing knowledge by establishing a toolbox.
2. Information Committee member shall be appointed by the representative of national RRN and his/her term of office is 2 years.

Article 9 Technical Committee

1. The ARRN Technical Committee aims at providing the technical methods for river restoration including the guideline for Asian countries.
2. Technical Committee member shall be appointed by the representative of national RRN and his/her term of office is 2 years.

Article 10 Secretariat

1. A Secretariat shall be established for the Governing Council. A Secretary General shall be appointed for the Secretariat by the chairperson.

2. The secretariat shall be appointed for the Governing Council by a rotation of national RRN. Consecutive re-nomination is possible and shall be agreed by the Governing Council Meeting. The term of office of the Secretariat is 2 years.
3. The Secretariat shall hold the Governing Council meeting.
4. The Secretariat shall submit an action plan and other matters for decision to the Governing Council.

Article 11 Funding for Activities

Funding for the activities of the Secretariat shall, in principle, be provided by the participants themselves who take charge of the Secretariat. However, cooperation may be solicited from other participants when necessary.

Article 12 Execution, Cancellation and Revision

This Charter shall come into force after it is signed by the representative of each national RRN and may be revised or canceled as required through deliberations in the Governing Council.

Memorandum:

The Charter was primarily proposed in accordance with the discussions between three organizations, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR), Korean Institute of Construction Technology (KICT) and Foundation for Riverfront Improvement and Restoration of Japan (RFC) in November 2006.

The Charter was amended by the fourth Governing Council on September 30, 2009, the fifth Governing Council on September 15, 2010, and the sixth Governing Council on November 11.