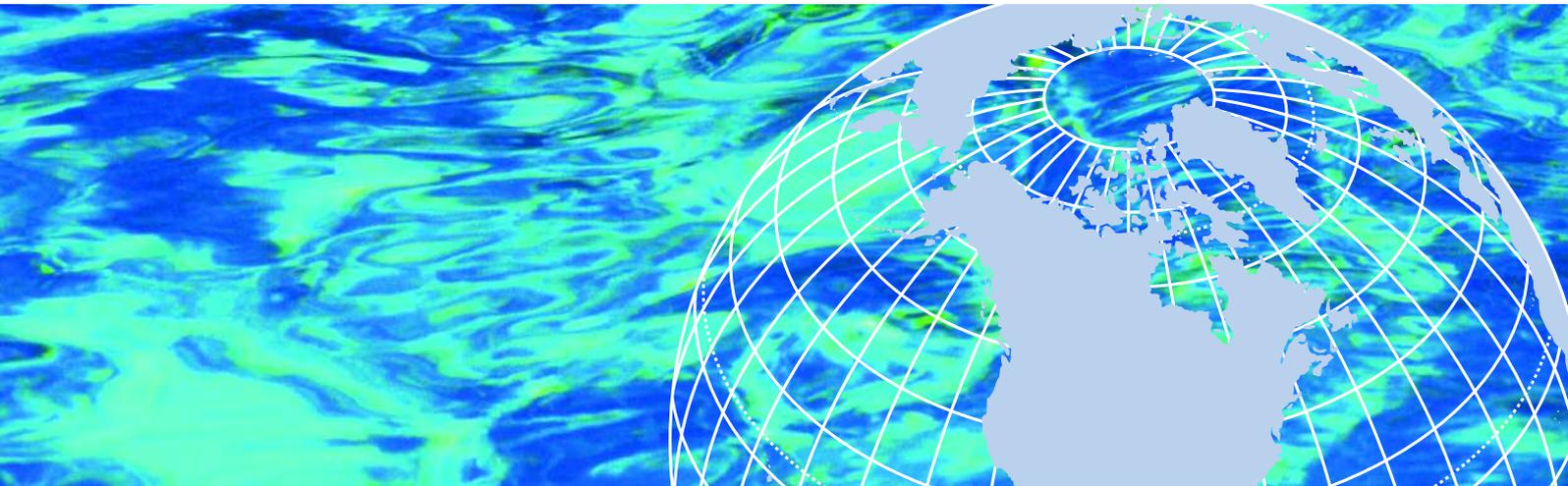


AquaFed

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
PRIVATE WATER OPERATORS



AquaFed is an association that connects international organisations with private sector providers of water and wastewater services.

AquaFed will do this in the international arena, representing the operators through direct membership and through their national associations.

AquaFed membership is open to all privately controlled companies that provide public water services, 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 water issues around the world. Partnerships with the private sector are one of the motors for progress and development in water and sanitation.

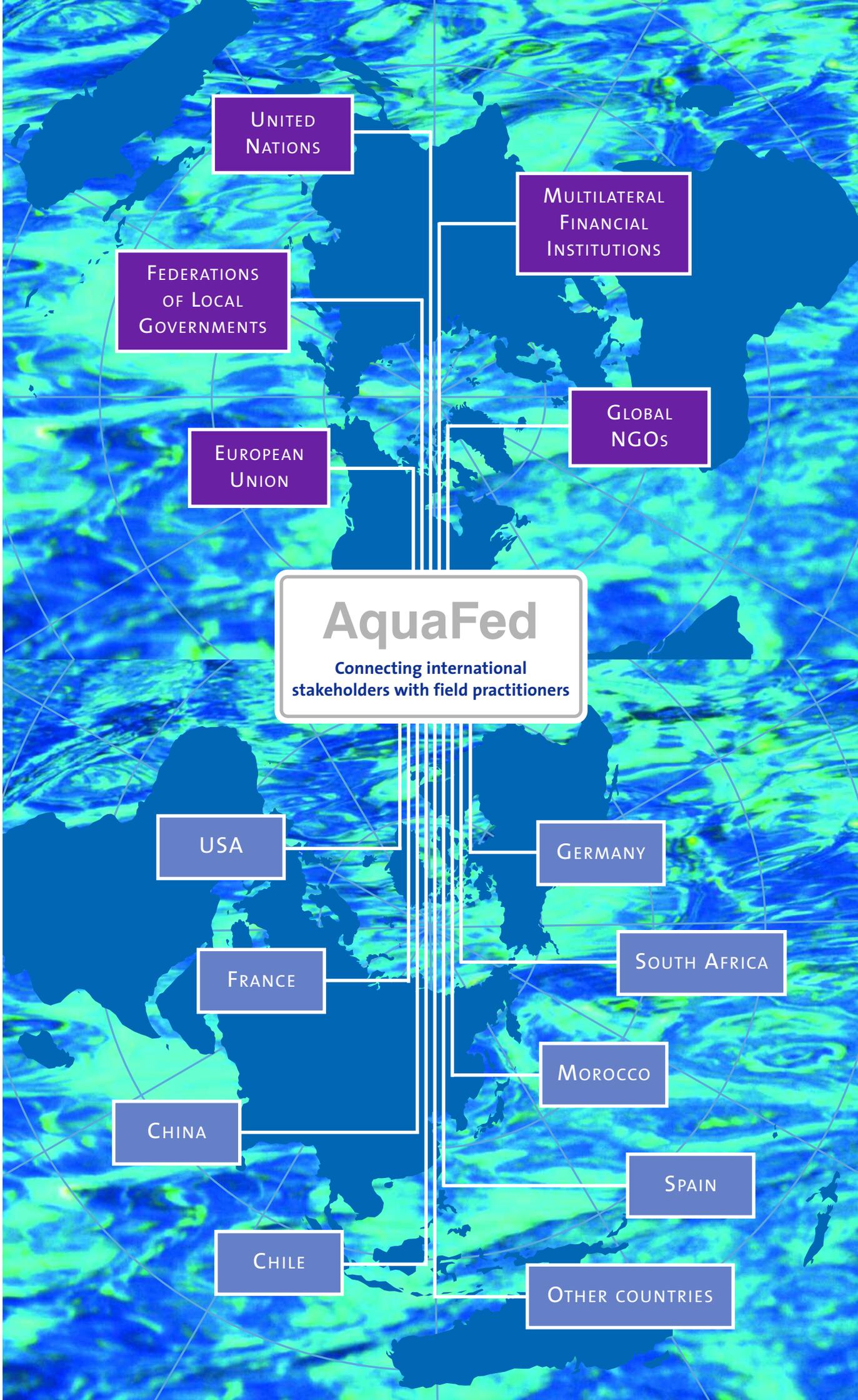
Until now, private water operators as a body have not been represented at the international level. Public institutions, governments and other interested international parties have lacked a way to communicate with the sector as a whole, being limited to ad hoc contacts with individual companies or to third party information.

The creation of AquaFed answers a real demand from international organisations. It also provides private water operators around the world with an organisation that represents them.

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

AquaFed currently brings together over 200 water and wastewater service providers from more than 30 countries around the world. It is becoming 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

MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

GLOBAL NGOS

AquaFed
Connecting international stakeholders with field practitioners

USA

FRANCE

CHINA

CHILE

GERMANY

SOUTH AFRICA

MOROCCO

SPAIN

OTHER COUNTRIES

MISSIONS

To provide a channel between private water and wastewater service providers and key international stakeholders.

AquaFed is an industry representative that communicates with the:

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

To contribute to solving the world's water problems by working with the international community and sharing the expertise of the private operators.

AquaFed contributes to international debates on water-related problems. It constructively supports and offers ideas to assist the international community in meeting these challenges.

AquaFed focuses on problems in the field by taking advantage of members':

- Practical experience and lessons learned
- Know-how and technology
- Ability to innovate

To promote the option of private sector participation in water and wastewater management as a solution that public authorities can choose.

The worldwide footprint of private sector operators is often overestimated. At the same time the significant contribution of private sector operators 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 is a not-for-profit organisation governed by a set of Articles of Association, Bylaws and a Code of Ethics.

AquaFed is directed by its members through an annual **General Meeting**, at which they determine the organisation's objectives and strategies.

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

- Administrating AquaFed on a day-to-day basis
- Developing the Federation's positions on water challenges that face 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 prepare the Federation's positions and messages on relevant water sector issues, in order to deliver consistent messages in the international arena.

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

Working Group themes include:

Organisation of Water and Wastewater Services Provision:

- Range of options for private sector participation
- Success factors

Water and Wastewater Management: experience of the private sector

- Contributions and results
- Efficiency and performance

Access to water and sanitation services

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 with public authorities.

AquaFed membership categories:

- National Industry Associations
- Corporate Members
- Associate Members

Member companies must operate water and/or wastewater services as a primary activity.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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

The Federation's strengths stem from the diversity of its members.

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



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