

Membership agreement between Wings and Delta Alliance International

**Membership agreement between  
The Foundation Delta Alliance International**

**and**

**Hanoi University of Natural Resources and Environment (HUNRE)  
as Coordinating Agency**

**for the establishment of the  
Delta Alliance "Red River Delta" Wing**

The International Governing Board of Delta Alliance, represented by Ms. Tineke Huizinga-Heringa and the Hanoi University of Natural Resources and Environment (HUNRE), Hanoi, Vietnam, represented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Quy Nhan, Vice-Rector agree to establish the Red River Delta Wing of Delta Alliance. The establishment of the Red River Delta Wing of Delta Alliance is subject to the following conditions.

**1. Conditions and obligations for the Red River Delta Wing**

***Adherence to the Delta Alliance Declaration*** All the organizations participating in the Wing should adhere to the Delta Alliance Declaration (see text box). The Wing is expected to have a pro-active attitude to

assist in achieving the goals of Delta Alliance International by showing initiatives and by undertaking concrete activities jointly with the International Secretariat and/or other Wings.

**The Delta Alliance Declaration**

Whereas Delta Alliance has the mission to improve the resilience of deltas worldwide;

Whereas deltas are highly valuable and vulnerable locations;

Whereas economic, ecological, and social resilience are interdependent and essential for overall resilience;

**The members of Delta Alliance will together develop and share knowledge to:**

- envision resilient deltas;
- measure, monitor and report resilience in deltas; and
- provide inspiration and support for improved resilience in deltas;

**In pursuing these goals, members will strive to:**

- share knowledge, expertise and best practices between deltas worldwide;
- co-create and integrate knowledge across deltas, sectors and disciplines;
- connect expertise and parties from throughout watersheds;
- incorporate local knowledge in research and other knowledge-building activities; and
- provide knowledge and insight to support any use, including education, policy

**Composition**

The composition of the Wing is such that it possesses knowledge and expertise regarding the majority of the challenges of the Red River Delta

The following organisations are already actively participating in the Wing:

Name of Organization	Type of organisation	Name Signature
Thuy Loi University (formerly WRU)	University	
HUNRE- Hanoi University of Natural resources & Environment	University	
NAWAPI-National Center for Water Resources Planning and Investigation	Research Institute	
IWRP-Institute of Water Resources Planning	Research Institute	

The Wing Coordinating Agency is committed to include more partners from the sector and/or to include organizations e.g. governments, NGO's and other knowledge institutes

**Coordination**

The Red River Delta Wing will be coordinated by a rotating coordinatorship. The first term it will be HUNRE as Coordinating Agency. The Coordinating Agency will nominate Prof. Phạm Quý Nhân as Wing Coordinator.

The Coordinating Agency is responsible for the organization of the Wing, the coordination of the activities within the Wing, and the communication and cooperation with the international secretariat.

The coordination within the Wing will be assured through a Steering Committee representing all the participating organizations and preferably headed by the Wing coordinator. The tasks and powers of the Coordinator, the Coordinating Agency and the Steering Committee, as well as any further rules regarding meetings and decision-making, should be specified further in internal Rules and Regulations.

**Legal status**

The organizational structure needs to be formalized in order to obey to the rules of accountability and transparency. The structure to be chosen should be adapted to the local situation and rules. If the Wing itself doesn't have a legal

status, the Coordinating Agency will be fully responsible and accountable for the activities of the Wing and for the relation with the foundation Delta Alliance International.

### ***Transparency***

There will be guarantee and continuous evidence that transactions will take place in a transparent way. In case of financial transactions between the International Secretariat and the Wing financial audits can be requested.

### ***Contribution to the foundation Delta Alliance International***

The Red River Delta Wing will contribute to the functioning, development and maintenance of the Delta Alliance International organization and network, through the following activities:

- Organise local activities with local wing partners and stakeholders that contribute to the overall mission of Delta Alliance.
- Actively contribute to acquiring funded projects for the wing partners, preferably in cooperation with partners from other Wings.
- Earmark existing projects as Delta Alliance projects, if these projects fulfil Delta Alliance criteria to be determined on a case-to-case basis in cooperation with the Delta Alliance International Secretariat, and if agreed by the project's partners and clients.
- Participate in at least 1 international conference or activity per year, (co)organised by Delta Alliance International or one (or some) of the Wings.
- Participate in meetings of the Delta Alliance Advisory Committee (see below).
- Actively contribute to knowledge dissemination in cooperation with the international secretariat, e.g. through the Delta Alliance website, brochures and other communication means.

All activities will be carried out at own costs.

## **2. Conditions and obligations for Delta Alliance International**

### ***Participation in a worldwide network that calls for special attention for deltas***

Delta Alliance International provides for the Red River Delta Wing participation in a worldwide network of organizations that are dealing with delta issues. Delta Alliance has the overall mission to improve the resilience of deltas and will draw the attention of amongst others policy makers and funding agencies to the high vulnerability of many very valuable deltas. At the same time the specific challenges of each of the participating deltas can also be brought under the attention of these agencies. For that purpose Delta Alliance has already supported a 'Comparative assessment of the vulnerability and resilience of 10 deltas' and will continue to improve the quality of such assessments, to include other deltas and to present the results in the relevant arenas.

Delta Alliance will also play an active role in international fora and networks that

could contribute to its mission.

### ***Access to knowledge and experiences in other deltas.***

Delta Alliance International will actively stimulate the exchange and dissemination of knowledge related to delta issues through a website, Newsletters, social media, comparative studies and assessments, publications, data bases, workshops, conferences, etc. The Wings are also offered opportunities to participate actively in these media and activities.

### ***Use of the "brand" Delta Alliance***

The Red River Delta Wing can use the "brand" Delta Alliance as a quality guarantee for the promotion and funding of projects and activities. For the use of the brand Delta Alliance close communication with the International Secretariat is needed. Delta Alliance International will actively promote and safeguard the brand Delta Alliance.

### ***Fund raising and inter-delta cooperation***

Delta Alliance International will actively promote and support inter-delta cooperation and assist in finding the necessary funding for these activities. Delta Alliance has already noticed that several funding and international cooperation agencies subscribe the advantages of inter-delta cooperation. For that purpose Delta Alliance International will develop good relations with such agencies and stimulate the creation of new inter-delta cooperation programs. The Wing will be offered opportunities to participate in tenders and projects initiated by Delta Alliance International or another Wing.

## **3. Advisory Committee**

The International Governing Board offers each wing a seat in the Advisory Committee of Delta Alliance International. The Advisory Committee shall inter alia have the following advising tasks:

- a. making recommendations regarding the overall granting of available budget to projects in the field of scientific research and development;
- b. making recommendations to the Board in the field of strategy, scientific tendencies and technologies in relation to deltas;
- c. making recommendations to the Board with regard to new initiatives, or steering existing initiatives of the Foundation;
- d. on request giving scientific and technical advice to the International Secretariat and the Board;
- e. reviewing and evaluating current projects in the field of scientific research and development.
- f. determining, adjusting and evaluating objects and goals of the Foundation, as well as developing a strategic policy plan;
- g. taking the initiative for finding and mobilizing financial resources for developments;
- h. organizing activities to promote new activities of the Foundation;
- i. making proposals to the Board for nomination for new members of the Advisory Committee,

j. making recommendations on request as well as by own initiative.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee are not binding. The participation will be on the cost of the Wing unless otherwise agreed.

#### 4. Dissolution of this agreement

In conformance with the articles of the foundation Delta Alliance International the International Governing Board can decide to dissolve this agreement:

- a. when a Wing decides itself to terminate its relation with the Foundation
- b. when the Board decides not to recognize the network any longer as Wing.

The Board can only take such a decision if it is clear that it is no longer reasonable to continue the recognition of the Wing.

Signed,

On behalf of  
Delta Alliance International



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Chairperson  
International Governing Board

On behalf of  
HUNRE



Pham Quy Nhan  
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