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# Alliance for Water Stewardship Progress to Date

A goal of AWS is to

provide clean, reliable

drinking water for people.



Outlined below is an overview of efforts over the past three years and highlights some of the key activities:

- 2008 -- Formation of the AWS by initial members
- + 2009 -- Expansion of AWS Board, incorporation of AWS Inc., secondment of AWS staff
- 2010 -- Hiring of staff, Water Roundtable process development, field testing of piloting methodology, launch of Water Roundtable
- July 2011 -- AWS announced the hiring of its executive director, Adrian Sym.
- July 2011 -- Formation and meeting of the ISDC

#### AWS in North America

With support from The Nature Conservancy and the Milwaukee Water Council, the AWS North American Regional Initiative (NARI) was launched in February 2011 to engage stakeholders from the U.S. and Canada to advance water stewardship at the regional level and to encourage them to provide input as the standard is developed. Once a draft international standard is released in early 2012, pilot testing will take place throughout North America and around the globe.

#### AWS: Guided by Great Leaders

Participation in AWS work is open to all, and stakeholder engagement will be at the root of the design, development and implementation of the world's first global water stewardship program.

Involved in the effort to create the AWS to date are:

- The Nature Conservancy
- Carbon Disclosure Project
- European Water Partnership
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- The Pacific Institute
- · The United Nation's Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate
- Water Environment Federation





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- Alcoa Foundation
- American Standard
- · Badger Meter
- Bucyrus International
- · Carbon Disclosure Project
- · CEO Water Mandate (part of the UN Global Compact)
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