

## Risk Management Policy

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### A. General Policy Statement

The Water Environment Federation (“WEF”) recognizes that the organization is exposed to risks by the nature of its activities and the environment in which it operates and that effective risk management is essential to ensure WEF’s objectives are achieved. WEF may consult with third-party independent organizations as needed to further identify risks and assist with mitigation strategies.

Risks can arise due to operational and strategic activities and from internal and external sources. Risks occur in numerous ways and have the potential to negatively impact WEF. The purpose of this WEF Risk Management Policy is to document WEF’s approach to anticipating risk and to preventing or minimizing impacts.

#### 1. Policy

This Risk Management Policy establishes the framework for how risk is managed at WEF. It is based on current standard risk principles and guidelines, and forms part of the governance framework of the organization. It also integrates with strategic and business planning processes and addresses both operational and strategic risks. WEF Management will maintain a high-impact risk dashboard that includes the identification, category, assessment and mitigation of strategic and operational risks. Each program area will maintain and manage operational risk specific to their programmatic area and update as needed. The existence of appropriate operational controls will be verified and may include input from WEF auditors and others.

WEF Management and the Board will use skills and expertise to identify risks across the organization. WEF Management will also identify operational controls in place that manage risk and together with the Board, when appropriate, will assess the size or degree of risk by taking into consideration the potential impact to its operations.

Risk treatment actions and plans will be developed for risks that are unacceptable to the organization. Risks and the effectiveness of the risk management system will be monitored on a regular basis as part of business and strategic planning. WEF will communicate and consult as necessary with relevant stakeholders on its approach to managing risk.

## **2. Risk Tolerance**

WEF's tolerance for adverse risks will be used to determine which risks are treated through the development of risk treatment actions to manage risks to an acceptable level. During this process additional control measures will be considered to manage the risks to acceptable levels.

## **3. Integration With Governance And Strategic/Business Planning**

This Risk Management Policy integrates with strategic planning and business processes. The Policy addresses both strategic and operational risks and the requirement that WEF operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. As a general principle, the Executive Director is responsible for the assessment and mitigation of operational risks and the Board through its Finance Committee leads consideration of strategic risks. The Executive Director will develop a system that will provide overall coordination and maintain all relevant documentation.

## **4. Accountability**

Ownership of risks and risk treatment actions will be assigned to relevant roles within the organization. WEF will incorporate risk management accountability in executive, management and supervisory roles that are required to manage risks and risk treatments.

## **5. Risk Management Oversight**

The Executive Director and the Board will oversee implementation of the Risk Management Policy and management of WEF's exposure to risk. Oversight of the effectiveness of WEF's risk management processes and activities will be supported by a system established by the Executive Director and by the Board's Finance Committee. The goal of the risk dashboard is to provide assurance to members and stakeholders and ensure clear accountabilities that support WEF's commitment to continuous organizational improvement.

## **6. Reporting, Monitoring And Review**

WEF Management will monitor risks and treatment actions on an ongoing basis and review dashboard annually. Any updates to the risk dashboard will be reported to the Board's Finance Committee on an annual basis. The Finance Committee will also annually review cyber security developments and address any issues raised via the annual financial audit or any other assessments and reviews.

## **7. Communication And Consultation**

WEF will develop a Communication Strategy and Plan as part of its overall risk management framework. WEF will communicate and consult with its stakeholders (internal and external) as needed on its approach to risk management.