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# Birth of the North-American Network of Basin Organizations - NANBO

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**Within the "International Conference on Water Governance in the Americas" in Quebec (Canada), the Constitutive Assembly of the North-American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO) was held on 15 October 2009 with representatives of Canada, the United States and Mexico.**

Affiliated to INBO, NANBO intends to promote basin management by gathering the greatest possible number of organizations which work in this part of the world, from Panama to Alaska and Greenland, including the Antilles.

In Debrecen (Hungary), during the last General Assembly of INBO in June 2007, representatives of the Committee for Dialogue and Development of the Richelieu River Basin (COVABAR), Messrs. Normand Cazalais and Hubert Chamberland, had received the mandate to carry out this extremely important operation in the life of INBO, since, hitherto, North America had no regional network.

NANBO officially adopted its statutes and elected its administrators.

**Mr. Hubert Chamberland became the first President of NANBO.**

Operating with three official languages, English, Spanish and French, NANBO is also called "Réseau Nord-Américain des Organisations de Bassin" (ROBAN) and "Red de Organizaciones de Cuenca de America del Norte" (ROCAN).

Its secretariat is located in the city of Quebec with the support of the Municipality. An official presentation of NANBO was made during the last General Assembly of INBO in Dakar (Senegal) on 21 January 2010. janvier 2010.