Overview
The Brazilian Association of Water, Sanitation and Environmental Engineering
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• NGO;

• Founded in 1966;

• 10,000 members (individuals and corporate)
Objectifs:

• Developing Brazilian WATER, SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING sectors

• Aiming the improvement of health, environmental, and quality of life STANDARDS of the Brazilian People
# Mission, Vision and Values

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<td>To inspire professionals and society in general through scientific, technical, institutional and management activities in order to develop the Water and Sanitation Sector</td>
<td>To be recognized nationally and worldwide as the main Brazilian organization in the Water and Sanitation Sector</td>
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Branches

- ABES has branches in each of the 26 Brazilian states and in the Federal District
- Over 400 professionals working as volunteers all over the country
- The Boards of Directors – national and regionals - are elected, every two years, through direct voting of the ABES’ members
Work and Recognition

Since its foundation, in 1966, ABES has been:

• A relevant Stakeholder in the Brazilian effort to improve the public health in the country.

• Nationally and Internationally recognized as the Leading Brazilian organization of the Water, Sanitation and Environment sectors.
Working with the Civil Society and Governments

- ABES is an active member in several water and sanitation, and environment Brazilian forums, such as:
  
  CONAMA – Environment National Council
  
  CNRH – Water Resources National Council
  
  CONCIDADES – National Council of Cities
  
  WWC – World Water Council and its Brazilian Session
  
  WORLD WATER FORUM OF BRASILIA - March 2018
Capacity Building

Since the PLANASA – the First Brazilian National Plan of Water and Sanitation in the ’70s, ABES has been a relevant Stakeholder for the capacity building in the Water and Sanitation sector

UNIABES offers Distance Learning Courses through Brazil's largest e-learning platform for Water and Sanitation

http://www.abes-dn.org.br/uniabes
Publishing
Thematic Chambers (Specialist Groups)

- Water Loss Management
- Performance Indicators
- Rural Water and Sanitation
- Water Resources Management
- Chemicals Quality
- Regulation and Tariffs
- Environment
- Waste Water Treatment
- National Quality Committee
- Customers’ Service
- Reuse and Desalination
- Solid Waste
- Communication
- Urban Drainage
- Environmental Health
The National Award for Quality in Water and Sanitation - PNQS is promoted by ABES through its National Quality Committee.

One of the most effective tools for the improvement of the management processes in the Brazilian Water and Sanitation companies.

PNQS encourages the adoption of management models in accordance with the best practices worldwide.

Since 2017, the PNQS brings several new features, such as the Operational Efficiency Award aimed at reducing water losses.
National Partnerships

- BNDES
- CAIXA
- CNPq
- CONFEA
- ELETROBRÁS
- FINEP
- FUNASA
- IBAMA
ABES has been holding its National Congress every two years. It is the biggest congress in the water sector in Latin America. On average, 2,500 papers are submitted for presentation at each Congress.

The last edition – the 29th – took place in São Paulo City, in October 2017: more than 4,800 professionals attending; 232 booths on 20,000 square meters of Exhibition; 25,000 visitors.


Institutional and political discussions are part of the programme. These discussions occur in the format of panels and round tables.
International Bi-annual Symposiums

SILUBESA
Partnership with the Portuguese Association for Sanitation Studies - APESB and the Portuguese Association of Water Resources
Since 1984
Next edition: XVIII SILUBESA, in the City of Porto – 10th to 12th of October 2018

SIBESA
Partnership with the Italian Association of Water and Sanitation Engineering (ANDIS),
Since 1992
Next edition: XIV SIBESA, in Foz do Iguaçu City – 18th to 20th of June 2018.
RIO WATER WEEK 2018

In November 2018, from the 26 to the 28, the city of Rio de Janeiro will become the world capital of water.

FOCUS: SDG 6 – WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALLL BY 2030!

• 9 Themes – 23 Topics – 65 Sessions:
  • Water, Sanitation and Health for All
  • Governance and Planning
  • Efficient Management
  • Capacity Building
  • Financing
  • Regulation
  • Monitoring
  • Communication
  • Climate Change and Innovation
Working to improve the quality of life in Brazil.