

Special Advisor:
Water for Job creation, Industrialization and Partnerships
Sustainability

GWP Southern Africa and Africa Coordination Unit

Terms of Reference

Background

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1996 to support countries in their efforts to implement a more equitable and sustainable management of their water resources. The network spans 13 regions with 2,400 institutional Partners in 158 countries. The global secretariat is in Stockholm, Sweden. More information: www.gwp.org

GWP Southern Africa (GWPSA) is the regional arm of the Global Water Partnership and was launched in June 2000. Over the years, GWPSA has grown rapidly into a regional network of over 350 Partner organizations concerned with water resources management. GWPSA Partners have formed a number of Country Water Partnerships (CWP) – 12 out of the 14 SADC countries now have their own CWP.

In addition to supporting governments in the Southern Africa region, GWPSA hosts the GWP Africa Coordination Unit (CU) for the Water, Climate and Development programme (WACDEP) and Coordinated the implementation of the global WACDEP across 13 GWP regions, working closely with GWPO HQ.

At the 12th Consulting Partners Meeting held in May 2017, GWPSA Consulting partners adopted a decision for the ‘Strategic Repositioning’ of GWPSA and CWP’s role on water security to advance the SADC Regional industrialisation and job creation agenda as well as the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective is to ensure that GWP’s role in the region and countries responds, realigns and adapts to evolving changes in international development context at global, regional and country level. GWPSA/CWP strategic repositioning entails greater focus on water security, Job creation and investments with IWRM as a means.

The strategic repositioning of GWPSA is also within the context of the GWP global “Change Agenda” in which national-level partnerships are being strengthened in support of national development priorities, industrialisation and SDG implementation.

Support to country efforts on industrialisation and SDG implementation to stimulate job creation through increased investments in water security is at the centre of GWPSA strategic focus and GWP Change Agenda in Southern Africa. The GWP global Change agenda comprises the following priorities:

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- Strengthening GWP at country level and enhance CWP capacities and activities, particularly through the mobilisation of stakeholders beyond the traditional water sector;
- Improving sustainability of country water partnerships;
- Improving knowledge management and implementation capacity at all levels;
- Increasing Institutional performance of GWP partnerships at all levels in support of regional and national development priorities

GWPSA seeks a Special Advisor to support the GWPSA secretariat and African Coordination Unit to support the drive towards water, jobs and industrialisation in the region. The Advisor will support GWPSA efforts to strengthen GWP at country level and contribute to enhancing the sustainability of CWPs. The Advisor will support GWPSA on the following priorities:

- Investment mobilisation for a regional programme on water for job creation, industrialisation and SDG implementation
- Strengthen GWP capacity at country level to support ‘water and job creation agenda’ and accreditation of Country Water Partnerships to GWPO.
- Financing and sustainability of GWP partnerships and at regional and country level

The Advisor is expected to engage with GWPSA Partners at national and regional level and support GWPSA’s work in support of the SADC’s industrialisation agenda, African Union Agenda 2063, African Development Banks high 5 priorities and other high level pan Africa initiatives at head of state level.

The Advisor is expected to develop and maintain positive working relationships with GWPSA and Africa Coordination unit staff and CWPs. The Advisor must adopt a service culture for all Partners and GWPSA governance structures – in particular the CWPs, relevant stakeholders, strategic partners and other constituencies essential to the mission of GWP at regional and national level.

REPORTS TO: GWPSA Executive Secretary and Head of Africa Coordination Unit

Location: Pretoria, South Africa

Duration: 1 years’ renewable subject to performance and funds availability

Contract type: 50% Consultancy Part-time position

Relationships: GWPSA/CU Secretariat staff, CWP Chairs and Coordinators

The Advisor is expected to be a regionally established and accomplished individual familiar with SADC industrialization strategy, AU Agenda 2063, afdp high 5 priorities and other pan African development priorities.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Support repositioning of GWPSA toward water security for job creation and industrialisation
- Support activities to enhance the profile of CWPs to support ‘water and job creation agenda’ at the highest level of government including Cabinet and prime minister’s offices
- Mobilise, establish GWP strategic partnerships for water, jobs and industrialisation agenda
- Support fundraising and sustainability of GWP partnerships at regional and country level
- Support establishment of a finance partners and investment group comprising bilateral development partners and private sector to support water security for job creation in the region
- Support the GWP change agenda to strengthen GWP capacity at country level

- Support accreditation of Country Water Partnerships to GWPO
- Undertake necessary travel to execute above duties as required
- Undertake any other tasks requested by the Regional Executive Secretary.

Qualifications and experience

- Relevant education with Master's Degree and at least 15 years' experience in water resources, economics, infrastructure, public administration, business administration
- Demonstrated ability to engage at Head of state level and interacting with high level eminent persons in public and private sector
- Experience and ability to engage with cabinet ministers, Prime minister's offices
- Experience in managing and leading high level initiatives in SADC region and Africa
- Experience in high level strategic engagements with senior government officials
- A comprehensive understanding and commitment to GWPSA's Vision, Mission, goals as well as structure, systems, values, partners, and work ethic;
- Familiar with Pan Africa development agenda, AU agenda 2063 and Afdb high 5 priorities and other relevant pan Africa initiatives related to job creation and industrialization
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with stakeholders from diverse institutions, stakeholder engagement processes at local, national and regional levels
- Excellent networks and contacts with development finance partners at regional and country level
- Demonstrated experience in fundraising and managing donor relations

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