

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

CONSULTANTS FOR REGIONAL SDG PROGRAMME SUPPORT IN ASIA

- JOB TITLE** : SENIOR IWRM EXPERT FOR THE PAN-ASIAN REGION PROGRAMME
- SUPERVISOR** : Regional Coordinator of Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia
- CONTRACT MODALITY** : Part-time consultancy with fixed number of days for the duration of contract (9 months contract: two days per week, with salary range from 1,500 - 2,000 euro/month, including tax)
- CONTRACT DURATION** : April – December 2021 (with prospect of extension pending availability of funding)
- LOCATION** : Home-based, preferably in Asia region
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** March 14th , 2021

BACKGROUND

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is a multi-stakeholder platform and an action network, supported by a global secretariat that was established as an intergovernmental organization to support countries in their efforts to implement a more equitable and sustainable management of their water resources. The GWP network spans 13 regions with more 60 country water partnerships and over 3,000 institutional Partners in 180+ countries. More information: www.gwp.org.

GWP's 2020-2025 Strategy focuses on achieving significant progress on Mobilising for a Water Secure World, through three anchor themes: Water Solutions for the SDGs, Climate-Resilient Development and Transboundary Cooperation; as well as through three crosscutting areas: Engaging the Private Sector, Contributing to Gender Equality and Mobilising Youth for Water Resources Management. It lays out ambitious targets in line with global and regional policy frameworks, to generate leadership focus, progress measurement, development of partner action, and potential for financing.

The significant links and interdependencies between the targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation and those of other goals highlight the central role of water within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Within SDG6, the SDG6.5 target on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is particularly well aligned with GWP's mission. Together with UNEP, the custodian agency for SDG 6.5, UNEP-DHI and Cap-Net, the GWP secretariat has designed a multi-year programme that empowers GWP country water partnerships in mobilizing implementation action across relevant actors, ministries, and GWP partners – in the context of an ongoing dialogue about the assessment of progress towards SDG 6.5 and the other water-related SDG targets and goals. The programme is at the core of the GWP strategy and is also one of the anchors for thought leadership on IWRM Implementation within country level realities and experiences.

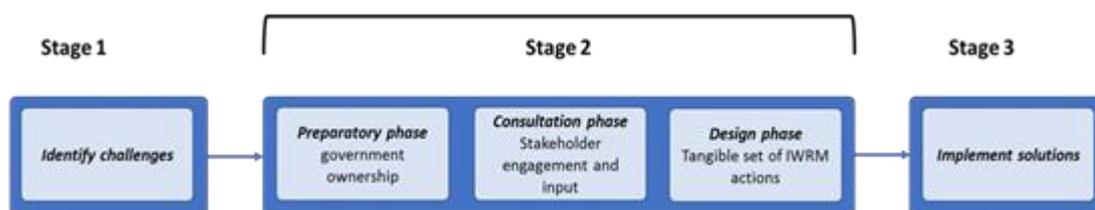
The SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme assists governments in designing and implementing country-led responses to SDG indicator 6.5.1, the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), as an entry point to accelerate progress towards the achievement of water-related SDGs and other development goals, in line with national priorities. This is in direct support of

the official SDG monitoring and reporting processes and should lead to measurable progress on the relevant SDG target(s). The Support Programme is structured according to the following three stages:

Stage 1 – Identify challenges: Strengthen SDG 6.5 national monitoring and reporting frameworks, with a view to identifying critical areas for attention that hinder the development of IWRM at the national level. This stage is completed through the completion by national governments every three years of a survey on SDG indicator 6.5.1, designed to allow countries to evaluate their degree of implementation of IWRM.

Stage 2 – Formulate responses: Having identified a set of key challenges to the implementation of IWRM at the national level, Stage 2 aims to facilitate a government-led multi-stakeholder process to formulate and prioritise appropriate responses to these challenges. The result of Stage 2 is a government-owned multi-stakeholder IWRM Action Plan and road map to systematically guide the implementation of solutions to domestic IWRM issues; and

Stage 3 – Implement solutions: Support countries in implementing the designed IWRM solutions aimed at achieving SDG 6 and other water-related goals through the development of a series of attractive investment projects which contribute in a measurable way to helping countries to advance towards their SDG targets.



The Pan Asia Region consist of four Regional Water Partnership (Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Caucasus and Central Asia and China) and 24 Country Water Partnerships shows in Table 1. Pan-Asian coordination of the SDG activities is supported through a dedicated SDG Program Manager, based out of the GWP South-East Asia office.

Table 1. List of Country Water Partnership in Pan Asia Region

GWP Central Asia and Caucasus	GWP South Asia	GWP Southeast Asia	GWP China
Kazakhstan	Bangladesh*	Cambodia*	
Kyrgyzstan*	Bhutan	Indonesia*	
Tajikistan*	India	Lao PDR*	
Turkmenistan*	Nepal*	Malaysia*	
Uzbekistan*	Pakistan*	Myanmar	
Azerbaijan	Sri Lanka	Philippines*	
Georgia*		Thailand	
Armenia		Viet Nam*	
Mongolia*			

**facilitated by GWP multi-stakeholder approach in 2020 IWRM Country Assessment (UNEP)*

SCOPE OF POSITION

The Senior IWRM Expert for the Pan-Asian Region will support the range of initiatives being implemented under the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme across the four GWP Asian regions.

The Senior IWRM Expert will focus on developing and implementing high level initiatives to support the regions and countries to advance IWRM strategies and implementation, in coordination with the SDG Program Manager for the Pan-Asian region, and will support the technical aspects, fundraising strategies and operationalization of the program.

The Senior IWRM Expert's overall role is to help position GWP in the Pan-Asian region in accelerating IWRM implementation as a means of achieving many water-related SDGs. Accordingly, the role includes the mobilization of commitments and funding from countries, donors, and other relevant stakeholders. The Senior IWRM Expert should also look to engage whenever possible the private sector in contributing to their objectives. When significant opportunities also exist at the national, sub-national or transboundary levels, the Senior IWRM Expert may also pursue their scoping, programme and partnership development and fundraising.

The Senior IWRM Expert will be supervised by Regional Coordinator of Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia and will work closely with the other three RWP Coordinators in Asia, as well as the Global SDG coordinator and Senior Network Officers of Asia regions in GWPO Secretariat in Stockholm, Sweden.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Programme Development and Implementation

- Support countries in developing and implementing IWRM multi-stakeholder action plans through high level assistance to ensure the commitment of countries in implementing the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme.
- Supporting the RWPs and CWPs by both identifying new opportunities for programme development and providing guidance for those activities to be aligned with existing opportunities.
- Facilitate the development of a Pan Asia SDG 6.5.1 strategic plan, based on the findings of Monitoring and Reporting of SDG Indicator 6.5.1 Degree of Integrated Water Resource Management Implementation in 2020.
- Seek synergies and potential collaboration opportunities between the SDG-related opportunities with GWP's climate and transboundary programmes, in an integrated manner.

Fundraising and Resource Mobilization

- Draft and/or review relevant concept notes or proposals under open Calls for Proposals or Tenders, or for spontaneous communication with potential donors, including the private sector.
- Identify relevant thematic and fundraising opportunities for significant programmatic development at the highest level possible (in order of preference, pan-regional, regional, transboundary, national, sub-national).
- Strategic partnership development: Identify and build relationship with key partners in the Asia region to gain political buy-in into IWRM Action Plans, through key processes such as the Asia Pacific Water Summit, and also working with partners of regional bodies such as the Asia Pacific Water Forum, Asian Development Bank, and others.

Knowledge Transfer Management

- Work towards political commitment at the Pan Asia level to move the agenda forward (i.e. Asia Pacific Water Summit, etc.)
- Support and participate in knowledge transfer activities between the RWPs in the Pan Asian region for information and opportunity sharing

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Output 1: High-level technical support for the development of each of the IWRM Action Plans at country level.
- Output 2: Develop or contribute to at least two concept notes or proposal for each region in terms of IWRM action plan development or implementation.
- Output 3: Develop at least one concept note on strategic partnership development to advance the purpose of Pan-Asian coordination on SDG 6.5.1 with external partners.
- Output 4: Coordinate at least one intra-regional knowledge transfer workshop/meeting for country focal points of IWRM from within the region, which collaborate with regional bodies in Asia, such as ADB and Asia Pacific Water Forum and develop follow-up action report afterward.
- Output 5: Develop Pan Asia SDG 6.5.1 Strategic plan by identifying high-level thematic opportunities, funding sources and potential partners per region.

PROFILE QUALIFICATION

- Relevant advanced university degree (minimum master degree), preferably in hydrology, water resources, public policy or topic relevant for natural resources management.
- Minimum 15 years' experience within or interfacing with the water sector, working at both a technical and governance level, preferably in IWRM.
- Solid experience in programme development, fundraising and partnership development in the regions.
- Demonstrated experience in working to achieve the water-related SDGs
- Knowledge of the context of water resources management in the region
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in multi-cultural environment.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English
- Additional advantage: candidate with proficiency in Russian are encouraged to apply

HOW TO APPLY?

1. Interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae and 1-page personal interest letter electronically to secretariat@gwpsea.org with **email subject clearly indicating "Senior IWRM Expert for the Pan Asia Region Programme"**. Applications should be submitted electronically not later than by 23.59 (Jakarta time) on 14 March 2021.
2. This call is open to any individual with residency or nationality in the Pan Asia region countries.
3. Female candidates are encouraged to apply for this position.
4. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted within 2 week after the application deadline for an online interview with selection committee.