

Regional SDG Programme Manager

GWP Southern Africa and Africa Coordination Unit

Terms of Reference

Reports to: Executive Secretary Southern Africa and Head of Africa Coordination Unit

Location: GWP Southern Africa Africa Coordination Unit, Pretoria, South Africa Pretoria, South Africa

Duration: 1 year, with prospect of extension pending availability of funding

Deadline for application: 17 April 2019

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

The GWP overall program is implemented through a Global Secretariat, a Global Technical Committee and 13 Regional Water Partnerships (further decentralized into Country Water Partnerships)¹. The GWP Africa Coordination Unit (CU) supports the implementation of the portfolio of projects across the five GWP African regions and is the focal point for GWP's engagement with the broader pan-African agenda and responsible actors, including the African Union. The CU is hosted by the GWP Southern Africa Regional Secretariat located in Pretoria, South Africa. In addition, GWP Southern Africa hosts the GWP global theme on Climate resilience and is charged with providing global strategic leadership and coordination of implementation of the GWP strategy on climate resilience.

2. GWPSA/Africa Programme: The Africa Water Investment Programme

The GWPSA/Africa coordination unit has been reorganised to facilitate the development and implementation of the GWP Africa Thematic programs to enhance coordination and synergies across programmes and projects. Building on the WACDEP experience, all GWP Thematic programmes will be managed and coordinated under the umbrella of the Africa Water Investment Programmes (AIP). The goal of AIP is to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation for a prosperous, peaceful and equitable society. AIP overall objective is to enhance job creation through integration of gender sensitive climate resilient SDG6 water investments in development planning, decision-making processes and project preparation through enhanced technical, institutional capacity and predictable financing. AIP builds on the following initiatives by GWP and partners across Africa -

- Water Climate Development Program for Africa (WACDEP)
- Integrated Drought Management Program (IDMP)
- Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM)
- Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem(WEFE) Nexus programme
- Transboundary water governance and environmental Programme
- The Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM)

¹ See GWP Corporate Documents for further information on Organization & Governance

To enhance greater focus on SDG 6 within the AIP, GWP seeks a Regional SDG Programme Manager.

SCOPE OF POSITION

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/DHI, the custodian agency for SDG6.5, the GWP secretariat is currently scoping and designing a multi-year program that would empower 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 SDG6.5 and the other water-related SDG targets and goals. The program will be at the core of the emerging new GWP strategy and is also one of the anchors for thought leadership on IWRM Implementation within country level realities and experiences.

Under the leadership of the **Executive Secretary** for GWP Southern Africa, the SDG Programme Manager is responsible for overseeing the range of SDG support initiatives being implemented under the SDG6 SP across the five GWP Africa regions (Southern Africa, West Africa, Eastern Africa, Central Africa and the Mediterranean). This coordination role involves managerial and administrative support to a range of country-level projects and initiatives, cross-country knowledge exchange facilitation and fund-raising. The role requires close collaboration with the Regional Coordinators in each of the GWP African regions as well as global SDG6 SP staff at the GWPO Secretariat in Stockholm, Sweden.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Lead implementation of SDG program (50%) -On the ground operational support

- Coordinate the pan-African implementation of SDG6 SP, including the provision of operational support to each of the five GWP Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs) in Africa
- Provide direct support to RWPs and staff responsible for country-level programme implementation in GWP's Country Water Partnerships (CWPs) in Africa when necessary on SDG 6 SP and strengthening capacity of CWPs on the SDG SP objectives and methodology
- Support operational linkages of the SDG6 SP within the overall GWP Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) framework, including AIP sub-programmmes on Climate resilience (WACDEP, IDMP and APFM), and transboundary water management (PIDA Water), and others
- Seek synergies and potential collaboration opportunities between the SDG6 SP and other external African SDG-related programmes and initiatives coordinated by actors such as UN Agencies, bilateral and multilateral funding agencies and knowledge partners at different levels, including efforts on integrated monitoring of the SDG 6
- Providing support to RWPs/CWPs in the identification and development of new SDG6 SP projects and initiatives

B. SDG 6 Knowledge Management (30%) -Act as a knowledge node of the Global programme

- Keep updated intelligence and data on SDG 6 related institutions, programs and activities in countries active within the SDG6 SP (current and potential)

- Capturing key lessons emerging from the SDG6 SP in Africa as contribution to the global knowledge and learning system on SDGs and IWRM. Package learning in a transferrable manner
- Connect national and transboundary water governance assessments in the context of the AIP portfolio and input specifically on the economic case for water investments at country level and the link to strong governance
- Curate relevant external knowledge on the SDGs to support the implementation of country interventions and RWP capacity to contribute to regional SDG dialogues and processes
- Facilitate knowledge transfer activities between participating countries and the African RWPs, including through the use of collaborative communication tools and social media to promote south-south knowledge exchanges and information sharing
- Coordinating with the GWP global and regional communications teams on SDG advocacy activities and campaigns
- Support representation of GWP in International or Regional SDG related events
- Consolidate the learning acquired in the SDG 6 SP in Africa, with a view to transfer methods and approaches across the regions in the continent and globally. Propose and use various media for transfer, in liaison with the GWPO SDG Team.

C. Support programme Development (20%)

- Support the development of Africa Water Infrastructure Investment Program (AIP)
- Contribute to programme development for GWPSA/Africa programs
- Working closely with the RWP coordinators, the GWPO SDG SP staff, and the GWPO resource mobilization unit to develop 3 to 5 country level and/or regional and/or Continental SDG 6 SP project proposals. At a minimum, funds should be raised to support the position for an additional 2 years.
- Exploring co-funding opportunities through engagement with GWP's allies and partners who share common SDG goals and objectives

A. Relationships

- Reports and accountable to the Head of GWP Africa Coordination Unit and GWPSA Executive Secretary
- Report and supports the Senior Technical Advisor in driving the GWPSA/Africa SDG programmes
- Oversees progress in SDG programme implementation and manages consultants
- Works closely with the RWP coordinators, the GWPO SDG SP staff, and the GWPO resource mobilization unit
- Maintains good working relationships with GWP regional coordinators and GWPO network officers in Africa
- Works closely with the GWP Africa Coordination Unit Team in delivering and responding to country and regional issues on SDG 6 and maintains good working relationships with other team members in the Africa Coordination Unit
- Works closely with the GWPSA and GWPO Communications team to ensure that technical outputs from the programme are packaged accordingly and shared widely
- Performs other prioritized and urgent program duties as agreed upon with the GWP Africa Coordination Unit and GWPSA Executive Secretary

PROFILE

- Relevant post-graduate university degree (MSc degree) in hydrology or topic relevant for natural resources management
- Minimum 7 years experience within or interfacing with the water community
- Solid experience in programme management and development and fundraising in Africa
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with SDGs
- Excellent inter personal skills and ability to work in multi-cultural environment
- Applicants should be bilingual (English-French) in order to be able to act as a resource person for all GWP regions in Africa on their SDG6 work