

TENDER INVITATION for a KNOWLEDGE PIECE

Opportunities to build climate resilience and advance on sustainable development goals through IWRM: the interface between NDCs and IWRM as measured through SDG indicator 6.5.1

Response to questions received in relation to the tender

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1	Will the successful bidder be responsible for selecting the 15 countries for the study?	We would want country-selection to be collaborative – between GWP and the selected bidder. We have some preferences on country selection given our work on climate and water, on SDG 6.5.1 baseline monitoring, and interest/capacity/availability of Country Water Partnerships (CWPs) and Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs). We also have some obligations in the context of the World Water Development Report (WWDR) deliverables to ensure that the 5 UN regions are covered. But we would welcome consideration of countries that the successful bidder is particularly familiar with, has done past work, has a specific interest, and where our interests would align.
2	Will GWP/ relevant Country Water Partnerships take responsibility for sharing a minimum level of key documentation to support the study (e.g. any recent analysis of IWRM status/ priorities/ strategies; any water-related climate change documents)?	The envisioned approach is of aligning incentives. GWP will introduce the successful bidder to GWP RWPs/CWPs. They are incentivized to participate in the study, as it will yield country analysis/insights packaged in a policy brief, useful for work at country-level. That said, helpful if consultant outlines minimum level of engagement that they expect from the CWP/RWP in the proposal. CWP/RWP interest, capacity, availability will also be taken into account in country selection.
3	We note the intention to have fifteen standalone country reports and policy briefs, based on ‘in-depth assessment’ and ‘informed by the history and political economy of water management processes’. We do not think it would be possible to provide these to sufficient quality, while also meeting other expected deliverables (synthesis & WWDR chapter). Are you open to accepting proposals with adjusted scope/ higher price, where justification is provided?	Main product at the country level is 2-pager (back and forth) policy brief that the CWPs can use to facilitate coordination among climate/SDG/finance decision-makers at national level. The country reports are not envisioned to be ‘published’ but are requested with the intention of ‘knowledge management’; we would like for analysis and findings to be packaged so that they are usable by the country/global team at GWP in the future, as needed.

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4	The very tight timeline, which responds to the fixed (and already delayed) calendar for the WWDR, will require careful coordination and management. What role will GWP play in facilitating between the expectations of the World Water Assessment Program (WWAP) secretariat and the contracted organisation?	GWP will conduct all communication with WWAP, drawing on consultant for content-related questions separately. GWP-WWAP communication for Draft 0 of Regional Perspectives chapter to come in mid-June
5	We note, per Annex 1, the expectation that WWDR 2020 Chapter 10 is to be produced 'in close cooperation with the RECs'. We understand there has been some recent communication with the WWAP Secretariat on this – is there still an intention to involve the RECs? If so, will GWP take responsibility for interfacing with the RECs, collating comments and mediating/providing a final decision if comments cannot be accommodated within the scope of work, or responses are not received within the timeframe?	WWAP is keen for RECs to be contributing authors of the chapter. Collaboration is envisaged as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWP can share the framework for the chapter and outlined steps, region-specific climate impact/s to be focused on, selected countries, based on inception report – hand feedback to consultant to fold in feedback • GWP will liaise with RECs; WWAP will facilitate • RECs can provide cases studies, in-text inputs
6	Could you specify the minimum and maximum feedback time by GWP on draft documents, or the approval time of final documents?	It is GWP's intention to provide feedback to the preliminary assessment, data collection and analysis and WWDR chapter within 3 days. With regard to the individual country reports/policy briefs and synthesis report it is envisaged that up to 10 days will be required to gather feedback. However, as mentioned in footnotes 1 and 3 of the tender invitation a more detailed production schedule will be agreed with the successful bidder upon signing of the contract.
7	In the timeline you indicate an "Advanced draft WWDR2020 regional perspectives chapter" in week 7 – is this an error or how can this be explained reasonably, given the short preparation time?	In week 7, we hope to have a draft that has advanced from the Zero draft from week 3. This first draft will be further advanced as per the WWDR 2020 timeline.