

## Regional SDG Programme Manager

**JOB TITLE:** SDG Programme Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean

**REPORTS TO:** Regional Coordinator, GWP Central America

**CONTRACT DURATION:** 1 year (with prospect of extension pending availability of funding)

**LOCATION:** GWP Central America Secretariat, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** 31 October 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](http://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)<sup>1</sup>. The Central America Regional Water Partnership is based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and is responsible for the coordination and implementation of a work programme covering six Central American countries (Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama and El Salvador).

### 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 SDG6.5.1, 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.

The SDG Programme Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) will support the range of SDG initiatives being implemented under the SDG6 Support Programme (SDG6 SP) across the three GWP LAC regions (Central America, South America and the Caribbean). This role involves managerial

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<sup>1</sup> See GWP Corporate Documents for further information on Organization & Governance

and administrative support to a range of regional and 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 three LAC regions as well as global SDG6 SP staff at the GWPO Secretariat in Stockholm, Sweden.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### *On the ground operational support*

- Support the implementation of SDG6 SP at the regional level in the focal region (Central America) and for the other Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs) in LAC
- Provide direct support to staff responsible for country-level programme implementation in GWP's Country Water Partnerships (CWPs) in LAC 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 with the GWP portfolio at large in the focal region and broader LAC context, including the ongoing GWP programmes on Climate resilience (WACDEP, IDMP and APFM), and transboundary water management
- Seek synergies and potential collaboration opportunities between the SDG6 SP and other external SDG-related programmes and initiatives coordinated by actors such as UN Agencies, bilateral and multilateral funding agencies and knowledge partners at different levels
- Providing support to RWPs/CWPs in the identification and development of new SDG6 SP projects and initiatives
- Mainstream gender and youth in the activities implemented under SDG6 SP and GWP programme in the region.

### *Act as a knowledge node of the Global programme*

- Keep updated intelligence and data on SDG 6 related institutions, programs and activities in countries in LAC active within the SDG6 SP (current and potential), including a focus on possible avenues for integrated SDG 6 monitoring
- Capturing key lessons emerging from the SDG6 SP in LAC as contribution to the global knowledge and learning system on SDGs and IWRM. Package learning in a transferrable manner.
- Curating relevant external knowledge on the SDGs to support the implementation of country interventions and RWP capacity to contribute to regional SDG dialogues and processes.
- Facilitating knowledge transfer activities between participating countries and the LAC 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, including the use of innovative methods.
- Support representation of GWP in International or Regional SDG related events

### *Methodological development*

- Consolidate the learning acquired in the focal region and broader LAC, with a view to transfer methods and approaches across the regions in the continent and globally, as well as positioning GWP as a key actor in SDG 6 implementation and monitoring. Propose and use various media for knowledge and experience transfer, in liaison with the GWPO SDG Team.

### *Programme development*

- Working closely with the RWP coordinators, the GWPO SDG SP staff, and the GWPO resource mobilization unit to develop 3 to 5 years country level and/or regional and/or Continental SDG 6 SP project proposals, including linkages with other programmatic priorities on the target regions. 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, as well as other common programmatic priorities.

### **PROFILE**

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

If you meet the requirements in the attached Terms of Reference, please submit your CV and cover letter to [gwpcam@gwpcentroamerica.org](mailto:gwpcam@gwpcentroamerica.org), with copy to [ftabora@gwpcentroamerica.org](mailto:ftabora@gwpcentroamerica.org). Include as subject SDG programme manager.