

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) Short Term Consultancy for GWP CACENA

Background

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is a worldwide network which has since 1996 successfully supported countries in their efforts to implement a more equitable and sustainable management of water resources. During this period, GWP's focus has expanded from global to regional, national, and sub-national level. The network spans over 80 countries in 13 regions, with its secretariat located in Stockholm, Sweden. The Caucasian and Central Asian (CACENA) region can geographically be subdivided into two sub-regions: The Southern Caucasus (three countries – Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia), and Central Asia (six countries – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia).

The GWP CACENA is a well-established regional actor, who helps the region to solve difficult inter-state water resources issues as well as the countries to develop an Integrated Water Resources Management approach in policies and practices. The concept of providing a neutral platform for dialogues has grown in significance since GWP CACENA was established in 2002. Due to active role of the Regional Water Partnership in CACENA a close cooperation has been established between water specialists in the region, joint activities have been implemented, as a result of which good relationship has been established between the countries. During the regional meetings within the framework of GWP CACENA, exchange of information and management experience takes place between the principal stakeholders. The GWP CACENA provides favorable conditions for integrating not only into the GWP network activities, but also for involving local partners into activities supported by other international organizations and donors – with the general goal to create water security over the region.

For more information, visit www.gwp.org and <http://www.gwp.org/en/CACENA/ABOUT-GWP-CACENA/who/about-gwp-cacena/>

GWP's Climate Change Program

GWP is responding to the climate change challenge through the Global Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP). WACDEP contributes to improved resilience to climate change, through enhanced technical and institutional capacity and predictable financing and investments in water security and climate change adaptation. WACDEP aims to integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning and decision-making processes, build climate resilience and support countries to adapt to a new climate regime through increased investments in water security. The WACDEP targets over 60 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and it is aligned with the objectives of the National Adaptation Plan process, the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of WACDEP, GWP is stepping up efforts to support GWP regions in Asia to develop a sustainable Pan Asia consolidated WACDEP programme. GWP Asia regions include four RWPs; GWP South Asia, GWP Southeast Asia, GWP Central Asia and Caucasus and GWP China.

The WACDEP in Asia will support regions and countries in Asia on the implementation of global and regional commitments under and the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). More specifically the programme will support countries on the implementation water and adaptation related priorities under the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), mainly through support to access funds from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Support to the SDGs focus on the implementation of SDG 6 and other water-related SDGs.

GWP CACENA requires services of an expert familiar with the Paris Agreement, NDCs, and NAPs in order to synthesize the results of a gap assessment that will be done in the CACENA region and support the development of a strategic planning document for the region.

Scope and tasks of the consultancy

The consultant will conduct the following tasks:

- Prepare a first overview of the various gap assessment analysis that are currently being prepared by the GWPO CACENA Country Partnerships (Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia), to be presented at a Panasia WACDEP Meeting that GWP is organizing in Colombo on the 12th and 13th of September 2017. The assessment documents will be communicated by the GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator late August.
- Participate in the GWP PANASIA meeting of September and support the region in preparing an adjusted three year plan.
- Prepare a detailed report for the gap assessment and recommendations as suggested in the annex.

Reporting

The Consultant will report to the Regional Coordinator with copy to the GWP CACENA Chair and AdHoc WACDEP Committee.

Timing

The consultancy is expected to start on the 1st of September and end on the 31st of October.

Qualifications and Experience

Advanced academic degree and successful experience in Climate Change Adaptation with sound knowledge of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Climate Financing instruments, IWRM principles, contemporary institutional, economic and managerial aspects of water management in Central Asia and Caucasus. Good understanding of current situation and challenges of water sectors of CACENA countries including knowledge of zoning differences.

At least seven years of relevant experience in administrative, financial and program/project management, of which a minimum four years should be at the international level. Ability to understand mentality of local communities and knowledge of IWRM implementation in field

conditions. Sufficient experience in monitoring, analyzing and evaluating programmatic information and pro-active decision making. Demonstrated experience to write concise and well written reports. Excellent communication, analytical, reporting and interpersonal skills. Ability to meet deadlines and perform well under time pressure. Fluency in spoken and written Russian is essential, sound knowledge of English is preferred; familiarity with any local languages (CACENA region) would definitely be an asset. Excellent MS office skills.

Annex: Structure of the final report

1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report

Explain what the purpose of this report is.

Explain what questions the report addresses, for example:

1. Are there gaps between what is being implemented and what is set out in the NDCs and NAPs?
2. Are there gaps between what is set out in the NDCs and the NAPs and what is needed to achieve water security and climate resilient development? Are these gaps addressed elsewhere?
3. Are there gaps between what is set out in the NDCs and NAPs and the enabling activities related to capacity, knowledge, governance and financing needed in order to achieve them?
4. Are there gaps between the experiences of accessibility, relevance and amount of climate financing that is available compared to what is needed?

Explain what the geographical coverage of this report is – i.e. what countries are in the GWP CACENA region

Explain that the report has been prepared in advance of the Pan Asia WACDEP meeting to be held in Colombo in September 2017.

Explain what the WACDEP is and that the Pan Asia WACDEP is in development. Explain that the findings of this document are intended to inform the development of the Pan Asia WACDEP by identifying gaps that could potentially be addressed through activities in the Pan Asia WACDEP.

2. Context

2.1 The Paris Agreement

Provide general context/background on the Paris Agreement
(see: <http://bigpicture.unfccc.int/#content-the-paris-agreemen>)

2.2 Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Provide short explanation of what these are

2.3 National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

Provide short explanation of what these are

2.4 Climate financing

Provide a short explanation of climate financing

2.5 Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) overview

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) promotes water security and climate resilience in development planning through the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP). In order to achieve this, the aim is to support countries to implement their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in line with the Paris Agreement and to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on SDG 6 on water.

WACDEP is supporting countries across the 13 GWP regions, through enhanced technical and institutional capacity, predictable financing and investments in water security, better drought/flood management and climate change adaptation. WACDEP contributes to the process initiated by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) of reducing vulnerability to climate change in developing countries, and building resilience through national adaptation plans (NAPs). Gaps in implementation

2.6 Overview

This section addresses the question:

Are there gaps between what is being implemented and what is set out in the NDCs and NAPs?

Provide some text to explain the question.

2.7 Findings

Provide the findings.

Add another section on “Summary of gaps” if this is not already clear from the findings section.

Note that there is a UNFCCC progress tracker for overall work programme implementation http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9485.php

3. Gaps in what is needed to achieve water security and climate resilient development

3.1 Overview

This section addresses the question:

Are there gaps between what is set out in the NDCs and the NAPs and what is needed to achieve water security and climate resilient development? Are these gaps addressed elsewhere?

Provide some text to explain the question.

Perhaps think about this in terms of the WACDEP structure – are there activities/plans/strategies in the NDCs and NAPs that cover each of these elements or are there aspects of these that could be strengthened?:

- Regional and transboundary cooperation
- National development and sector plans
- No/low regrets investments
- Project preparation and financing
- Demonstration projects for innovative green solutions

3.2 Findings

Provide the findings.

Add another section on “Summary of gaps” if this is not already clear from the findings section.

4. Gaps in enabling activities

4.1 Overview

This section addresses the question:

Are there gaps between what is set out in the NDCs and NAPs and the enabling activities related to capacity, knowledge, governance and financing needed in order to achieve them?

Provide some text to explain the question.

4.2 Findings

Provide the findings.

Add another section on “Summary of gaps” if this is not already clear from the findings section.

5. Gaps in climate financing

5.1 Overview

This section addresses the question:

Are there gaps between the experiences of accessibility, relevance and amount of climate financing that is available compared to what is needed?

Provide some text to explain the question.

5.2 Findings

Provide the findings.

Add another section on “Summary of gaps” if this is not already clear from the findings section.

6. Conclusions

6.1 Headline messages from the gap assessment

Summarise the main messages from each section – i.e. the most important gaps.

If possible, prioritise the gaps that would make the biggest difference to achieving the Paris Agreement, the SDGs and WACDEP if addressed.

6.2 Recommended way forward

Provide any recommendations for how to take forward the findings from this report. Could/should all of the gaps be addressed through the Pan Asia WACDEP? If not then how else can gaps be

addressed? If there are activities that you would suggest to address the gaps in light of this research, then please include these suggested activities either here or in the relevant sections of this report.

7. References

Provide a reference list or include footnotes in the text, as appropriate.