Regional Coordinator
Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS)

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) (www.gwp.org) is a global action network of partners supporting countries and regions in the sustainable development and management of water and related resources worldwide. GWP’s vision is for ‘a water secure world’, in which communities are protected from floods, droughts, and waterborne diseases, and where environmental protection and the negative effects of poor water management are effectively addressed. The GWP network is supported and guided by the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO), an intergovernmental organization based in Stockholm, Sweden.

The Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS) (www.gwp.org/en/gwp-SAS) is a Regional Water Partnership (RWP) within the GWP network. The GWP SAS Regional Office is based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and is hosted by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (www.iwmi.org). IWMI is seeking applications from candidates to lead the GWP SAS Regional Office. The incumbent is accountable to the Regional Steering Committee (RSC), and is responsible for maintaining a close and effective relationship with GWPO.

Specific duties of the Regional Coordinator include the strategic implementation of the Regional Work Program and ensuring the development of the GWP Regional Water Partnership (RWP), in its goal to attain water security in the region. Based on the strategic direction of the RSC, the Regional Coordinator is also responsible for all aspects in relation to development, planning, implementation, reporting, financial management and administration of the Regional Work Program, in collaboration with the GWP partners in the region, and other strategic regional funders and/or institutions. Further, the incumbent will be responsible for the management and administration of the Regional Office at IWMI headquarters in Pelawatte, Battaramulla, where he/she will be based.

Candidates with an advanced degree (MSc and above) in any, or a combination, of the following fields – natural science, water management, economics, development studies, environmental and social sciences, and engineering – or any equivalent educational background, and at least 7 years’ relevant experience in working with implementing large development programs are encouraged to apply. The candidate must have sound knowledge and skills in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects and programs, mainly in the field of environmental and water resources management. The person should be able to network at high political levels and across the region to secure financing for the RWP, have a good understanding of national governments’ economic development processes, and experience of working with governmental development programs.

For a detailed job description and to apply, visit www.iwmi.org/jobs. Your application must include a copy of your curriculum vitae, cover letter which addresses the position’s requirements, and contact information of three professional referees who may be contacted if you are short-listed for the position.

Applications must be submitted by 24:00 hours (Sri Lanka Standard Time) on April 23, 2017.

This is a nationally recruited staff position and only Sri Lankan citizens are encouraged to apply. IWMI offers a competitive salary and benefits package, which includes transport and health insurance. IWMI’s policy is to appoint staff on contract basis and renewal of same will be based on performance and GWP SAS’s requirements. The duration of the contract will initially be for a three-year period with possible extension.