

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Water Week at the World Expo in Dubai, March 2022

The Australian Water Partnership (AWP) is seeking Australian Partners to participate in Water Week (20–26 March 2022) at the [World Expo in Dubai](#), United Arab Emirates (UAE).

#### Activity Background

The World Expo, running from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, is a global mega-event with 192 participating countries, including Australia. It presents a platform for global achievement, innovation, collaboration and cooperation across sectors, organisations, and geographies to address global challenges in the post-COVID-19 world. The Australian Pavilion, led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), will bring a piece of Australia to the Expo and play host to a targeted program of events that showcases the best of Australia. The Australian Pavilion will be involved in Water Week, one of ten theme weeks running throughout the six months of the Expo.

During Water Week, the AWP will deliver the following Australian sponsored events in collaboration with partners (view [event page](#) for more detail):

- International Conference on Water Resources Management and Sustainability: Solutions for Arid Regions (22–24 March). *Please note there is [an open call for papers for the Conference](#) not managed by AWP. However, we encourage partners to submit abstracts directly via the conference website.*
- Making the Invisible Visible: Valuing Women and Marginalised People in Water Management and WASH (22 March)
- Women at the Table: A Cross-Generational Knowledge Sharing and Mentoring Event (22 March)
- A Thirst for Equality: Addressing the Challenges in Accessing Water Resources (24 March)

AWP will be funding the following activities related to the Expo, and partners are requested to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for one or both activities below.

## Activity Description

### 1. Appointment of a Dubai Expo Water Engagement and Coordination Manager

AWP is seeking to appoint an individual from one of its partner organisations to a temporary position to drive engagement, coordination, and the delivery of a strong Australian water presence across events at the Expo. The Dubai Expo Water Engagement and Coordination Manager will work across the Australian water sector to support organisations to engage in and leverage new international water engagement opportunities at Expo. A critical element of this role is to actively engage with interested parties across the sector to design and coordinate the delivery of the above mentioned four Australian sponsored events, along with other events and activities in different virtual and in-person formats.

The position will be engaged by AWP and will be based in Dubai on a 0.4 FTE basis (negotiable) from 1 December 2021 to 28 March 2022, providing an on-the-ground and connected presence. A detailed position description highlighting the role responsibilities is outlined in Annex A.

### 2. Participation in Water Week at Dubai Expo

AWP is part of the organising committee for the Conference on Water Resources Management and Sustainability for Arid Environments, co-hosted by the South Australian Department for Environment and Water (with the Goyder Institute), and the UAE University. The event is an opportunity to showcase Australian contributions addressing global challenges in this area, and for Australian institutions to build international linkages and raise their profile on a global stage. It will have close links to the Australian presence during Water Week.

There are a number of ways for partners to be involved in Water Week, including submitting conference papers through the UAEU website. AWP has an opportunity to put forward additional workshops organised by partners for inclusion in the program and is seeking EOIs from Australian Partners. We welcome proposals for workshops to be held within the conference related to any area of Australian expertise in water scarcity. Where partners are also able to support AWP's other events during Water Week, AWP will consider supporting travel for a small number of the selected partners to participate.

## Application Procedure

Interested partner/s should submit an EOI via the following online form by **Tuesday 30 November 2021, 5.00 pm AEDT** (late applications will not be accepted):

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/AustralianWaterPartnership/awpsubmissionform>

Note, please **do not** use the AWP Tender Submission Template provided on the online form as this template is for full proposals only. Instead, this EOI should include a description of relevant experience of the partner/s, as well as proposed daily remuneration rates based on the [AWP Partners Remuneration Framework](#). EOIs should be a maximum of five pages. **For Activity 1**, appendices and CVs should be included within your application document (max 1 file upload allowed). Please note that CVs should be limited to 1–2 pages highlighting skill base to the activity. **For Activity 2**, EOIs should include the following information:

- Proposed workshop title (related to Australian expertise in sustainable water management in arid environments)
- Brief abstract
- Proposed speakers (note that speakers ideally would be able to contribute to AWP's other events during Water Week).

The formation of consortiums of partners is encouraged.

### **Selection Criteria**

EOIs for **Activity 1** will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Demonstrated experience stakeholder engagement and program management, including logistics of international workshops and programs;
- Demonstrated experience in sustainable water management;
- Demonstrated understanding of Australian policy and management of water resources, and how that can be applied to other contexts;
- Demonstrated knowledge and familiarity with the socioeconomic context of the Middle East and North African (MENA) region;
- Ability to showcase Australian expertise and innovation in water resource management to a diverse audience;
- Consideration of AWP's [Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion \(GEDSI\) policy](#); and
- Ability to effectively interact and engage in discussions related to water and gender.

EOIs for **Activity 2** will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Ability to represent Australian expertise in water management in scarcity in an international environment;
- Quality of proposal and speakers;
- Ability to support AWP's other events during Water Week;
- Consideration of AWP's [Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion \(GEDSI\) policy](#); and
- Ability to effectively interact and engage in discussions related to water and gender.

## Contact

For any questions, please contact Shreya Gyawali, Program Officer [shreya.gyawali@waterpartnership.org.au](mailto:shreya.gyawali@waterpartnership.org.au) by **Friday 19 November, 5pm AEDT**. All questions received will be compiled and presented with answers on the Partner Portal at <https://waterpartnership.org.au/partner-portal/programs-activities/> and emailed to partners.

*Note that AWP reserves the right to not proceed with the outlined activity and is not liable for any costs incurred by partners in preparing EOIs.*

## Annex A: Position Description for Dubai Expo Water Engagement and Coordination Manager

<b>Position Title</b>	Dubai Expo Water Engagement and Coordination Manager
<b>Location</b>	Dubai, UAE
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2021 to 28 March 2022
<b>Employment Type</b>	0.4 FTE (Negotiable)
<b>About the role</b>	The Dubai Expo Water Engagement and Coordination Manager will work across the Australian water sector to support organisations to engage in and leverage new international water engagement opportunities at Expo. A critical element of this role is to actively engage with interested parties across the sector to design and coordinate appropriate avenues for their participation in Australian sponsored and other events and activities in different virtual and direct forms.
<b>Role Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage strategic engagement of the Australian water sector in events at Dubai Expo, with the objective of increasing the profile of Australian water expertise.</li> <li>• Coordinate the design and delivery of the conference program across various Australian, UAE and other international partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support programming across the four events, including potential speakers for in-person and online participation.</li> <li>- Represent and support DEW, AWP, and Goyder in interactions with the Conference organisers at UAEU.</li> <li>- Liaise with the Australian Mission to Expo Dubai, Expo and pavilion organisers on logistics and programming matters.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Facilitate the promotion of the conference and other Expo water activities across the Australian water sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a communications plan and manage social media promotion of Australia’s Dubai water events, in collaboration across the AWP communications team, the SA Department for Environment and Water and the Goyder Institute.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Actively engage with Australian water sector entities to support their participation in various conference and other Expo activities, including AWP partners and AWA members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depending on travel conditions in March 2022, this might include supporting in-person participation of some delegates.</li> <li>- Support online engagement of a broad range of Australian Partners in the Water Week events.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Desired Attributes and Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least five years’ experience in water and policy, with existing networks in Australia and internationally.</li> <li>• Event management experience, particularly for hybrid events.</li> <li>• The ability to represent the Australian organising team in interactions with a broad range of stakeholders in the UAE and elsewhere.</li> </ul>