

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

AWP's engagement in water and climate international events

The Australian Water Partnership (AWP) is seeking an Australian Partner to provide support in a series of dialogues leading up to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 27th Conference of Parties (UNFCCC COP27; 7–18 November 2022) and the UN Water 2023 water conference (22–24 March 2023). The support consists in coordinating and organising resources that will contribute towards engagement at COP27.

Activity Background

Climate change is putting additional pressure on current water sector challenges by increasing rainfall variability, frequency of extreme weather events and the associated droughts and floods, as well as decreasing water quality, heatwaves which lead to higher water demand and continuous sea level rise, to name a few. The latest IPCC report states feasible and effective adaptation actions are integrated, multi-sectoral solutions to address social inequities based on climate risk. Importantly, the report recognises the value of diverse forms of knowledge including scientific, Indigenous and local knowledge to understand and evaluate climate adaptation processes and actions and avoid maladaptation.

Since its inception, the AWP has been sharing Australia's water journey in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. AWP is increasingly working towards including Indigenous water knowledge in the Australian water journey. Highlighting the thousands of years of adaptive management in agriculture, irrigation, disaster reduction (back burning and fallow processes) and water management with the Australian climate will be a key part of this activity.

Activity Description

AWP is organising a series of dialogues in the lead up to UNFCCC COP27 and the UN Water 2023 water conference. The dialogues aim to gather and integrate Australian Partners' and partner stakeholders' water sector experiences in the Indo-Pacific in the context of climate change to contribute to AWP's involvement in the international events mentioned above.

Dialogue 1: Setting the scene – showing the link between adaptation and water resource management.

Dialogue 2: How does traditional, Indigenous, and local knowledge play a role in water management and climate adaptation?

Dialogue 3: Consolidation of messages and way forward to COP 27.

Dialogue 4: COP27 debrief and next steps towards UN 2023 Water Conference.

The partner may play a support role at COP27, but this requirement will be determined by AWP at a later date.

Selection Criteria

EOIs will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Excellent consultation, communication, analytical and writing skills.
- Project management.
- Capacity to identify water's interconnections and interdependencies with people and other sectors across and between scales, from the local to the international, and across institutional and academic siloes.
- Identified opportunities for innovation in the delivery of the program.
- Be abreast of emerging practices to share including the integration of community and traditional knowledge into climate adaptation practices across the water sector.
- Value for Money as evidenced by proposed daily remuneration rates.

Application Procedure

Interested partners should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) via the following online form by **5:30pm (AEST), Monday 20 June 2022** (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, as well as proposed daily remuneration rates based on the [AWP Partners Remuneration Framework](#). EOIs should be a maximum of five pages. 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.

Contact

Please direct all questions for this activity to Lucía Gamarra, Senior Partnerships and Impact Officer (lucia.gamarra@waterpartnership.org.au) by **5:30pm (AEST) on Monday 13 June**. All questions received will be compiled and presented with answers on the Partner Portal at <https://waterpartnership.org.au/partner-portal/programs-activities/>.

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: Terms of Reference

Activity Title	AWP's engagement in water and climate international events
Expected start & end dates	June 2022 – April 2023
Objectives/aims of the Activity	<p>The aim of this activity is to contribute to Australia's engagement in international platforms, by presenting a relevant and cohesive set of experiences and stories focused on integration of Indigenous and traditional knowledge into water management and climate change actions.</p> <p>The objectives of this activity are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify relevant Australian and regional water expertise and experiences to share in international platforms. 2. Showcase examples of integrating of Indigenous, local and western knowledge in water and climate. 3. Illustrate how Indigenous knowledge can contribute to sustainable development outcomes.
Main tasks	<p>The selected partner will provide support to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify relevant stakeholders to engage in the water and climate space. 2. Collate information used at and coming out of the dialogues, interpreting the information, and presenting it in a coherent and cohesive way to elevate AWP's involvement in COP27 and UN Water 2023.
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder map. 2. Reports on dialogues.
Budget for submissions	Upper limit of AU\$68k (excl. GST) including remuneration and expenses for delivery.
Working arrangements	<p>The Australian Partner selected will be working with AWP's KPEC team and have access to AWP's resources, such as past webinars and information about past and/or ongoing activities.</p> <p>AWP expects this activity to be a desk-based exercise, with communication over the telephone, video conferencing, Zoom/Skype or other similar tools.</p>
Method of engagement	Open. Value for Money is selection criteria, please refer to AWP Partner Remuneration Rates Framework .
Australian Partner capability requirements	<p>The selected partner should have demonstrated experience in the following core areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent consultation, communication, analytical and writing skills. • Project management. • Capacity to identify water's interconnections and interdependencies with people and other sectors across and between scales, from the local to the international, and across institutional and academic siloes. • Identified opportunities for innovation in AWP's engagement. • Be abreast of emerging practices to share including the integration of community and traditional knowledge into climate adaptation practices across the water sector. • Value for Money as evidenced by proposed daily remuneration rates.