

Call for EOIs FAQs

AWP's engagement in water and climate international events

ToRs: <https://waterpartnership.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Call-for-EOI-AWP-Water-and-Climate-Engagement.pdf>

- 1. The ToR reads as though the Partner has no direct role in coordinating or organising the dialogues themselves – is it the case this logistical task will be carried out entirely in-house by AWP?**

AWP will lead the coordination and organisation of the dialogues directly, and the partner will provide support in the design, dissemination and reporting of the dialogues.

- 2. The Call identifies four dialogues to be held, only one of which explicitly refers to traditional/Indigenous knowledge, yet the ToR states that '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'. Please clarify the extent to which the entirety of the Activity, and/or all of the four dialogues, will indeed be focused principally or solely on Indigenous/traditional knowledge.**

The dialogues are an exploratory process, so topics are TBC. There are other parts to AWP's COP27 engagement including identifying case studies of good practice, so we want to leave room for the dialogue to evolve. The current plan is: The first dialogue will set the scene in explicitly linking climate change adaptation and water resource management. The second dialogue aims to specifically focus on the role that traditional, Indigenous, and local knowledge play in water management and climate adaptation approaches. The third and fourth dialogues will depend on the discussions from previous dialogues, with the intent to emphasise the use and integration of Indigenous and traditional water knowledge in climate action.

- 3. The introduction states that 'AWP is organising a series of dialogues in the lead up to UNFCCC COP27 and the UN Water 2023 water conference' but the dialogues are not referred to in the Objectives in the ToR. Is it expected that the contractor will arrange the four dialogues described or will that be done in-house by AWP?**

The international platforms mentioned in the objectives include the UNFCCC COP27 and the UN Water 2023 Conference. The dialogues will be organised in-house by AWP. The partner will provide support by identifying relevant stakeholders to engage in the water and climate

space, collating information from the dialogues, interpreting the information, and presenting it in a coherent and cohesive way to guide AWP's involvement in COP27 and UN Water 2023.

- 4. The Objectives does not appear to be consistent with Tasks and Outputs. The Objectives are to identify relevant Australian and regional water expertise and experiences to share in international platforms; and showcase examples of integrating of Indigenous, local and western knowledge in water and climate; and illustrate how Indigenous knowledge can contribute to sustainable development outcomes. But the tasks appear more limited: identify stakeholders and collate information coming out of the dialogues and presenting it in a coherent way, which link closely to the outputs of a stakeholder map and reports on the dialogues. How /where are the second and third objectives regarding Indigenous knowledge reflected in the tasks and outputs?**

It is expected that the participation and content from the dialogues will support achievement of the objectives. Stakeholder identification and reporting from the online dialogues will highlight the engagement and discussions on Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge.

- 5. How does AWP define Indigenous? Are all Pacific Islanders (apart from expatriates) considered Indigenous?**

AWP supports people's right to self-determine their identity, which is why we have included "Indigenous", "traditional" and "local" knowledge. Indigenous, traditional or local knowledge can be differentiated from western scientific approaches.

- 6. It is proposed that Australia's experience in integrating Indigenous knowledge in water and climate be presented to these international forums. However, there is considerable debate in Australia about whether Indigenous knowledge has been effectively integrated into water management in this country. Does AWP expect that any information / case studies on the integration of Indigenous engagement in Australia's water management and climate adaptation would include both successes and failures?**

The dialogues aim to provide a platform to share and gather the experiences from within Australia and the Indo-Pacific on water management as part of climate adaptation, including the integration of Indigenous, traditional and local water knowledge. Lessons learned can include both successes and failures.

NOTE

Partner WaterAid is looking to collaborate with an AWP Partner who has experience with other partners on this activity. Please contact Tom Muller tom.muller@wateraid.org.au if interested.