

Invitation to tender: Technical Support in Strengthening Governance and Building Climate Resilience in WASH Services in West and Central Africa– ENGLISH AND FRENCH - Individual consultants. **WCAR Based**

SIWI is pleased to invite individual consultants to take part in a tender procedure for the above contract. The deadline for receipt of tenders is **6th January 2025**:

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Stockholm International Water Institute

SIWI is a knowledge organisation using its expertise and convening power to strengthen water governance for a just, prosperous, and sustainable future. SIWI arranges the annual World Water Week in Stockholm.

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Background and scope

SIWI is a policy institute that generates knowledge, builds capacity, and informs decision-making with a view to addressing the challenges in reaching Sustainable Development Goal 6, ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. SIWI performs research, builds institutional capacity, and provides advisory and technical support in areas related to water governance, transboundary water management, and water and climate change. SIWI also cooperates with public and private actors in Sweden and organises the World Water Week in Stockholm - the leading annual global conference on water and development issues. By producing and disseminating actionable knowledge, SIWI contributes to bridging the gap between policy and practice.

Within SIWI, the **Water and Sanitation (WASH) Department**'s efforts focus on achieving more equitable, efficient, and sustainable water supply and sanitation services in low- and middle-income countries - in ways that are resilient to climatic and demographic variations. The team mainly works in the knowledge - policy - practice space, closing the implementation gap between policy and practice through strengthened governance for WASH service delivery. As such, the department supports its boundary partners in priority-setting, policy development and implementation of improved water governance processes and practices, collaborating with a variety of partners and stakeholders from different

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constituencies (UN agencies and their country offices, development banks, government, private sector, civil society and academia) throughout the water policy cycle.

The WASH department is currently undertaking several major programs. With UNICEF, one of its main partners, SIWI has four ongoing Programme Cooperation Agreements (PCA): one with a global focus, four additional with a regional focus on LAC, MENA region, East Asia Pacific region and West and Central Africa region. Through these five PCAs, SIWI supports UNICEF and its boundary partners to increase sustainability of their WASH interventions and make them climate resilient, through the enhancement of accountability and the Enabling Environment in the service delivery framework. The collaboration has been successful in developing and providing knowledge, capacity and technical support to Headquarters, regional and country offices.

Another relevant line of activity concentrates on building WASH services resilience. The focus is on urban systems, creating tools and resources to help cities take a holistic view of their water system, understand, and assess the key resilience challenges, and prioritize and develop action plans for urban water resilience. However, the scope of work has been recently expanded to cover the issues of water security and water scarcity, with a focus on WRM-WASH linkages and WRM-WASH inter-sectoral cooperation.

Last, but not least, the department's efforts are also directed towards increasing the understanding of both emerging and neglected WASH issues. Among others, topics covered in recent assignments include providing technical assistance to WASH sector in the transition to climate resilience services (over 35 countries supported), developing guidance on systems strengthening for WASH systems, developing a tool on service delivery models, supporting countries on Sector Wide Sustainability Checks, develop training on WASH Regulation and action plans, the analysis of accountability actors and relations around WASH service provision in fragile contexts, the role and potential contribution of local innovation in water and sanitation services delivery in peri-urban areas, service delivery models for public sanitation (beyond the household) in urban settings, supporting WASH in schools diagnostic and action plan, and how to promote water integrity to prevent and fight corruption in water.

Over the last few months, SIWI's WASH department has witnessed a significant increase in our level of activity. SIWI is therefore looking for individual consultants with regional expertise to assist in the delivery of **technical support to countries in strengthen governance and climate resilience of WASH services in West and Central Africa Region**. The consultants (from any WCAR countries) will support SIWI in various forms: from data collection, data analysis and stakeholders mapping to regional, national and local studies, including also training and capacity building or the elaboration of guidelines and other knowledge products. The services may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- identify, follow-up, and study **public policies related to the enabling environment** for the delivery of water and sanitation services;
- design and conduct **data collection campaigns** on water and sanitation and water resources issues, including the development of methodologies, sampling protocols, tools, surveys instruments, etc.;
- **analyse primary and secondary data**, including both qualitative and quantitative methodologies;

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- develop and **elaborate new knowledge products** (e.g., policy briefs, technical reports, journal papers, etc.) about water and sanitation services, water resources management, and water governance for climate resilience.
- assist in the **development of methodologies and tools** to advance governance in water and sanitation services, water resources management, and water governance for climate resilience;
- provide **technical support at regional and country level** to improve water and sanitation services delivery for all (covering topics as e.g., services delivery models, regulation, water tariffs, water allocation, WASH and vulnerable groups, WASH in fragile states, water integrity, etc.). This might include the development of preliminary studies, direct or indirect support to countries in the development of project proposals (e.g., in the area of water governance and climate adaptation and/or mitigation), etc.;
- provide **technical support at regional and country level** to make WASH interventions climate resilient, through e.g., support on climate risk analysis, integration of WASH into key national climate priorities (NAP, NDCs), etc.;
- provide **policy advice and support to governments and other national and regional organizations** in water governance and climate aspects;
- develop **trainings and other capacity-building workshops** to all types of water stakeholders (national and local governments, service providers, regulators, community-based organizations, users, etc.) on water related issues; and
- contribute to the **organization of seminars and workshops** at the World Water Week, and other regional or national events related to water and climate governance.

SIWI is seeking expressions of interest from individual consultants (with regional presence) to strengthen WASH governance and building climate resilience in WASH services in West and Central Africa and assist countries in their endeavour to provide water and sanitation services for all. Individual consultants may apply as tenderers.

Specific requirements on the tenderer

Experience required

- At least seven years of experience and/or research in working on water, sanitation, and hygiene services, with a focus on sustainable development, climate resilience and poverty alleviation.
- At least seven years of experience in providing technical support to governments (national, subnational, local) and/or international organizations in aspects related to water governance, demonstrated through studies/reports/projects.
- At least five years of expertise in support to francophone and anglophone in WCA region
- At least five years of experience supporting data collection and analysis, capacity building and/or training (facilitation of workshops).

Skills/Technical skills and knowledge

- Strong experience in francophone and anglophone countries from the WCA region with also a regional perspective

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- Experience in interfacing with different actors and WASH partners (governments, NGOs, donors, inter-governmental organizations), and in facilitating regional and global events on WASH and climate.
- Specific knowledge in promoting multistakeholder water governance dialogues at national level, including the implementation of WASHBAT exercises or similar.
- Experience in conducting water scarcity analysis and climate risk assessments for WASH
- Specialized training, expertise, and experience in one or more of the following areas: WASH and climate, WASH governance, Water Resources Management including in development and emergency settings.
- Clear and concise writing skills with demonstrated ability to analyse systems and distil key concepts.
- Excellent organizational, team and inter-personal skills in view of interacting with multiple stakeholders at country and regional levels.
- Candidates must have proficiency in English AND French.
- Knowledge of at least one of the following languages will be an advantage: Portuguese, and Arabic.

Availability to travel

Ability and willingness to travel to any country from the region to support assignments

Duty Station

The consultant must be based in the WCA region. Only candidates from the region will be considered

Award criteria

The contract will be awarded based on the following criteria:

70% - Technical expertise, according to the requirements of the tender, including the required experience, technical skills and knowledge and language skills outlined above.

30% - Financial proposal, based on the price per day offered.

Multiple contractors may be contracted and ranked according to the award criteria.

When services will be required, they will be assigned through first right of refusal, starting from the first contractor in the ranking.

The type of agreement to be signed with all contractors selected will be a framework agreement.

Signature of the agreement does not impose an obligation on SIWI to purchase any services.

Tendering

The tender **must** contain the following information:

- A letter that summarizes the experience of the consultant related to the services procured.
- A full CV containing relevant references and including details of 3 reports (publication, studies) and 3 training.
- Specific countries and regions where the consultant have relevant experience
- Description of the daily rate offered by the individual per day of work (considering 8h per day). Travel and stay costs are considered separately.

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- Name and contact information

The tender must be submitted to the following email address: antoine.delepiere@siwi.org. SIWI must have received the tender by 6th January 2025. The subject of the email should be “**Technical Support in Strengthening Governance and Building Climate Resilience in WASH Services in West and Central Africa– ENGLISH AND FRENCH - WCAR Based**”.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted by 15th January 2025; those not hearing by this date will need to assume they have not been successful on this occasion.

Services will start soonest by 1st February 2025. The duration of this contract will be until 30th March 2026.

Processing of personal data

SIWI will process personal data included in tender documents and communications. For information about SIWI’s processing of personal data, please use the following link:

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Disclaimer

This invitation to tender is in no way binding on SIWI. SIWI’s contractual obligation will commence only upon signature of a written contract by the authorized signatories of SIWI and the successful tenderer.

SIWI reserves the right to accept any tender without prior negotiations. SIWI reserves the right to reject any tender and to cancel the process and reject all tenders at any time prior to the signing of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer(s).

SIWI will not be responsible for, or pay for, expenses or losses that may be incurred by a candidate or tenderer in the preparation of its tender and/or in connection with the procurement process.

We look forward to receiving your tender.

Yours sincerely



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