



Engaging Civil Society in Water Management in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region INCEPTION PHASE

Call for Proposals

Project selection criteria, Format for proposal submission & Proposal selection process

In the framework of the project *Engaging Civil Society in Water Management in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region* funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the implementing partner, Wetlands International, is seeking project proposals from **Jordan, Morocco** and **Tunisia**.

A. Project selection criteria:

ONE project will be selected from each of the three countries.

Proposals for completely new projects are welcomed, but CIDA and Wetlands International will also look favourably on existing civil society capacity-building projects/programmes in the field of water management to which this project could contribute **clear and demonstrable added value**.

In all cases, project proposals will only be considered when they meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- The primary objective of proposed projects must be the **building of capacity of civil society organizations to engage effectively in water-resource planning and management at river-basin level**. This must include:
 - Enhancing the capacity of the civil society sector to support **and participate in** the implementation of integrated approaches to water management (including engaging organisations or groups sensitive to women issues, e.g. NGOs, universities);
 - Engaging organisations responsible for river basin management to ensure that they are enabled to apply the necessary **approaches, tools, mechanisms and know-how** in and integrated water (and wetland) resource management **including approaches to engage civil society**;
 - Developing **civil society knowledge** concerning policy and practical aspects of wetlands and water management.

- Proposed projects must be located within one of the country's **principal river or lake basins/catchments**.
- Proposed projects must have a **maximum duration of three and a half years** (during the period 2008 to 2012)
- Proposed projects must be achievable within a **total budget not exceeding CAD 426,000 = approx. EUR 300,000*** of which CIDA would provide two-thirds. The local partners are required to contribute one-third of the costs (which could be in the form of 'in-kind' contributions, not necessarily in the form of direct finance). [*Projects with a budget exceeding EUR 300,000 will **only** be considered if accompanied by clear evidence that the local partners are able to secure the additional funding required from other sources. In any case, CIDA funding will be limited to the level indicated above.]
- Proposed projects must be **submitted jointly** by at least one civil society partner organization that has **demonstrable interest*** in/potential for future engagement in integrated water resource management **and** the official body formally responsible for water resource management in the basin/catchment concerned. While projects are to be submitted jointly and demonstrate a joint approach to implementation, civil society partners must remain independent of government control during the implementation phase. [*Please include appropriate information to show this interest, e.g. statement of the organisation's aims and objectives, list of activities and projects undertaken to date, links to relevant documents/reports available on the internet.]
- Proposed projects must have the potential to serve as an **example/demonstration project** for the successful engagement of civil society in other basins in the country and the wider southern Mediterranean region.

B. Format for proposal submission:

Project proposals must be submitted electronically as Word or pdf files. Proposals **must not exceed 15 pages** of A4 (including all maps, tables, diagrams or other graphics). Details must be provided using the following structure and headings; failure to do so may mean the proposal is not considered.

1. **Names, addresses and contact details of proponents**
 - a. governmental/official partner(s)
 - b. civil society partner(s)
2. **Project title**
3. **Project location** (include simple maps showing location at national, river basin and local scales, as appropriate).
4. **Total estimated budget**, including a statement of the total estimated co-finance contribution that project proponents and other local partners expect to offer (either as 'in-kind' contribution or as direct co-financing).
5. Expected **outcomes**, including details of how the project will lead to **long-term benefits at river-basin and/or national level for the engagement of civil society in integrated water resource management.**

6. **Details of specific objectives and activities** with an indication of timing of each of the main activities.
7. **Organizations/stakeholders to be involved** (local, basin and national).
8. **Relevance** (if any) **to existing national or international projects**
9. **Preliminary budget**, The budget must be related to the activities described in section 6. (i.e. the estimated cost of each activity must be clearly shown and justified).

C. Submission and selection process

- Proposals must be submitted electronically as Word or pdf files to Mr Tim Jones tim.jones@djenvironmental.com who is administering this call for proposals on behalf of Wetlands International.
- The **final deadline** for the **receipt** of project proposals is **5 November 2007**.
- Proposals may be submitted in **either English or French**.
- Tim Jones will contact project proponents if further **information/clarification** is required. Tim Jones will also be available for **advice** after 20 October and can be contacted using the above-mentioned email address.
- As soon as possible after 5 November 2007 **Wetlands International will draw up a short list** of up to three projects for each country and may request **additional details** for short-listed projects, including a project **logframe** and **timetable** of activities.
- A **two-person team will visit each country** on behalf of Wetlands International to discuss short-listed projects with the proponents during November 2007.
- A **final decision on selected projects** will be made by **30 November 2007**.
- The **outcome of the process** will be communicated to all those submitting proposals as soon as possible after 30 November 2007.
- A **formal agreement** will be drawn up between Wetlands International and the proponents of the one selected project in each country **for signature before 31 December 2007**.