

PUBLIC CALL FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT IN ORGANIZING A “REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON WATER DIPLOMACY WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON GENDER-SENSITIVE NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION SKILLS” IN ALMATY (KAZAKHSTAN)

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For the organization of a “Regional training course on water diplomacy with a special focus on gender-sensitive negotiation and mediation skills”, to be held from 23 to 25 September 2019 in Almaty (Kazakhstan), OSCE seeks to hire as an implementing partner, a non-political and non-profit organisation with regional experience to assist countries in Central Asia in addressing environmental and sustainability challenges.

The costs of the organization of the training course will be covered by an ExB project. Intellectual property rights for the training course material developed by the selected implementing partner will be transferred to the OSCE under conditions stipulated in the implementing partner agreement.

The OSCE reserves the right to reject any or all applications received in response to this Public Call and to negotiate with any of the applicants in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the OSCE.

1) Background information

The countries of Central Asia are rich in water resources, though these are unequally distributed and conflicting interests on their usage and sharing regularly lead to tensions at all levels and put livelihoods at risk. Climate change is putting additional stress on the environment, in particular on water and land resources, and poses new challenges for adequate institutional responses. At the same time, water or shared resources in general function not only as potential contributors to conflicts, but also as a possible source of co-operation. Jointly managing water can help build trust and improve relations among different water users, neighbouring communities and states.

The inclusion of gender mainstreaming in water management is important because women are often disproportionately affected by unsustainable water management. Gender-sensitive policy interventions in the water sector contribute to fair sharing of water and maximize the social, economic and environmental benefits of sustainable development. In this respect, gender mainstreaming in water governance can lead to more effective and responsive policies that reduce social imbalances for the benefit of the society as a whole and therewith contribute to conflict prevention.

In this context, the OSCE will implement the project “Women, Water Management and Conflict Prevention – Phase II”, which include the “Regional training course on water diplomacy with a special focus on gender-sensitive negotiation and mediation skills”.

The main objective of the training course is to increase capacity of leaders and water professionals in Central Asia in gender-sensitive water governance and water diplomacy.

Key modules of the Training Course will include:

- Introduction to Water Diplomacy and Co-operation Concepts:
- Introduction to Water Diplomacy Methods and Tools
- International Water Law: Facilitating Gender Inclusive Transboundary Co-operation;
- The Role of Multi-level Water Governance in Peacebuilding: Examples from Conflict-Affected Countries;
- Mainstreaming Gender into Benefit-Sharing and Regional Integration Approaches;
- Options for Operationalizing Gender Policy and Strategy; and
- Learning from Other Experiences: Case Studies and Lessons Learnt.

Target audience

The target group for the training course would be advanced male and female water and environment professionals from Central Asia, working in state government, non-governmental, academic and green business sectors.

2) Specific tasks of the implementing partner shall include:

Under direct supervision and in co-ordination with the Environmental Affairs Adviser, the contractor will be responsible for the logistic arrangements and organization of a 3-day regional training course for Central Asian countries on *water diplomacy with a special focus on gender-sensitive negotiation and mediation skills* (23-25 September 2019).

The development of the curricula and training material, as well as the selection of the trainers and the delivering of the training, is not included in the tasks of this public call.

The training will be organized in conjunction with the Central Asian Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP), and will bring together up to 30 participants from different agencies (government, NGOs, academia, basin bodies, etc.) from Central Asia.

1. 2 weeks after the signing the contract: A draft concept for the necessary logistic arrangements is to be submitted electronically. The concept shall include:
 - List of proposed participants (25 participant from Central Asia + 5 potential substitutes);
 - Selected venue and hotel for accommodation of participants (Almaty, Kazakhstan);
 - Information of necessary technical equipment, proposed interpreters and translators.

2. By 30 August 2019: An interim report is to be submitted electronically. The report shall include:
 - Information on travel arrangements for the participants, including local transportation from the airport to the hotel and back;
 - Details on venue and technical equipment;
 - Draft timetable of the training, including coffee breaks, lunches and dinners (catering for 40 persons including participants, trainers, interpreters, OSCE staff).

3. By 15 October 2019: A final report is to be submitted electronically. The final report shall include:

- Outcomes and results of the training course;
- List of participants who took part in the training;
- Financial report.

Content Specific Requirements:

- The selected Implementing Partner will be in charge of dealing with VISA support procedure for those participants who need it.

3) Qualifications of the IP (mandatory requirement):

Each applicant organization:

1. Shall be an organisation with regional experience to assist Central Asian governments and stakeholders in addressing environmental and sustainability challenges;
2. Shall have developed trainings and learning programmes on environmental and sustainability challenges at regional level before;
3. Shall have experienced experts assigned for this project, with experience in organizing and developing training courses at regional level. List of key management personnel and proposed project staff with CVs shall be provided.
4. Must have extensive experience in working for governmental/intergovernmental entities and institutions;
5. Must have excellent English and Russian language skills.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience and qualifications of the selected organizations: number of training courses and learning programmes at regional level relevant to environment and sustainability;
 - 30 out of 100 points
2. Experience and qualifications of the selected organizations: number of education programmes developed;
 - 30 out of 100 points
3. Experience and qualifications of staff assigned to the project: number of training courses and education programmes developed;
 - 40 out of 100 points

3) The project proposal should provide:

Technical Proposal (no prices should be included to the Technical Proposal):

- a) Background information about the applicant organization with justification of its eligibility to participate in the public call based on the qualifications:
 - a. Information about education programmes and activities related to environment, water, sustainability;

- b. Information about experience in organizing training courses at regional level;
 - c. Information about background (CVs), qualifications and experience of the staff who would be assigned to the project.
- b) Timeline of activities;
 - c) Supporting documentation, as requested under 6) below.

Financial Proposal:

- d) The Financial Proposal shall cover all expenses to be incurred for performing the services as specified including, but not limited to the cost of the remuneration of the Bidder's personnel and all other compensations, insurance and social charges as well as overheads, technical assistance, supervision costs, travel costs (to and from training location of venue) and any other costs incurred by the contractor's personnel for the purpose of performing the services; and shall show a detailed cost breakdown per price categories;
- e) a progress payment(s) based on the specific tasks shown under 2) above.

As the OSCE is always interested in delivering products of the highest quality, the applicants are welcomed to present any suggestions or comments on how to improve the delivering of the regional training course.

5) Entities eligible to apply:

- Non-political and non-profit organisation with regional experience to assist countries in Central Asia in addressing environmental and sustainability challenges based preferably in Kazakhstan and with branch offices in other OSCE participating States in Central Asia.

6) Supporting documentation:

Applicants shall provide information on their operational capacities:

- Registration certificate (accreditation)
- Statute (in English)
- Documentation proving expertise in organizing and developing training programmes with a regional focus on Central Asia
- A list of key management personnel and proposed project staff
- Bank account details
- Short description of similar projects implemented in the last 5 years

7) How to apply and the procedures to follow:

The Public Call documents are available on request by e-mail to: laurence.roche@osce.org. The Public Call documents include:

- This document
- Acknowledgement letter - ANNEX A; (applicants are required to submit Participation form **not later than 22nd May 2019, 17:00 CET (local time)**)

Applicants must apply in English. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Applications (Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal must be delivered in separate PDF files) to tenders-at@osce.org on or before **28th May 2019, 12:00 CET (local time)**.

Any application submitted after the deadline at 12:00 CET on 30th May 2019 will be automatically rejected.

Please address all your queries or questions in writing at the addresses given below up to 5 days before the submission deadline and kindly refrain from any telephone calls or personal visits.