



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL EVALUATION

Type of contract: Consultancy
Consulting days: 30 days
Time period: October-December 2023
Application deadline: 18 October 2023

IWRAP Asia Pacific is seeking the service of consultants or consulting firms from the Global South to conduct an independent evaluation of IWRAP AP's five year strategic plan (2020-2024). Please find enclosed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for more information.

If you have the interest, experience and qualifications to carry out this evaluation as per the [Terms of Reference \(hyperlink\)](#) [PDF], please write to us before 18 October 2023 at iwraw-ap@iwraw-ap.org with "proposals for the evaluation of the strategic plan" in the subject line. Interested parties are requested to submit a short proposal describing your capabilities to carry out the evaluation, along with sample works, your proposed methodology to deliver the outputs, and your expected quote for 30 days of work between October and December 2023.

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Sub questions to be addressed include²:

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- How relevant is the strategy plan? What are the gaps?
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- How consistent are the achieved effects with the priorities of these groups?
- What is IWRAW’s particular profile and value added in the overall landscape of women’s movements defending and promoting women’s rights?

Efficiency

- How does IWRAW APs management of resources support the achievement of its strategic outcomes? What are the constraints (if any)?
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Effectiveness

- How effective were the programmes?
- What methodologies does the team use to deliver on the different programmatic outcomes? How effective are these? How can they be improved?
- Is the team engaging in particular methodologies that increase the involvement of structurally excluded groups³? How effective has this been?
- How does learning happen within the organisation, on success factors as well as failures? How is this learning applied to steer IWRAW’s work and performance?
- How well are the programme outcomes/lessons learned shared with relevant stakeholders internal and external?
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Impact

- What has been IWRAW AP's contribution to the eight strategic outcomes of the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (see Annex 1) and does it enable the identification of the deficit of rights and the need to promote the fulfilment of women's human rights on the basis of equality?
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Sustainability

- How sustainable are the outcomes and impacts of IWRAW AP's programmatic work?
- What is the organisation's sustainability strategy for ensuring continuation of the work, in terms of programmatic activities and organisational sustainability (e.g. finance, human resources, constituency building etc)?⁴
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ANNEX 1 - [STRATEGIC OUTCOMES FROM THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024](#)

COUNTERING REGRESSION:

1. Contribution to restoration and reaffirmation of human rights norms and mechanisms in the United Nations human rights system

INTERROGATING BORDERS:

2. CEDAW standards in relation to trafficking and migration are in alignment with Feminist Approaches to Counter Trafficking (FACT)
3. WROs working with stateless, refugee and asylum-seeking women are mobilising using the CEDAW framework and advocacy space

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

4. Environmental degradation and climate change are reflected in CEDAW Concluding observations

WOMEN AND WORK

5. Women workers have capacity and access to formal and alternative justice mechanisms to claim their rights
6. CEDAW recommendations/ standards concerning women's rights in the context of labour and employment have been implemented at the national level

TrEAD

7. CEDAW and CESCRC standards reflect the impact of macroeconomic and development policies on gender equality and WHR, especially the rights of marginalised groups of women in the Global South
8. The capacity and interconnectedness of WROs is strengthened to hold IFIs, multi-lateral (UN) institutions, and/or governments to account for adverse impacts of macroeconomic and development policies (including Agenda 2030 and the SDGs) on gender equality and WHR, especially the rights of marginalised groups of women in the Global South.