



CALL FOR PROPOSAL RESEARCH PAPERS

APPLY BETWEEN JULY 21ST TO AUGUST 28TH, 2017



ABOUT THE REGIONAL PROCESS FOR THE AMERICAS

The World Water Forum is the major water and sanitation event worldwide, whose mission is “to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life”. The last Forum, organized in South Korea in 2015, had more than 40,000 participants including delegations from 121 countries and 10 Heads of State. The next edition will be organized between March 18th and 23rd of 2018, in Brasilia, cohosted by the Government of Brazil.

The Forum’s contexts are defined and implemented by 4 programs:

- ✓ The Thematic Process that consists of fundamental discussions and exchanges on how to progress on the world’s water challenges;
- ✓ The Regional Process that draws from experiences in every corner of the world;
- ✓ The Political Process that provides opportunities for discussion and commitments among and between political representatives, and;
- ✓ The Citizen’s Forum that offers various programs designed by civil society organizations

Since the 2nd World Water Forum, the Region of the Americas has begun to take part through the process of regional dialogue on issues that are relevant to this hemisphere. The Region of the Americas is divided into North America (including Canada), Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America. Every three years, the Americas have been involving stakeholders from every water-related industry at the national, sub regional and regional levels, in the various processes of the Forum. This is how the mechanisms for participation of these actors have been created, in the activities that took place in the months preceding the World Water Forum as well as in sessions held throughout the whole week of the event. All countries of the Americas will one way or another, play host to visitors from around the world. In this sense, the Regional Process of the Americas (RPA) is particularly relevant and it is to be expected that, as in the fourth Forum in Mexico in 2006, many of the experiences in water management in the region can be discussed and analyzed, in order to learn from successes and failures and share knowledge with other regions

of the world. Brazil, and the other countries of the Americas, must present to the world how several stakeholders can and should interact in terms of use, cooperation, protection and conservation of water.

Therefore, the Regional Process of the Americas for the 8th Forum, is meant to be inclusive and participatory, involving representatives of nongovernmental organizations, businesses, users, academy and youth from one of the four sub-regions: North America, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America.

In this regard, this call seeks to identify case studies and practices on topics relevant to one or more countries in the region, with the potential to be scaled-up to other countries or sub-regions –both within and outside Latin America and the Caribbean–, that are linked to the problems laid out in other processes of the Forum, particularly those regarding climate, people, ecosystems, financing, and urbanism.

THE CHALLENGE

Proposals will be considered within the following nine issues and topics:

1. CLIMATE: Water Security and Climate Change, which includes the following topics:

- Managing risk and uncertainty for resilience and disaster preparedness
- Water and adaptation to climate change
- Water and climate change mitigation
- Climate science and water management: the communication between science and decision/policy making

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Water crisis: impact of droughts on water security in the context of climate change
- Preparing for floods

2. PEOPLE: Water, Sanitation and Health, which includes the following topics:

- Enough safe water for all
- Integrated sanitation for all
- Water and public health

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Support structure for the operation and maintenance of water systems and rural sanitation
- Intervention and technology models for disperse rural areas and indigenous communities
- SDG, preparing the countries action plans

3. DEVELOPMENT: Water for Sustainable Development, which includes the following topics:

- Water and Foods Nexus
- Water and Energy Nexus
- Inclusive and sustainable growth, water stewardship and industry
- Efficient use of surface water and groundwater – urban and rural
- Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management and services

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Water security, food and energy: integrated approach for a sustainable resilient growth
- Global markets, local impacts: virtual water and water footprint of food and power industries

4. URBAN: Integrated urban water and waste management, which includes the following topics:

- Water and Cities
- Circular Economy– Reduction, reuse and recycling
- Treatment and reusable technologies

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Experiences in the sanitation services' chain: from sludge handling to reusing wastewater and recovering nutrients
- Informal peri-urban areas – technological innovation and alternative solutions to achieve universal coverage

5. ECOSYSTEMS: Water quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity, which includes the following topics:

- Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity
- Natural and engineered hydrological systems
- Water and land use
- Ensuring water quality from ridge to reef

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Environmental flows: the key to river basin management and planning water infrastructure.
- Fostering natural infrastructure and paying for ecosystem services

6. FINANCING: Financing for water security, which includes the following topics:

- Economics and financing for innovative investments
- Financing implementation of water-related SDGs and adaptation to climate change
- Finance for sustainable development – supporting water-friendly business

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- Water and sanitation companies access to Capital Markets

- PPPs schemes for water and sanitation projects

7. SHARING: Sustainability through stakeholder involvement, which includes the following topics:

- Sharing solutions and good practices
- Involving all: public, private, civil society – women and men – young and old in bottom up and top down approaches
- Water, cultural diversity, justice and equity

8. CAPACITY: Education, capacity building and Technology Exchange, which includes the following topics:

- Enhancing education and capacity building
- Science and Technology and decision/policy making – 7th World Water Forum S&T process
- ICT and monitoring
- International cooperation

9. GOVERNANCE: Water governance for the 2030 development agenda, which includes the following topics:

- SMART implementation of IWRM
- Cooperation for reducing conflicts and improving transboundary water management
- Effective governance: enhanced political decisions, stakeholder participation and technical information

The following issues will be of particular interest:

- How to improve decision making to develop policies and promote stakeholder involvement in such decisions

For more information about the Forum, please visit: <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/>

THE AWARDS

Initial selected proposals will be awarded a cash price of US\$ 1000 and finalists will be invited to present at the Forum 2018.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must operate in a country of the Americas (if the applicant is an institution).
- Applicant' representative or individual must be a national of any of the IDB member countries.
- Applicant must be at least 18 years old.
- Applications must be submitted through this website.
- Applications must present a case study in or more of the themes of the Call.
- Applications must be submitted in any of the four official languages of the IDB (Spanish, French, English or Portuguese).
- An abstract of the case study must be submitted with this application. The abstract should address the following questions:
 - What is the issue / topics that the case study is addressing?
 - Can it relate to other countries? Sub regions? Regions?
 - What are the tangible results of the case study?
- The deadline to submit applications is August 28th 11:59 PM EST. There will be no extensions.
- [For more information, please download the complete requirements here](#)

Other considerations:

- Selected candidates will be notified by e-mail in early September 2017.
- Initial proposals will be selected and awarded a cash prizes that will be provided to the representative of the proposal (individual or representative of the institution in the proposal).
- The winners will be requested to submit an in-detailed proposal about the case study during the month of September (the deadline is September 30th) so that the committee will decide if the proposal will be presented at the World Water Forum in Brasilia in a regional or inter-regional session.
- Only one proposal can be awarded for each individual and/or institution.
- Only one representative per selected research proposal will be invited to participate in the Forum sessions in Brasilia. It is encouraged that the group representative filling out the application be the same one designated to attend the Forum.
- Winners must be present at all activities, including those conducted online before and after the Forum. Failure to honor this requirement will disqualify the organization.

THE SCHEDULE

- **August 28th:** Deadline to submit applications.
- **Early September:** We will inform the selected applicants.
- **September 30th:** Deadline to submit full proposals
- **Late October:** We will announce the winners
- **March 18th - 23rd:** Presentations and awards at the Forum

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