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## Job posting

### Project Manager, Youth Sector, Central Asia

*The International Secretariat for Water (ISW) is looking for a committed individual who is passionate about water resources management and youth empowerment, and who is convinced that civil society - in particular youth – are actors of change for a sustainable and just world.*

#### THE CONTEXT

Since our foundation over 30 years ago, we have been striving to create a world in which everyone can live in dignity, using water as a lever for development. To achieve this goal, we work from the local to the global level, relying on an extensive network of partners on all five continents. Whether building infrastructure, strengthening water governance, or mobilizing, connecting, and empowering civil society - especially young people - we conduct our activities with agility and creativity.

#### THE MISSION

The global water crisis has been identified as one of the top risks for peace in many regions of the world, including Central Asia. The youth of Central Asia (CA) make up a disproportionately large part of the countries' populations, and they are directly and significantly affected by water issues. They are also the new water generation, tasked with addressing these water challenges in a growingly complex world. To deliver on this promise, the young people will have to navigate a complex and uncertain world in which institutions, organizations, and social groups (including youth groups) will interact in new ways. For many years, the International Secretariat for Water has mobilized and empowered youth for water in Central Asia, in particular through the animation of the Central Asia Youth for Water Network.

Under the responsibility of ISW Youth Sector Coordinator (HQ Montreal), the Project Manager, Youth Sector, Central Asia will contribute to the implementation of ISW Water Generation strategy with a special focus on mobilisation and empowerment of youth for water in Central Asia.

#### 1. Coordination of the overall Central Asian Youth network for water

- Management and development of the Youth network, building strong relationships and creating incentives and momentum in the region for increased youth involvement.
- Implementation of CAY4Water Structure (Regional Representatives, National Representatives, Working Groups Leaders).
- In collaboration with ISW Youth Sector Coordinator, responsibility for budget planning, program development, monitoring, and reporting of the network activities.
- Ensure the collaboration of youth and the network into Blue Peace Central Asia's work and working groups.
- Liaising with donors and partners, seeking support and funding.

## **2. Development and implementation of projects and programs to empower youth in the Central Asia region**

- Mobilization of the “central Asian young water voice”, with the organization of networking events to mobilize and connect young water leaders.
- Supporting network members in the development and implementation of local field actions and implementation of the Youth for Water and Climate Program in Central Asia.
- Amplification of the central Asian young water voice: support to youth network participation in national, regional and/or international processes, linking with other water / youth networks.
- Increase of general regional understanding around water and its challenges: encourage and support awareness raising activities of the youth at community level – through the national focal points, during cultural events, by supporting community activities, etc. across the six countries.

## **3. Communication and outreach**

- Identifying and reaching out gradually to relevant stakeholders of the region, including universities, with a vision of synergies.
- In collaboration with ISW Communication Officer and the working group leaders of CAY4Water, development of a Communications Strategy (tools, responsibilities) for the youth activities under the network, including the management of the network website and social media accounts, and the production of monthly newsletters.

## **4. Other**

- Create synergies and connections with the other youth activities and programs of the ISW as well as the institutional activities implemented in the Central Asia region.
- Support the development of new project proposals.

## **REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES**

- Bachelor or equivalent degree in a related field
- Minimum 5 years of experience in networking and project management, preferably with interest in natural resources or related fields
- For youth, by youth, with youth approach and educational skills
- Current or previous involvement in a platform and/or network
- Proven project application and implementation skills
- Excellent leadership skills
- Solid organizational skills including attention to detail and multitasking skills
- Working experience in a team-oriented, international and collaborative environment
- Strong working knowledge of MS Office package and of project management tools
- Professional and respectful behavior and attitude
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in Russian and English



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**In addition, it is essential that the Project Manager, Youth Sector, Central Asia share our values:**

- A partnering relationship with youth through the establishment of mutually beneficial collaborations
- Being a source of motivation
- Taking risks and innovating
- Acting in partnership and collaboration
- Valuing diversity

## LANGUAGES

- English : Full professional competence mandatory
- Russian : Fluency

## LOCATION

The position is based in Central Asia.

## POSITION WITHIN THE ORGANISATION

The Project Manager, Youth Sector, Central Asia will be part of ISW team (HQ Montreal) and s(he) reports to ISW Youth Sector Coordinator and will work in close collaboration with the ISW Program Coordinator for Central Asia.

## TYPE OF CONTRAT AND BENEFITS

- Full-time contract, 1 year with possibility for renewal
- Salary based on education, relevant experience, and location
- Work conditions in line with the standards applied in the central Asian region for such a position in the development and international cooperation sector.

**Start of employment:** As soon as possible

*Please submit your application (in English) including the reference Project Manager, Youth Sector, Central Asia containing a Cover letter (1 page maximum) explaining the motivation and suitability of the candidate for the vacant position & Curriculum Vitae (CV) with working/project history, copies of diplomas, certificates or references from employers by email to ISW Executive Director, Sarah Dousse ([info@sie-isw.org](mailto:info@sie-isw.org)) by **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.*