Call for proposals for the Citizen’s Process  
Nature –based Solutions  
&  
Communities’ experiences

1. Presentation

The World Water Forum happens every three years and it represents the world’s biggest water-related meeting. This event is organized by the World Water Council (WWC) and the host country. It mobilizes the various sectors of society to strengthen actions for solutions to water management worldwide.

In its 8th edition, the World Water Forum will be held in the city of Brasília, Federal District, Brazil from 18-23 March 2018. The organization of the World Forums is conventionally proposed from the development of four Processes - Thematic, Regional, Political and the Citizen Process - and the 8th edition included Sustainability Focus Group that will seek, in a transversal way, to influence all the processes and activities to be developed within the 8th Forum.

The development of our civilization has created massive sustainability problems for future generations. But it can be observed that nature and community based experiences can offer solutions to face these global challenges at local scale. The Citizens Process Commission identified in its activities program a component related to Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and Communities based Experiences for water solutions. The NbS mantra is:

“Working with nature, not against it, and enhance natural capital rather than deplete it.”

There is a growing interest and awareness within the communities, as well as civil society recognizing the benefits derived from nature for enhancing well-being.
Nature-based Solutions
Nature-based solutions are designed to bring more nature and natural features and processes to cities, landscapes and seascapes. These innovative solutions also support economic growth, create jobs and enhance our well-being1 (IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature)2.

Communities based experiences
Communities based experiences are local solutions from collective human activities, which are able to bring change and innovation in order to establish a sustainable society.3 Local communities have developed innovative water management solutions to meet the challenges they are facing related to water availability and water quality.

A. Purpose
We would like to invite citizens, innovators, communities and civil society organizations (CSOs) to propose their own innovative and environmental restoration with the aim of sharing water and highlighting communities adaptation and innovation for water solutions, reconnecting people with nature, raising awareness of societal benefits, and creating a public demand for healthy environments in urban and in rural areas.

B. Target public
The Citizen's Forum is a process that aims to encouraging creative and effective participation of Civil Society Stakeholder (SH) groups: CSOs, NGOs, local citizens, local communities, farmers, Indigenous people, women, youth representatives, social movements, artists, educators, journalists, Basins Organizations, schools, social entrepreneurs, refugees, vulnerable and isolated communities among other actors to this call. Thus, it is a way of involving citizens in the discussions who generally cannot be informed about water issues.

C. Citizen Village space and Solution Market

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It is an open space with free access to host citizens to enhance the conscious and draw the attention to water issues, through entertainment activities and live experiences. In this space community based experiences are invited to show creative practices that manifest engagement for water.

The Citizen Village will include stands for practices and solutions expositions, meetings, film festivals and other artistic presentations.

This Call for Proposals is mapping and mobilizing experiences (nature based and community-based) in the world to promote sharing and network. We are inviting you to apply to this Call in order to be able to participate as an Expositor in the Citizens Village Solutions Market.

The Village Solutions Market will have 60 stands available for the selected proposals in this Call.

Each stand will measure about 2 meters long and 2 meters wide and will be equipped with:

- 01 table;
- 02 chairs;
- 01 closet;
- Plugs for computers and/or TV

Material: Each participant will be responsible for the material (folders, maps, pictures, decorations, etc.) presented in his stand.

The selected proposals will have a free of charge stand to showcase the experience.

There will be another format to present your experience: electronic panels. Inside the Citizen Village, there will be several informative structures with presentations of good practices. If your experience can also be presented in this panels, please sent the documents in a poster format (that includes PowerPoint presentation) properly diagrammed and revised with your application.

Moreover, the 60 selected proposals for this call on Citizen Village will compose an experience catalog, which should include an illustration or photo of the activity, a brief description and the contact of the responsible.

D. Conditions of participation

- Please consider that the activity proposed can involve a Multi-Stakeholders’ groups.
● The applicants can represent local community, public or private institutions and non-profit organizations with a minimum status of 02 (two) years, from the date of this call publication.
● The applicant should have a history of relationship with Social Group (s) / Community (s) who carry out innovative practices with water solutions and environmental restoration.
● The proposals have to be submitted in English or Portuguese. Proposals in Spanish will be accepted.

E. How to apply

An online system model will be opened for application submission on the Forum Website from November 4 until December 22 (11h59 pm - Brasilia local Time): worldwaterforum8.org

The procedure:
1- Fill in the Application Form
2- Add: Links or websites related to your proposal
3- Attach: video, photos, publication and / or Power Point Presentation

* Below you kindly find a prototype of the application form for your information on the content of the original application, which will be available on the submission official system on November 4.

F. Criteria for assessment

The submitted applications will be reviewed and analyzed considering the following criteria:
a. Coherence – sustainability, social technology and local resources;
b. Practicability and innovation;
c. Relevance;
   ● Relevance to other Citizen’s Process Nature – based Solutions & Communities’ experiences;
   ● Potential to bring strong, and clear policy messages from the Citizen’s Process;
   ● Relevance to critical policy issues at the local and global level and to develop innovative water management.

NOTE: Not all the criteria mentioned above need to be fulfilled, but the clarity of information provided on these points will influence the evaluation process.

G. Selection process:
Proposals will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee in December 2017, focusing on the criteria mentioned above.

The status of the selected proposals will be notified in January 2018.

Travel costs support may be provided to some of accepted proposals, based on the request and available budget of the Secretariat. Funding will be made according to the priority given to each short-listed proposal.

The Evaluation Committee may ask applicants to submit back up documents that support legitimacy of the organization (e.g. CSO/NGO registration certificate) or documents that identify the sustainability of the water solutions.

Inquiries can be sent to: callforproposals@worldwaterforum8.org

Please find below a Model Form to support your application in the System
# PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE CITIZEN’S PROCESS – CITIZEN VILLAGE

Fill in one form per Stand proposed.

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<td>Specify the target audience of your based experience.</td>
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<td>Main objective and outcome of the practice you are implementing (maximum 150 words).</td>
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<td>What are the results that your experience deliver to local communities (maximum 250 words).</td>
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<td>Give a clear description of how your proposal will be presented during the 8th World Water Forum and its relation with water.</td>
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### Expected results in the 8th Forum
What are the results that your proposal can achieve by participating in the 8th World Water Forum?

(maximum 150 words)

### Implementation structure
Describe the materials and infrastructure to equip the stand (equipment, facilities, decoration, advertising, others).

### Matching resources
Kindly describe the part of your participation that you can support with your own resources, including costs of travelling (airplane tickets, hotel and meals).

### Other responsible for the proposal: partners or co-organizers.

* We ask candidates to write with clarity and viability/feasibility, including:
  - Write in a clear and concise manner, explaining any jargon or acronym used.
  - Submitted in the appropriate format and within the deadline provided.