



Citizen's Sponsorship Programme for the 8th World Water Forum

Context

The 8th World Water Forum is committed to a transparent and inclusive event reaching all water actors so that most water issues and concerns can be voiced and considered in the Forum Week.

The active participation of a number of key contributors from Civil Society and from the developing world is often constrained by their limited financial capacities. Therefore, it appears necessary to provide material help to the contributors with high added-value but very little resources, in order to enable their full implication and physical presence at the Forum.

The present note consequently intends to set up a "Citizen's Sponsorship Program" that would ensure an inclusive and well-balanced 8th Forum.

General principles

- Balanced representation (geographical, institutional, gender)
- Age equality recommended
- Non-OECD and developing countries
- Effective and active contribution to the Forum preparation and Forum Week itself and/or the relevance and added-value of its participation to one or several of the Forum's activities.
- Extent of involvement in past Forums is considered

Scope and level of support

The budget for sponsorship amounts to € 475.000, and is expected to be used to support the presence of different categories of contributors and citizens from developing countries. **200 representatives** will be granted with full support (when necessary). Sponsorship will fully cover travel expenses, as follows:

- transportation - on a basis of economic class (€ 1.500)
- accommodation and meals - on a basis of 2 or 3 stars hotels standard (€ 550)
- registration for the Forum Week (non-OECD fare = € 325)
- **200 x € 2.375 = € 475.000**



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Different categories of contributors and citizens

This budget is expected to be used to support the presence of different categories of contributors at the 8th Forum including:

- Local authorities from developing countries.
- NGO's (development, environment, humanitarian response)
- Civil society representatives participating in basin committees/organisms
- Youth, indigenous people, traditional communities.
- Small rural producers/farmers
- Local community leaders
- Scientific community with direct involvement with water

Program guidelines

- On line applications will be examined from those who manifest themselves spontaneously.
- Priority will be given to those candidates who offer some type of matching contribution (registration, accommodation or airfare).
- Electronic Application Form will be available only on the official 8th Forum website.
- The email citizen.sponsorship@worldwaterforum8.org will be available for clarifications and support to applicants.

Program Timetable

Date	Activity
December 6 th , 2017	Upload sponsorship Program in the 8 th Forum website
January 5 th , 2018	Deadline for Sponsorships requests
January 14 th , 2018	Secretariat send preliminary analysis to ISC Bureau
January 19 th , 2018	ISC Electronic Decision
January 22 nd , 2018	Secretariat communicate sponsored candidates



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Sponsorship Conditions

Remark: The support will be made using public resources so, a series of conditions will apply based on the principles of the Public Administration in Brazil.

- A **contract must be signed** between the sponsored participant and the Forum Secretariat.
- All sponsored **participants must deliver reports**, such as financial and technical reports, according to the contract that the Secretariat will provide in advance.
- 8th Forum organization will be responsible for issuing air tickets and accommodation booking. If the sponsored participant purchase air tickets and accommodation, **no reimbursement will be made at no exception**.
- The air fares and accommodation will be made always considering the criteria of **best cost-benefit** (lower cost and better travel conditions for the participant). No responses will be provided for different arrangements proposed by the participant.
- Secretariat will send **an official invitation letter** to all invitees and will take the necessary actions to implement the approved sponsorship policy in full accordance with rules and regulations.
- Visas, vaccines and other requirements/licenses is of **entire responsibility** of the participant.
- In case of impossibility of the invitee to come, the sponsorship cannot be transferred to another person indicated by the invitee. **Sponsorship is personal and non-transferable**.
- Transportation in Brasília will be provided. **Transportation to and from airports at home cities are participants full responsibility**. No reimbursement will be granted.