

Water for as Resilient Cities Leverage Asia

Questions and Answers “Water as Leverage for Resilient Cities Asia”

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1 Introduction

Questions that have been send to WAL@rvo.nl and asked during the information meetings will be answered in this document. This will be published on <https://english.rvo.nl/waterasleverage>.

This Q&A document will contain a summary of questions and answers from the information meeting and those addressed to wal@rvo.nl. The Q&A document will be updated regularly until 3 working days prior to the closing date for bids. The identity of the questioner will not be disclosed.



2 Questions and Answers till 27 April 2018

2.1 Questions from the information meeting on 26 April 2018 in The Hague

Q: What are the conditions of a bankable project?

The goal is to connect the best proposals for bankable implementable projects to funding opportunities and (co-)financiers, such as AIIB and FMO. The proposals must therefore be developed with a feasibility component and a preliminary costs benefits analysis to ensure the necessary evaluation for bankability. AIIB and FMO will help identify bankable projects during the workshops, support their development and open its capacity for implementation.

Q: Are there already MoU's or agreements with local governments?

Water as Leverage focuses on pre-project preparation, which is a process focused on a collaborative design process. The local design workshops will help the teams to develop these design processes in close collaboration with local stakeholders and also to share ideas, information and data as well as discuss their conceptual designs/proposals with the local community and the other city team. Water as Leverage, through RVO.nl and the existing networks such as embassies, will simultaneously focus on the support of a fitting institutional environment for implementation.

Q: Will there be a an appointed person in local government?

The Knowledge Support Track will enable teams to access existing data, networks and information. Local government representatives will be present during the local workshops and provide feedback on the institutional and policy environment in their respective cities. RVO.nl will liaise with local government representatives.

Q: What's the legal framework for governance within teams?

The organisations within a team will manage their own organisation/project management. The contract will be awarded to one main contractor of the (winning) team, who is responsible for proper management and contracting of consortium members.

Q: Do you facilitate matchmaking between Dutch and local parties as RVO?

There will be no active matchmaking by RVO.nl, but a LinkedIn Group was created to facilitate matchmaking. The Water as Leverage for Resilient Cities Asia – Team Meeting Spot can be found here: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13597329>

Q: How much knowledge is available, how much needs to be created by team?

Expertise should be within the team. The Knowledge Support Track will facilitate exchange on policy, planning, existing studies, cultural sensitivities etc.

Q: How can there be collaboration between teams if they also have to compete against each other?

There is no competition between the winning teams. There's only competition between proposals.

Q: How to deal with similar urban water type projects local stakeholders work on?

Come up with an idea that fits in the local context and that's an addition to these projects and proposals that are already there.

Q: Formal agreements on focus area?

The city of Semarang suggested to focus on the upstream area. The coastal area is rather occupied with projects and stakeholders already. This focus is not an obligation.

Q: Maintenance of infrastructure and sustainability is taken care of?

The programme Water as Leverage is focussed on the pre-project preparation phase. End result is proposal for urban water project(s) with focus on physical infrastructure. Operation and maintenance is important in the feasibility and implementation phase that are not part of the Water as Leverage programme.



Q: Looking for out of the box solutions, but also focus on infrastructural solutions, how do they work together? Is a non-infrastructural project also an option?

Banks fund infrastructural projects. It's an open process to work towards the end result (proposal for urban water project(s) with a focus on physical infrastructure. The proposals will have to be integrated, so open to engineering as well as soft (or other) solutions.

Q: To what extent will the in-kind contribution be part of the evaluation of proposals?

The in-kind contribution will be looked at under the award criteria 'The extent to which the Bid shows a clear approach to reach the deliverables as described in the Call for Action document (see paragraph 4.1), within the timeframe and budget of the Contract' based on the 'table of overall costs' of the 'Bid part 2_proposal format' document that have to be filled in.

Q: It is possible to hand in multiple bids. Will one contractor possible be in three cities?

Yes, it is possible to apply for more than one city and/or for more than one proposal per city.

Q: What's the scale of the proposals in time and size? Seen as a prototype?

A: This is open in the Call for Action. Scaling up and replicating are part of the award criteria (as mentioned in the Call for Action document): 'The extent to which this idea could address urban, water and climate change challenges in other cities (opportunity to replicate and scale up the proposals).'

2.2 Other questions received by mail or from the market consultation that are not processed in the final call for action documents

Q: is there a geographical area within Chennai the team has to look at/the bid/proposal as to focus on?

A: no

Q: Can anyone individual, group of students or a community group from one of the cities submit a proposal?

Aim is to have international multidisciplinary teams. Individuals, students and/or community groups from the cities can be part of those teams. Expression of interest can be done through the LinkedIn Group for WaL teams: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13597329>

Q: At a more practical level, will national/state/local government facilitate work permits/valid visa?

A: the team is responsible for arranging its own work permits/valid visa.



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