

# DGIS UNESCO-IHE Programmatic Cooperation 2016-2020

Information pack for partners

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Providing tangible contributions to solving water and development challenges worldwide, by equipping people and organizations through sustained and strengthened partnerships in southern and transition countries



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# A new phase for the UNESCO-IHE Partnership Programme

A new phase of the DGIS UNESCO-IHE Programmatic Cooperation 2016-2020 (DUPC2) was approved in December 2015, by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. With this information pack, we would like to inform you about the programme's objectives, approach and planned activities.

**'Working in partnership' on education and training, research and capacity development is a key approach of UNESCO-IHE. Most of our activities are carried out with partners, particularly from developing and countries in transition. Most of our partners are academic institutes and to an increasing extent, non-academic organizations. This approach of 'working in partnership' has considerably increased the Institute's and its partners' impact at the global and local levels, and has been strongly supported by DUPC, and its predecessor PoWER over the past ten years.**

## What we aim to achieve

The goal of the DUPC2 programme, is to provide tangible contributions in solving water and development challenges worldwide, by equipping people and organisations through sustained and strengthened partnerships in southern and transition countries.

In this new phase of the partnership programme we want to demonstrate more tangible impacts on the ground. Sustained and strengthened partnerships, engaging in new partnerships including civil society, NGOs, private sector and government, supporting innovation, more attention to cohesion and synergy between project activities, and strong communication to various audiences, are some of the strategies through which we want to accomplish this.

Sustainable partnerships will be achieved by strengthening existing capacity of developing and transition countries' education and research institutions. The aim is to provide education and training for increasing numbers of professionals, as well as to conduct problem based, solution driven research to inform policy and practice in each country. In addition, sustainable partnerships will need to interact effectively and include a broad variety of actors. The desired outcome is to articulate and address demand, create opportunities to use and scale up outputs and outcomes, and hence lead to real impacts on the ground.

## Programme components

DUPC2's goal is facilitated by four inter-related programme components:

- Education and Training
- Research and Innovation
- Knowledge sharing and Networks
- Management and Learning

Collectively, the activities within these components, work towards improving sustainable partnerships with and between developing and transition country institutions, and with UNESCO-IHE.

## Focus countries

DUPC2 focusses on a selected set of countries and regions which is in line with the list for development cooperation in the field of water of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Other countries and regions than those on the list are eligible for funding, in particular those in which UNESCO-IHE and partners have already established an intensive education and/or research collaboration over a longer time. But, funding is only possible if such a country is on the OECD DAC list and when a combination is presented with one or more of the focus countries.

Region	DUPC countries, catchment areas, deltas and cities
Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mali, Yemen, Rwanda, South Sudan, Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique.</li><li>• Catchment areas and deltas in Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, and Mozambique.</li><li>• Large cross-border catchment areas, groundwater systems and deltas (Incomati, Niger, Nile, Senegal, and Zambezi).</li><li>• Cities to include Accra, Cotonou and Parakou.</li></ul>
Middle East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jordan, Lebanon, The Palestinian Territories.</li><li>• Large cross-border catchment areas, groundwater systems and deltas (the West Bank Aquifer).</li></ul>
Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar</li><li>• Catchment areas and deltas in Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Vietnam.</li><li>• Large cross-border catchment areas, groundwater systems and deltas (Brahmaputra, Mekong).</li><li>• Cities to include Ho Chi Minh City and Jakarta.</li></ul>
Latin America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colombia</li></ul>

## Focus themes

DUPC2 focuses on the following themes:

- Efficient water management, particularly in the agricultural sector
- Improved catchment area management and safe deltas
- Access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation
- Water diplomacy

### Cross-cutting themes

- Water scarcity and water related problems related to the refugee crisis in the Middle East
- Water governance
- Gender/inclusiveness
- Climate change

Please find more information on each of the themes on [www.unesco-ihe.org/global-partnership](http://www.unesco-ihe.org/global-partnership)

## Partners eligible for submission of project ideas

UNESCO-IHE works with a wide range of partners: education and research partners from southern and transition countries, Dutch and international partners, including UNESCO, governments, private sector and civil society partners.

Partners eligible to submit DUPC2 project ideas:

- Are an education/training/research institute based in a southern or country in transition;
- Have a history of collaboration with UNESCO-IHE; e.g. they have a joint educational programme with UNESCO-IHE, and/or are/have been actively involved in our joint education and training, research and capacity development activities. However, new strategic partners will also be considered.

We encourage the participation of early career members of staff. Their applicants will be prioritised.

Lead partners/consortia are strongly encouraged to include a varied range of (new) partners in the consortium, e.g. government, private sector, Dutch or international water sector organizations, civil society, media agencies, etc. Partners from other than southern and transition countries (OECD DAC list) are encouraged to be part of project teams, but following the conditions of the DUPC2 programme have to cover their own expenses.

## Call information calls 2016

The main mechanism to identify activities is through Calls. A first Research for Development Call was launched in March of this year, which resulted in eight first stage proposals jointly developed by UNESCO-IHE (lead) and southern partners. Full proposals are expected by 15 August 2016.

In June, the 2016 Education and Training and Research outreach Calls was launched, and a research Call encouraging south-south research will follow early September. Apart from these Calls, DUPC2 has facilities to support and further strengthen the UNESCO-IHE Global Partnership. These facilities can be used for:

- Facilitating the sharing of knowledge and experience within the Partnership
- Regional events for broader audiences highlighting DUPC themes
- Activities related to quality assurance of joint activities
- Activities to learn and share experiences on specific themes such as, societal impact of research, private sector involvement and enhancing the added value of our partnership

Call	Launch	Deadline for submission
Education and training	24 June 2016	26 August 2016
Research outreach	24 June 2016	26 August 2016
South-South research	9 September 2016	end of October (tbc)

## DUPC Committee

The DUPC committee is responsible for the strategic direction and implementation of the DUPC programme. The committee consists of staff from UNESCO-IHE and partner institutes.

Our aim is to ensure effective and transparent communication with our partners. We are open to suggestions from partners on how to further add value to our partnership, improve the implementation of the programme and increase its impact.

Call information, project information and outputs and impact stories will be communicated on our website [www.unesco-ihe.org/global-partnership](http://www.unesco-ihe.org/global-partnership).

We will keep you informed on a regular basis with regard to further developments in the DUPC2 programme through online and offline means of communication.

In case of questions or if you want to discuss any item, feel free to contact the DUPC Committee via [dupc@unesco-ihe.org](mailto:dupc@unesco-ihe.org).

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