



UNESCO-IHE is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world and is based in Delft, the Netherlands. UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education envisions a world in which people manage their water resources sustainably and in which all sectors of society, particularly the poor, can enjoy the benefits of basic water services. The Institute addresses global water and development challenges through (1) Education at Masters and PhD-levels as well as at non-degree level, (2) Knowledge generation and dissemination, and (3) Capacity development of water sector organisations, higher education and research institutes.

'Working in partnership' is a key approach of UNESCO-IHE. Many activities are carried out in partnership with partners particularly from developing and transition countries. Partners are academic institutes and to an increasing extent also non-academic organisations. 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 the DGIS UNESCO-IHE Programmatic Cooperation (DUPC). The DUPC is the programmatic cooperation between the Directorate-General for International Cooperation (DGIS) of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNESCO-IHE. The second phase of DUPC will be implemented during the period 2016-2020.

The DUPC committee is responsible for the strategic direction and implementation of the DUPC programme.

Responsibilities of the DUPC committee

- Further outline the strategic directions of DUPC, in relation to UNESCO-IHE and its partners.
- Develop and implement the process for identifying and evaluating project proposals submitted for DUPC funding.
- Take decisions on which projects to fund; for large and strategic projects advises the rectorate on which projects to fund, based on external reviews if needed.
- Organise implementation of activities under each DUPC theme.
- Facilitate the monitoring, evaluation and reporting process, and promote internal learning amongst partner organisations.
- Interact with the donor, report on progress, including the annual programme reports.

The DUPC committee intends to recruit:

Two regional DUPC Committee members

One member representing Africa and the Middle East and one member representing Asia

The two regional committee members will support and contribute to the DUPC committee activities. They will represent UNESCO-IHE's partners' perspectives, actively involve and connect partners (academia, civil society, government, private sector) and create synergies between DUPC related and other relevant activities in the two regions represented.

Main selection criteria for the regional DUPC committee members

- The candidate's institution has an active collaboration with UNESCO-IHE and is based either in Africa, the Middle East or Asia.
- History of the candidate's involvement in joint projects with UNESCO-IHE.
- Proven understanding of the water situation, challenges, developments in at least parts of either Africa and the Middle East and / or Asia (the two regions to be represented).
- Working experience of at least 10 years with expertise in a field related to one of the main DUPC themes: 1) Efficient water management, particularly in the agricultural sector, 2) Improved catchment area management and safe deltas, 3) Access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation, and 4) Water diplomacy.
- The candidate must have a Masters degree or higher in areas related to the above-mentioned themes, or a related field.
- Good English writing and communication skills.
- Strong networking capabilities.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Engage in positioning of the DUPC activities in the region.
- Seek opportunities for DUPC in addressing and contributing to civil society, government, private sector challenges and needs, in collaboration with academic partners.
- Link DUPC initiatives and activities to other relevant ones in the region.
- Ensure that the DUPC research and education calls reach a large number of potential audiences.
- Co-coordinate the DUPC South-South calls and projects.
- Co-organize side/parallel events/workshops to those happening in the region.
- Facilitate and contribute to the evaluation of the programme and the activities.
- Participate in regular DUPC Committee meetings via Skype or other similar means. (Occasional face-to-face meetings in Delft, the Netherlands, may be arranged whenever necessary)
- Liaise regularly with the DUPC Programme Coordinator.

Terms of contracting

The regional DUPC committee members need to be staff members of partner institutions and will be expected to work from their home institutions.

The position is for 2 years on a rotational basis but may be renewable in exceptional circumstances. The appointment is scheduled to start as soon as feasibly possible, but preferably not later than 1 May 2016.

The committee members will be paid an allowance from the DUPC programme in accordance with the specific arrangements made with his/her home institution. The estimated time required for the position is 4 working days per month (1 day per week on average).

Information and application

Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Wim Douven, DUPC Programme Coordinator (+31 (0)15215712; w.douven@unesco-ihe.org).

Applications in English can be sent until **18 March 2016 (closing date)** including curriculum vitae, motivation letter and support letter from home institution, to dupc@unesco-ihe.org.