



SUSTAINABLE WATER PARTNERSHIP LEADER & THE ASSOCIATE AWARDS PROCESS

Recognizing the interconnected, multi-sectoral, cross-cutting, and complex dimensions of water-related issues and risks, the Sustainable Water Partnership (SWP) takes a holistic view of water security, by emphasizing the importance of engaging USAID Bureaus, Mission field staff, and local stakeholders across many sectors - including water, climate change adaptation, biodiversity, agriculture and food security, energy, health, and economic growth - to assess, plan, and implement actions that address water-related risks at varying scales.

The SWP Leader Award is a global activity that focuses on directly providing the expertise of the SWP team for mission support with strategy and program planning, scientific and technical assistance, capacity-building, and program implementation; for designing and implementing a limited number of field-based pilot activities; for developing and formalizing partnership arrangements with donor or private organizations; and for developing and refining tools and methodologies, providing thought leadership and testing innovative approaches, and initiating a program of knowledge management, collaborative learning, and communication on best practices, lessons learned, tools, and other resources.

Winrock International is working with four partners with specialized technical expertise: Tetra Tech, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI), and the World Resources Institute (WRI). In addition, we have two resource partners in the CEO Water Mandate and the mWater Foundation.

KEY APPROACHES

For achieving greater water security, SWP works toward the following results:

- Improving stakeholder awareness and participation in water security
- Improving capacity and tools to assess water security risks
- Improving planning and water governance capacity
- Improving capacity and behaviors to implement WRM measures; and
- Increasing collaboration, learning, and adaptive response to water risks

ASSOCIATE AWARDS

The USAID Sustainable Water Partnership Leader Award is administered by the USAID Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment (E3). Future Associate Awards are administered by the USAID Mission issuing them.

Associate Awards:

- Are executed on a noncompetitive basis
- Will be managed by the USAID Mission or Office funding the activity, and will have budget and reporting requirements separate from core funding requirements
- Can extend up to five years beyond the end of the LWA (through 2026)

THE GENERAL PROCESS TO DEVELOP AN ASSOCIATE AWARD

1. Confirm with USAID SWP AOR that proposed activity fits within SWP's mandate.
2. Send a Request for Associate Award Application to Winrock.
3. Review and negotiate with Winrock on the basis of the proposal received (scope of work and budget). Since the LWA has already been competed, Winrock and the SWP Team and the Mission will work together to design the activity.
4. Award the Associate Award and manage it directly from the Mission.

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