



***Invitation to***  
**Advanced International Training Programme**  
**on**  
**Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation – Integrated Processes**  
August 2016 – October 2017

Advanced International Training Programmes (ITP) are funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Programmes are organised in a number of technical and administrative fields where Sweden has experience and expertise to share.

Achieving Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation services for everyone is one of the global Sustainable Development Goals to be met by 2030. To meet this target we need to be creative and use a much greater range of practical solutions. And above all it will require commitment and hard work by change agents, professional organisations and communities at the local level.

Sida has commissioned NIRAS and WaterAid to jointly implement an advanced international training programme on Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation – Integrated Processes (SUWAS).

Invited countries are: Bangladesh, Kenya, Myanmar, Tanzania and Uganda.

The programme aims to gather organisations operating in the same geographical area to promote collaboration in the local/national context, so focus is on:

**Bangladesh** – Dhaka City North      **Kenya** – Nakuru      **Myanmar** - National  
**Tanzania** – Temeke, Dar es Salaam      **Uganda** –Kampala

In Myanmar the programme is expected to have better impact if working on the central national level. Organisations working in other areas than the above, are also welcome to nominate candidates, but should be aware of the priority given to the selected areas.

The overall goal of the programme is to contribute to planning and implementation of **better sustainable urban water and sanitation services**, where the rights, needs and demands of all citizens are taken into account.

The intervention is carried out as a number of training programmes over at least three years, with a new batch of participants for each programme. At the end the participants shall have gained new knowledge, understanding and strengthened self-confidence in relation to systemic solutions for sustainable urban water and sanitation; integrated approaches; and organisational change processes. Organisations participating more extensively in the whole intervention, will have a great opportunity to actively promote sustainability, integration, and inclusion of vulnerable groups in the planning and implementation of urban water and sanitation.

This programme, SUWAS 2016, runs from August 2016 to October 2017 and consists of five compulsory phases including three mentor supported self-study phases and two scheduled courses, one in **Sweden, 14 November – 2 December, 2016**, and one in **Uganda, 24 April – 5 May 2017**.

On behalf of Sida, we are seeking collaborative organisations active in urban water and sanitation, ready to engage in processes for change and to invest in capable and engaged employees as potential change agents. We trust that you will find the programme interesting and hereby invite you to nominate candidates.

Candidates may be nominated by authorities, institutions, universities, NGOs, water utilities or other private companies active in the water and sanitation sector. **The programme is primarily targeting organisations**, not individuals, and efforts will be made to establish long-term relationships with key organisations. Such collaborative organisations should be willing to commit themselves to participation over several years and to cooperate with other organisations in the programme. Capacity and interest to drive change processes to achieve their long-term goals, and a certain level of influence on the water and sanitation sector, is a prerequisite to become a collaborative organisation.

The training programme will be conducted in **English**.

Applicants should hold a key position in their organisation, with influence on a strategic level. He/she should have the engagement and power to initiate and drive change processes, hold a relevant academic degree; and be available and motivated for active participation through the whole training programme.

Please find more information in the enclosed brochure and application form for the training programme. The application form and programme brochure are available for download on [www.niras.com/nic](http://www.niras.com/nic) (International Training Programmes/Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation 2016).

Sida strives for gender balance, and due to the underrepresentation of female professionals in the sector, organisations are strongly encouraged to nominate **female candidates** for the programme.

Sida will cover the costs for programme fee and literature as well as accommodation, meals, health insurance, and international travel to the scheduled courses.

The application closing date is **10 June, 2016**. By then a scanned copy of the application should have been submitted by e-mail to [itp@niras.se](mailto:itp@niras.se). If a scanned copy is not possible, the original application shall be submitted to the nearest Swedish embassy/consulate.

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