



The iGST West Africa Regional Hub (iGST WA Hub) Small Grants Program

iGST WA Hub calls for Small Grant Projects

Terms of Reference

1. BACKGROUND

As part of global efforts to ensure adequate civil society contribution to the Global Stocktake (GST) process, the Independent Global Stocktake (iGST) – a consortium of regional civil society hubs and four thematic working groups on mitigation, adaptation, finance, and equity – seeks to work together to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement. In this framework, the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of South Africa with the support of ClimateWorks Foundation have been leading the operationalization of the iGST West Africa Regional Hub (iGST WA Hub) since 2023.

Officially launched in May 2023, after its 1-year formation phase, the iGST WA Hub collaborates closely with over 300 members to contribute to the GST processes in West Africa by advocating for inclusive participation.

The first GST came to its conclusion at COP 28 and the decision (CMA/2023/L.17) that was made encompasses some key elements that are important for West Africa. Specifically, the decision:

- Notes the significant challenges developing country Parties face in accessing finance for implementing their national adaptation plans, emphasizing the need for financial support as well as the use of voluntary cooperation to bridge these gaps.

- Recognizes the increasing adaptation planning and implementation efforts by Parties and acknowledges the importance of capacity building, including the role of civil society, in enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and reducing vulnerability.
- Calls on Parties to enhance their adaptation efforts in line with the global goal on adaptation, considering the framework for the global goal on adaptation; and requests the secretariat to prepare a regular synthesis report on adaptation information provided by Parties, including updates on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Underlines the fundamental role of technology development and transfer, endogenous technologies, and innovation in facilitating urgent adaptation and mitigation action aligned with achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and sustainable development.
- Recognizes the importance of establishing and improving national inventories of climate impacts and enhancing climate services systems, emphasizing the role of research and systematic observation to strengthen the implementation of adaptation actions.
- Emphasizes the need to raise awareness of all stakeholders to climate change not only on issues such as vulnerability but on institutional frameworks for address climate change.

2. OBJECTIVE

This call seeks proposals from interested members of the iGST WA Hub that address key elements of the first GST decision. The focus is on climate-related initiatives that actively contribute to the ongoing efforts in West Africa by supporting locally centered GST-based projects. Targeted projects should address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Local adaptation and mitigation efforts
- Capacity building
- Technology development

- Awareness creation

- Research and systematic observation.

3. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Kindly note that application is open only for iGST WA Hub's members.

How to Apply

The call is open on **25 March 2024 and will be closed on 25 April 2024 at 11:30 pm GMT.**

Proposals are to be submitted to igstwahub@wascal.org.

Proposal Outline

Proposals need to be kept concise and simple, not exceeding five pages excluding references and annexes. The proposal should include, but is not limited to:

- Background and justification.

- Brief outline and objectives of the proposed project.

- Description and proof of the organization competence (Note: add CVs of the team members as annex).

- Description of activities, their methodologies, and deliverables.

- Timeline and budget.

Budget

The small grant proposal budget should be in between \$ 5000 to 7500 USD. At least one (1) small project will be funded in each of the six (6) countries of ECOWAS where iGST WA Hub currently has active national networks namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The review of the proposals will be based mainly on their alignment with the aforementioned focus areas, completeness, and feasibility considering the budget and the proposed activities. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

5. TIMELINE

The selected projects should be carried out within a timeframe of six months from the signing of the contract. All project activities, including deliverables, should be completed within the designated six-month period.