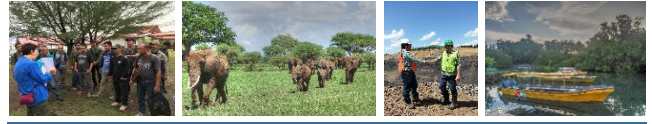




**U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF THE INTERIOR**
INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



DOI-ITAP

Ambassador's Water Experts Program

Factsheet for Prospective Experts



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HOW IT WORKS

DOI-ITAP receives proposals from U.S. embassies and selects technical experts from across the U.S. government, NGOs, the private sector, and academia. Programs can be held virtually or in person and typically include consultations, formal trainings, or workshops, and are 7-10 days in duration.

Experts meet with senior officials, water ministry staff, utility operators, local water associations, and community groups. Programs are designed in close coordination with the U.S. embassy and include public diplomacy activities to raise awareness of water issues. Such activities may include school or university presentations, speaking at public events, or local media interviews.

The global water crisis is increasing disease, undermining economic growth, fostering insecurity and state failure, and reducing the capacity of global partners to advance our shared priorities.

In support of the President's [Global Water Strategy](#), the Ambassador's Water Experts Program (AWEK) recruits U.S. experts to implement short-term water technical assistance programs. AWEK seeks to engage key governments diplomatically and strengthen bilateral partnerships and intergovernmental organizations.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Budget: \$1,163,000.00
Duration: FY18 – FY25
Activity Locations: Global

Implementing Partner(s):
• DOI-ITAP

Key Partner(s):
• Department of State/Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible to serve as an Ambassador's Water Expert?

- AWEP recruits U.S.-based experts from the U.S. Government, NGOs, academia, and the private sector.

2. What types of water expertise is AWEP looking for?

- AWEP sources water experts with technical experience and expertise in a broad range of issue areas, including:
 - Water and Climate Adaptation
 - Water Reuse and Wastewater Management
 - Groundwater Mapping and Management
 - Flood and Drought Mitigation
 - Drinking Water Systems
 - Improved Water Utility Operation
 - Efficient Irrigation/Agricultural Water Use
 - Water Quality Monitoring
 - Watershed Restoration
 - Water Data Management
 - Remote Sensing
 - Dam Safety



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3. What compensation is available for Ambassador's Water Experts?

- Non-U.S. Government officials are eligible to receive a \$250/day honorarium while in travel status. AWEP will also cover all travel expenses associated with the in-person program (flights, meals, lodging, insurance, etc.). AWEP is **not** able to cover salary or indirect costs for expert time.

4. How long would an AWEP expert be asked to travel for and what is the usual lead time?

- AWEP experts are typically deployed to the field for seven to ten days. Trip planning takes approximately eight weeks, but can be quicker if the expert has the necessary travel documents.

5. Would it be possible to serve as a virtual expert if I have limited travel availability?

- AWEPs can be virtual, in-person, or hybrid, depending on embassy bandwidth and the needs of the foreign government partner.

6. How can I find out about upcoming AWEP opportunities?

- Reach out to program manager Elizabeth Goffi (Elizabeth_Goffi@ios.doi.gov) to be added to the recruitment distribution list.

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