



# Inter-American Development Bank/ Netherlands Water Partnership Program

Supporting Water Resources Management  
in Latin America and the Caribbean

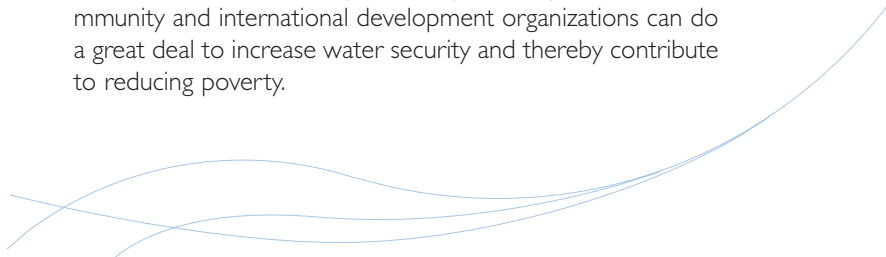




# PARTNERSHIP FOR BETTER WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The IDB–Netherlands Water Partnership Program (INWAP), which was established in 2002, is financed by the Government of The Netherlands and executed by the Inter-American Development Bank. The program consolidates more than ten years of close collaboration between the Bank and The Netherlands towards a more efficient use of the water resources of the region.

This brochure summarizes the strategic rationale, main objectives, organization and eligibility criteria for the first phase of the Partnership, which consists of a US\$10 million program for the period 2002-2009. The innovative knowledge, reforms and best practices that INWAP funding has yielded confirm that flexible and creative partnerships among the donor community and international development organizations can do a great deal to increase water security and thereby contribute to reducing poverty.





# THE INWAP

The general objective of the IDB-Netherlands Water Partnership Program (INWAP) is to contribute to the reduction of poverty, long-term economic development, and environmental sustainability through the implementation of internationally recognized principles of integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Integrated Water Resources Management

IWRM is an innovative approach to ensure that social, economic, environmental and technical issues are taken into consideration in the management and development of water resources. It is concerned about the interaction of multiple water uses such as water supply, sanitation, irrigation and others, and aims to create incentives for the use of water resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

To this end, the Program will support joint efforts to improve and strengthen the Bank's operational capacity in IWRM, and do the same for the Bank's borrowing member countries.

INWAP is administered through two operational windows: **Window I**-Policy and Operational Support (technical cooperation operations, TCs); and **Window II**-Capacity Building and Training Program (learning activities, LRN).



# INWAP at a Glance

A snapshot of INWAP (2002-2006)

INWAP total available resources	US\$10 million
INWAP average yearly financing	US\$2 million
INWAP total financing as of December 2006	US\$6.5 million
INWAP financing as percentage of total Bank's water-related grants for the period 2002-2006	27%
Percentage of INWAP financing directly related to Bank's water-related loan operations or programming activities	70%
Relative INWAP financing by strategic priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water Governance</li><li>• Water and Poverty</li></ul>	High (68%) Medium (24%)
Relative INWAP financing by type of activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical, Policy and Operational Support</li><li>• Capacity Building and Training Programs</li><li>• Outreach and International Fora activities and Monitoring and Coordination</li></ul>	High (74%) Medium (21%) Low (5%<)
Allocation of Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bi-annual Call for Proposals</li><li>• First Come-First-Serve Basis</li></ul>	May and October After call for proposals INWAP continues to receive proposals throughout the year

## Strategic Priorities

The INWAP strategy centers broadly on the application of the principles of the Bank's Institutional and IWRM Strategies. These principles and the priorities of the Bank's borrowing member countries guide INWAP as it focuses on two strategic priorities to produce tangible results:

- i) **water and poverty**; and
- ii) **water governance**.

Following the strategic priority of water and poverty, INWAP focuses on finding ways to expand and improve social and productive water-related services for poverty reduction and the promotion of social equity, through the following two lines of action:

- **Water for Life**, water as a mean to satisfy the basic needs of the population-Supporting the implementation of the water-related *Millennium Development Goals* (MDGs); and
- **Water for Growth**, water as a production input and its potential contribution to the economic growth of a specific sector and of a country as a whole.

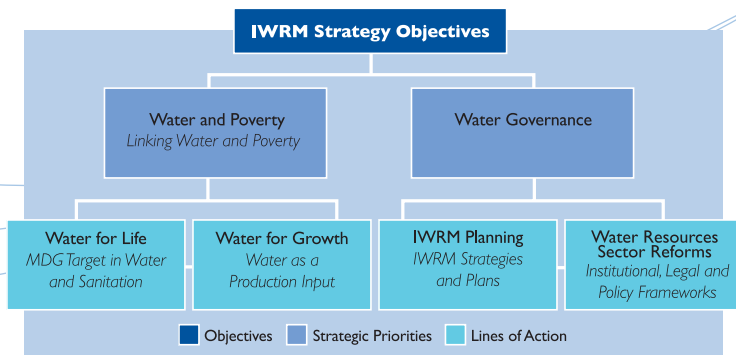


Along the water governance strategic priority INWAP aims to improve the range of political, social, economic, and administrative systems that are in place to allocate, develop and manage water resources, through the following two lines of action:

- **IWRM Planning**, supporting the formulation of national IWRM strategies and plans as called for by the Johannesburg World Sustainable Summit; and
- **Water Resources Sector Reforms**, strengthening the institutional, legal, and policy frameworks in the Bank's borrowing member countries.

All INWAP financed operations are required to fit within one or more of these strategic lines of action.

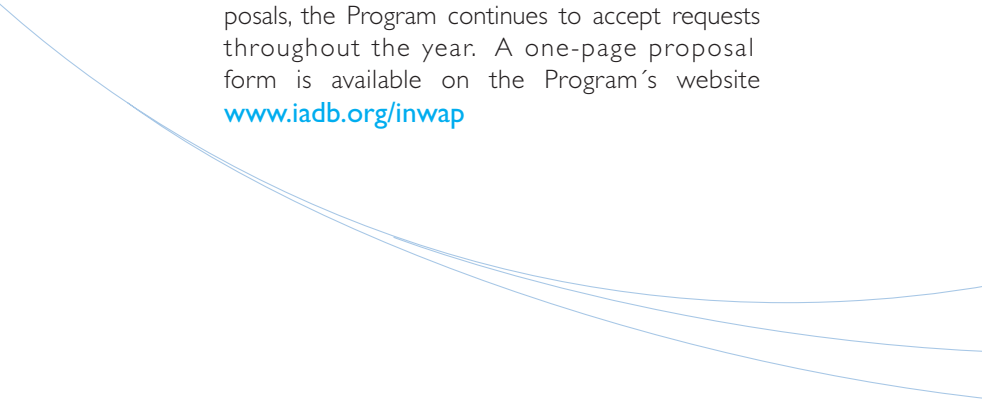

## INWAP Strategic Priorities and Lines of Action





## HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDS

IDB staff involved in water-related projects should submit proposals to the Program Coordinator. INWAP conducts biannual calls for proposals to foster demand, make projections of future investments, and to request funds to the donor accordingly. However, after the closing of the call for proposals, the Program continues to accept requests throughout the year. A one-page proposal form is available on the Program's website [www.iadb.org/inwap](http://www.iadb.org/inwap)



## INWAP Eligibility Criteria

Proposals must support the implementation of the internationally recognized principles of IWRM, placing significant emphasis on finding ways to expand and improve social and productive water related services and improve the range of political, social, economic, and administrative systems that are in place to allocate, develop and manage water resources.

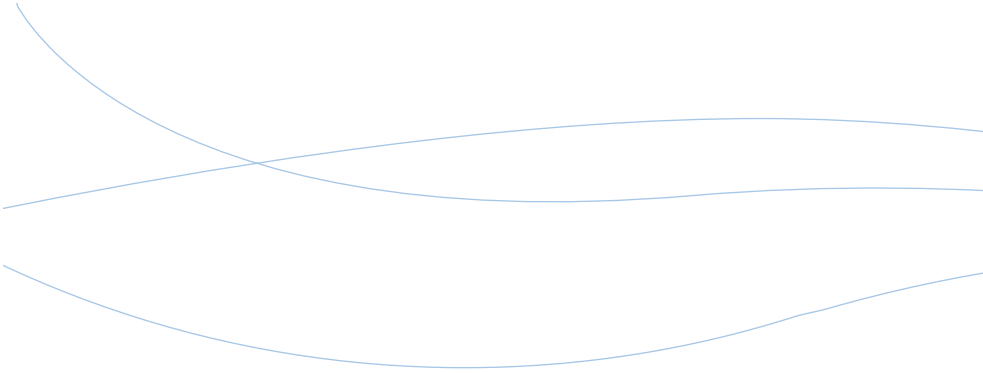
Special consideration is given to proposals that foster the implementation of the Bank's IWRM Strategy and support commitments and priorities related to the Millennium Development Goals in water supply and sanitation, the Dublin Principles, and the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development.

A detailed description of INWAP's eligibility criteria is available on the Fund's website

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