

UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

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2. Name of organization or network: Institute of Environment and Water
3. Title (if applicable): Programmes Coordinator
4. Address/Country: Nairobi
5. Language(s) spoken: English
6. **Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in.**

The primary functions of the Institute of Environment and Water (IEW) is Environment and water Governance. The Institute focuses on sustainable and equitable water resources management for sustainable livelihoods. This is achieved through sustainable management of water resources (including forest resources, e.g. water towers) using integrated approaches such Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), Gender, and Human Rights approaches. IEW facilitates multi-stakeholder dialogues on key issues affecting access to and availability of water resources for livelihoods and environmental sustainability. For example, IEW has facilitated national dialogues among key water sector actors in Kenya to chart a way towards sustainable management and conservation of water resources in the country. The **target** group for this activity included relevant civil society organizations and government institutions

IEW is also the regional focal point for gender and water Alliance in the Eastern Africa region. In this capacity, the regional focal point facilitates capacity building initiatives – through training information sharing /dissemination among the members in the 8 English speaking countries of the region (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Southern Sudan, Ethiopia, Somali and Eritrea). IEW has been facilitating generation and dissemination of national baseline information on gender mainstreaming in the water and sanitation sector.

The members of Gender and Water Alliance in the Eastern Africa region are about 200, who are mostly water sector related actors.

7. **Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.**

Being a facilitator of multi-stakeholder dialogues and networking, the institute has gained much experience in gathering and representing viewpoints of a range of civil society organizations. This is normally achieved through facilitating dialogues – through virtual meetings (internet or skype conferencing) and physical forumd. The conclusions of the

discussions which take into account the views of all interest groups among civil society are then translated into a report or common position paper for use by different members for various purposes such as lobbying and advocacy.

Most of this information is then disseminated through various networks and in some cases it is posted into the websites of different network members such as Gender and Water Alliance.

8. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

The Institute of Environment and Water staff have been participating in various multilateral agency programmes through various networks. For the last four years, IEW has participated in the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, UNEP Governing Council and International Environmental Governance meetings, World Water Forums, Africa Union (AU) and UNFCCC. and Gender and Water Alliance are a key player in the water sector in the region. We have virtually participated in the WOCAN's (Women organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources) on gender and forests and as core members of the Gender CC (Women for Climate Justice) which is now a constituent representative in the UNFCCC, we have been participating in the related COPs and Working groups. In our partnership with WOCAN and Gender CC, we are exploring possibilities of strengthening women in order to draw benefits from the REDD programmes such as green credits. This opportunity, if nominated would greatly enhance our role in this capacity.

9. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process.

My organization does not have a direct arrangement with the UN REDD Programme. However, but only under the collaboration with WOCAN and Gender CC which we are a core member taking lead in the Adaptation discussions at the UNFF on behalf of the women. In this capacity, we have under the umbrella of these networks provided technical contributions having been called upon by for example by UNFCCC to provide submissions on relevant topics. We have recently, developed submissions on different thematic areas for the various UNFCCC working groups leading to COP 15.

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