

Post Title: Advisor to the TWAS Executive Director

Domain: TWAS

Organizational Unit: The World Academy of Sciences

Primary Location: Trieste, Italy

Recruitment open to: External candidates

Type of contract: Individual Consultant – 11 months

Available compensation budget: Euro 4,400 per month

Deadline (midnight, Trieste time): 31 October 2022

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS:

Under the overall supervision of the UNESCO-TWAS Executive Director, the consultant will provide advisory support to the Executive Director in fundraising and diplomatic linkages and contacts with all Italian counterparts, including the Italian Government, the Trieste Municipality and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region for TWAS, but also for the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) and the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)

In particular, the consultant will:

1. Assist in developing an approach to further strengthen the already excellent relationship between UNESCO-TWAS and the Italian Government and translate this relationship into funding of scientific programmes. Liaise with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs (MAECI), in particular with relation to the Steering Committee to ensure the timely transfer of the yearly financial contribution to UNESCO-TWAS and IAP
2. Assist in strengthening the UNESCO-TWAS, IAP and OWSD fundraising efforts by providing advice and linkages with :
 - science-related international and national organizations in Italy and in Europe;
 - local government in Trieste and in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region;
 - international scientific organizations based in Trieste and in the Region.
3. Engage with MAECI/AICS to negotiate an increase in the support for the TWAS-SISSA-Lincei Programme in order to offer a much greater number of awards.
4. Advise on the implementation of the 'international program on science diplomacy'.
5. Develop a network of contacts with the science leadership in other countries, such as Japan, India, China and South Africa.
6. Represent the TWAS Executive Director at national and local events with Italian institutions

The expected output of the consultancy is:

- strengthened relations with the Italian authorities that provide vital funding to UNESCO-TWAS, IAP and OWSD, both at national and regional/local levels;
- assurance that the Italian financial contributions for TWAS and IAP are received in a timely manner;
- assist the Executive Director on fundraising efforts to increase income for TWAS, IAP, OWSD programmes;
- Assist with the organization of successful science diplomacy workshops and events.

TIMING: 23 January – 22 December 2023 (11 months)

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

PhD or equivalent in a scientific subject and/or in Diplomatic sciences related areas

WORK EXPERIENCE

At least fifteen (15) years of professional experience in scientific and diplomatic environments.
Professional experience as a science attache' and/or with the Italian government and ministries.
In-depth knowledge of the Friuli Venezia Giulia educational system and the Trieste Science System.

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Accountability
- Communication
- Innovation
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement
- Planning and organizing
- Results focus
- Teamwork
- Capacity to work with UN agencies, International Organizations, Government institutions
- Excellent knowledge of Italian

SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENTS

The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the UNESCO-TWAS Executive Director.

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN PROPOSALS

Please note that all candidates must complete an on-line application and provide complete and accurate information. Candidates have to submit a written proposal containing:

- a description of proposed approach to contribute towards the output of each activity for undertaking this assignment.
- fees to be charged for the assignment /amount to be charged for the assignment quoted in Euros and a total estimated number of days required to undertake the assignment.
- any anticipated travel costs separately.

The proposals should be sent to the ICTP Personnel Office by means of an email to the address personnel_office@ictp.it.

MORE INFORMATION

Candidates must use the ICTP's online application system which is accessible via ICTP's website at <https://www.ictp.it/about-ictp/personnel-office/employment.aspx>

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