

VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME
SOUTHSOUTHNORTH CALL FOR PARTNERS 2022
ENGAGEMENT, ADVOCACY & KNOWLEDGE LEAD TUNISIA

[SouthSouthNorth \(SSN\)](#) is seeking an individual consultant or organization to take on the role of **Advocacy, Engagement and Knowledge Lead in Tunisia** for the [Voices for Just Climate Action \(VCA\)](#) programme working alongside the SSN team. SSN, the knowledge partner for the VCA programme, launched this call for an organization or individual to support the knowledge management, brokering, communications and capacity development of the VCA Tunisia programme. **The deadline for submissions is 11 July 2022.**

Background

The VCA programme is a lobby and advocacy programme being implemented by the World Wide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF-NI), SouthSouthNorth (SSN), Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA), Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Fundación Avina and Hivos under the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs' five-year strategic partnership: "Power of Voices". The VCA programme aims to ensure that by 2025, local civil society and underrepresented groups will have taken on a central role as creators, facilitators, and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions. Their inclusion is crucial for effective and lasting climate responses. The programme's overall approach is to work with civil society to build widespread societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach. This includes building a broad-based climate alliance at the country level bridging divides (urban-rural, gender, youth) that amplify voices in unusual ways. In addition, it will influence national and global policies and financial flows (e.g., climate finance, private sector investments) in support of these locally shaped solutions. Finally, through a climate justice approach, the programme intends to see an expanded civic space where civil society voices, particularly indigenous and marginalised people, are heard on climate action.

VCA Tunisia

The Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) Programme is being implemented in 7 countries, including Tunisia. In VCA Tunisia the programme focuses on strategically involving and prioritising three main groups. The first group consists of stakeholders that have high influence, but low interest in climate justice. Such stakeholders include government entities and officials. In order to advocate and lobby at such a level, the programme will strongly focus on involving stakeholders that have high influence and high interest in climate justice, such as CSOs, social entrepreneurs, journalists, knowledge institutions, climate justice activists, youth and women movements. In order to further unite and amplify voices, the programme will also include stakeholders that have high interest, but low influence such as citizens and CSOs, national and regional networks, and national knowledge institutions. This programme aligns with several other programmes and projects in Tunisia and will closely monitor their work by utilising VCA Tunisia Alliance members' vast local, regional and

international network. It will also build upon its wide network of investigative journalists, artists, and activists in Tunisia to amplify voices on climate justice.

The programmes main strategic interventions are centred around the following three pillars

- a) Mutual capacity strengthening for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions
- b) Agenda setting and movement in climate action through amplified storytelling
- c) Joint lobbying and advocacy to make policy and financial flows responsible to locally shaped climate solutions

Who we are

SouthSouthNorth (SSN) supports national and regional responses to climate change through policy and knowledge interventions, partnerships and deep collaboration. We do this by connecting people and information, enhancing capability and mobilising resources to respond innovatively to climate change's challenges and opportunities. Being positioned in the Global South affords SSN a deeper understanding of, and connection to, the climate and development challenges facing the region.

As a VCA Alliance member, SSN brings extensive experience and expertise on knowledge and partnership brokering for climate-compatible development, and on building unique relationships with decision-makers in various contexts. Through the Alliance, SSN aims to support the generation, dissemination, and brokering of information, building the capability of partners to enable them to respond innovatively to the challenges and opportunities that climate change presents. Knowledge intermediaries and knowledge translators are roles that we often refer to as part of 'Knowledge Management' and are key roles that SSN provides in the VCA programme. Knowledge brokering, on the other hand, includes activities by knowledge/process brokers and innovation brokers, focusing on networks, relationship-building, and systemic change through knowledge co-production.

RELEVANT DEFINITIONS

Knowledge systems: Knowledge that is produced in contingent, site, discipline, or culture specific circumstances and is made up of agents, practices, routines, and institutions that organize the production, validation, transfer, and use of knowledge.

Knowledge Management: The explicit and systematic management of knowledge assets for the purpose of creating value and meeting tactical and strategic requirements. It consists of processes, systems, initiatives and strategies that enable vital individual and collective knowledge resources, whether tacit or explicit, to be identified, created, stored, shared, and used for benefit.

Knowledge Brokering: Developing relationships and networks with, among, and between producers and users of knowledge to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and build capacity for evidence-based decision making. Designing, engaging with and/or influencing processes for the purpose of knowledge uptake and/or knowledge co-production.

Scope of Work

SSN is seeking an organisation or individual consultant to work alongside the team as the in-country knowledge management and brokering lead for VCA Tunisia. SSN would require the organisation or consultant to assign 1-2 individuals in a semi full-time capacity to take on this role to support SSN in-country and connect local partners contracted in VCA Tunisia. This partner will work as the link connecting the SSN team and the Tunisia Alliance members (Hivos, WWF, AMwA).

Given that the programme is still emerging, the partner will be required to work in a flexible manner as the programme progresses and provide the necessary support to the team. Thus, there are no clear deliverables but rather guiding roles and responsibilities. The lead will need to be based in Tunisia and be willing to travel locally. International travel may also be required. The roles and responsibilities include the following:

Roles:

- Provide knowledge management support to the Tunisia alliance based on emerging needs and the outputs;
- Lead on the development of a joint advocacy and engagement and strategy for climate policy in collaboration with the Alliance, local partners and climate movements in Tunisia;
- Supporting local partners with knowledge brokering strategies, communications, relationship building and engagement;
- Produce policy briefs, CSO positions paper and other outputs when necessary;
- Coordinate thematic submissions and organise periodic dialogue sessions with alliance members, partners and policymakers;
- Establish and maintain relationships with knowledge producers (local research institutions and think tanks) and decision-makers in Tunisia;
- Identify and understand, together with project partners and key stakeholders, the capabilities within a given situation as well as the barriers to the fulfilment of these capabilities;
- Facilitate learning within the VCA Tunisia Alliance and across other regions.

Responsibilities:

- Building strong relationships with the Alliance and other local contracted partners in coordination with Alliance members;
- Developing an expansive stakeholder network built on mutual trust, and then connect actors within that network to facilitate knowledge exchange;
- Co-build and co-implement the Alliance's capacity building actions in straight coordination with Alliance members;
- Facilitating the creation, distribution and use of knowledge by others;
- Capturing, transforming and distributing structured knowledge that changes rapidly;
- Gathering knowledge of the existing processes and institutional landscape in which capability strengthening processes can and should be embedded;
- Supporting with translations.

Applications

The Alliance encourages applications from NGOs, CSOs, nonprofit organizations or consultants with relevant expertise, experience, network and relationships with a proven track record of working with alliances and coalitions. The organisation or individual will be contracted directly through SSN. Organisations or coalitions will need to have the appropriate skills, experience and networks to support SSN. The Lead will play a central role in building strong communication of the programme and core themes of climate justice and will be required to work collaboratively with SouthSouthNorth and the other Alliance partners.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Locally registered non-profit, or consulting organisations who are not already contracted under the VCA programme.
- The individual or organization will need to be based in Tunisia and be willing to travel locally.
- An applicant with English, French and Arabic proficiency.
- An applicant with a clean human rights record
- An applicant with the ability to link to and mobilise more extensive networks or capacity to access, mobilise, convene, and influence power holders
- An applicant with the relevant experience and capacity to take on this role

It will be considered favourable if the coalitions/organisations/ consultants:

- Have a track record on developing and advocating for locally shaped climate solutions
- Have prior experience carrying out activities in priority areas related to climate change adaptation and mitigation, including (desertification, water, food security and sovereignty, deforestation, coastline, energy, policy, etc...)
- Led by or who work with women groups, youth, persons with disabilities, or other marginalised groups.
- Willing to collaborate with other actors to influence more substantial impacts, build capacity over time, and jointly develop and implement a capacity strengthening plan.

Application submission

Duration: September 2022 - December 2023.

Submission deadline: **11 July 2022, 17h00 CAT.**

To apply, kindly complete below requirements and send documents to infovca@southsouthnorth.org. For further information, questions or clarifications, please contact infovca@southsouthnorth.org

Application Requirements

1. Cover letter:

- A brief description of your organization/individual and why you are well-suited to carry out the proposed role

- A detailed description of the experience of your organization/individual related to the key roles and thematic areas
 - A list of networks and current partnerships that the organisation/individual holds
2. CV:
- Provide the names and CV of the person(s) who would take on this role within the organisation
3. Budget:
- Indicative budget for the 18-month period. This would only include staff time and admin fee (if relevant) and should not include any travel expenses. If there are any office expenses then this can be included in the indicative budget.