

## NOTICE

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PARTNER SEARCH

*International call launched by the World Water Council of Marseille (France) for candidates interested in welcoming the X ° WORLD WATER FORUM IN 2024. Partner search for the establishment of a temporary public-private aggregation through a partnership agreement aimed at presenting the BID.*

#### GIVEN THAT

-the World Water Council (WWC) of Marseille (<https://www.worldwatercouncil.org/en>), is an international organization of multi-stakeholder platforms whose mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the most high level of decision-making, involving people in debate and challenging conventional thinking and that the Council focuses on the political dimensions of water security, adaptation and sustainability;

-the World Water Council launched in 2019 an INTERNATIONAL CALL for an expression of interest to welcome in the year 2024 the Tenth World Water Forum (the 8th edition was held in Brasilia in 2018 and the 9th edition will be held in Dakar in Senegal in 2021);

- Alta Scuola (Cultural and Scientific Association - private-law body controlled by the Umbria Region and the Municipality of Orvieto and Todi - registered in the Register of Legal Persons at the Prefecture of Perugia, at no. 1236 General Part and no. 1237 Analytical and classified (ISTAT) among the economic units in the institutional sectors established by the European system of accounts 2010 (sec 2010), with registered office in Piazza Italia 1 Perugia and operational headquarter in Orvieto, Via delle Conce n.5) following of the contacts after the event "Towards the States General of water resources" organized in collaboration with the Presidency of the Public Works and Communication Commission of the Senate at the Senate of the Republic (sala Koch) on 01 April 2019, became aware of the INTERNATIONAL CALL and intended to be the promoter to present an Italian expression of interest to welcome the World Water Forum in 2024;

- Alta Scuola obtained in 2019 the consent of the Municipality of Florence to nominate the city of Florence and Italy to welcome the World Forum in 2024 together with the support of Italy's candidacy by the General Custody of the Sacred Convent of Assisi (Friars Minor Conventual) and of the Municipality of Assisi;

- during the year 2019 the candidacy of Florence / Assisi for Italy was supported by the letters of endorsement of: the European Federation of Geologists (EFG), the District Authority of the Central Apennines, the Association Mondial des Ingenieurs Agronomes, the National River Contracts Table - Eip Water Smart River Network Action Group and the President of the Public Works, Infrastructure, Transport and Communication Commission of the Senate of the Republic.

#### CONSIDERING THAT

- Alta Scuola, as a temporary promoter and leader, sent an expression of interest to the WWC in December 2019, indicating Florence / Assisi as candidates;

- on 18 February the WWC communicated that the candidacy of the City of Florence (with Assisi) was included in the short-list of candidates identified and that the next steps would have been the delivery of a detailed BID by 31 May 2020 after a meeting to be held in Marseille on 24 March 2020;



- due to the global pandemic caused by Covid Sars 19, the dates identified above have all been skipped and postponed to a date to be determined even if in videoconference mode;

- the e-mail connections with the WWC were resumed only in June 2020 to materialize in an information meeting with "slide presentation" by the WWC Evaluation Committee held on 20 July 2020 at 16:00 in video conference (WWC, Municipality of Florence, Alta Scuola, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and some experts from the project team present) also following the endorsement letter from the Italian Government expressed by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Marina Sereni on 01 July 2020 to support to the candidacy of Florence / Assisi

- during this information meeting the WWC illustrated the contents that the detailed BID must have and communicated that the delivery date of the detailed BID had been set by the WWC for 1 September 2020 and that following the delivery of the BID the Committee would make a three-day technical visit together with the WWC secretariat to acquire on site (Florence and Assisi) all the elements necessary to assign the score on the basis of the individual items of the proposed BID, and the costs of the technical visit borne by the presenter of the candidacy;

- Alta Scuola, in relation to the pandemic emergency situation and the August working period, requested, in agreement with the Institutional Relations Office of the Municipality of Florence and on behalf of the City of Florence (first candidate city), an extension in the delivery of the BID until 21 September 2020;

GIVEN THE NOTE OF 27 JULY 2020 FROM THE WWC THAT GRANTS AN EXTENSION ONLY UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER 2020;

CONSIDERED in relation to the identification by the WWC of Italy and of Florence / Assisi as possible host places for the X ° World Water Forum 2024 and the inclusion in the short-list of candidates TO HONOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY SYSTEM ITALY and to SUBMIT A DETAILED BID by the established date and therefore by 10 September 2020 to participate in the final competition for the assignment of the event;

GIVEN the decisive presence and support of the Italian Government represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the City of Florence as the City hosting the Forum, with Assisi and the Sacred Convent for a session of at least one day dedicated to "sor aqua, la quale è multo utile et humile et pretiosa et casta".

CONSIDERING NECESSARY TO FORMALIZE THROUGH PRIVATE WRITING a TEMPORARY AGGREGATION (ATS) through PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT among public and private subjects interested to participate to a Support Committee for the promotion of the candidacy, with Alta Scuola as Temporary Lead Partner, the Municipality of Florence, the Municipality of Assisi, the Sacred Convent of Assisi and the other public and private subjects interested in cooperating following the drafting of the detailed candidacy BID such as, for example, Firenze Fiera - Convention Bureau Italia, at the preliminary investigation phase of the BID by the WWC and its Evaluation Committee composed of Dale Jacobson, ASCE-USA (CHAIR) - Yoonjin Kim, Korea Water Forum, - Jorge Werneck, ADASA - Brasil Water Forum, who will carry out a technical visit to verify the contents of the BID presented both in Florence and Assisi on a date to be defined.

DETERMINED that for the specialized activities functional to the drafting of the BID including graphic and printing composition and for hosting the WWC Evaluation Committee as well as for the other activities necessary for the start-up and management of the negotiation in case of assignment, expenses are to be incurred for an estimated minimum cost of € 30,000.00 to be met through a COMMON EXPENSE FUND dedicated to covering these needs;



CONSIDERING that this fund can be established, starting from an initial base of € 3000.00 made available by Alta Scuola in addition to contributions from the host public bodies also through donations from any sponsors or private donors that may be interested and available to which it is proposed to voluntarily give a minimum contribution token of € 1,500.00 on a voluntary basis; average of € 3,000.00; maximum of € 5,000.00;

PROVIDED that this provision for common expenses for restricted use is allocated in a special Alta Scuola current account intended exclusively for "CANDIDATURE EXPENSES X ° WWF FLORENCE-ASSISI 2024" managed by the legal representative of the Alta Scuola with its own treasurer responsible under the accounting supervision of the Board of Auditors appointed at the time by the Regional Council of the Umbria Region and the Municipalities of Orvieto and Todi;

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE ALTA SCUOLA COMMUNICATES:

1. that this expression of interest is aimed at public and private subjects interested in collaborating who are invited to express their interest in writing by sending a PEC to the PEC address of Alta Scuola <altascuola@pec.it> or by regular e-mail to the address <segreteria@altascuola.org> where their will to join the newly established Temporary Purpose Association and the amount of the donation they intend to make;

2. that following the expressions of interest received, Alta Scuola will communicate the methods of payment of the contribution in a dedicated current account, will issue a valid certificate for tax purposes of the donation, and will proceed with the signing of a joint private agreement or subsequent additional membership, with digital signature, where the composition of the ATS will be acknowledged, which will be explicitly cited and reported on the dedicated website. The agreement will last until the conclusion of the preliminary phase of assignment by the WWC of the organization of the X ° WWF2024;

3. that in case of non-assignment the writing will be terminated and the partnership agreement will be automatically dissolved. Any unused financial residues will be destined, upon agreement between the parties, to other scientific conference initiatives on the subject of WATER to be carried out in Italy, if possible always in Florence / Assisi, with modalities to be established;

4. that in case of assignment to the City of Florence and the City of Assisi with the Sacred Convent of Assisi of the organization of the Forum 2024 on water, **THE COMPONENT PARTIES SIGNATORS OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (temporary ATS)** will be established, and roles to be established, in a **TEMPORARY PURPOSE ASSOCIATION** or in a **"FLORENCE / ASSISI 2024 WWF" FOUNDATION** (acronym WWF-FA.2024.) which will have the task of ORGANIZING THE X ° WORLD FORUM 2024 ON WATER;

5. that this notice of expression of interest remains published on the Alta Scuola website without expiry. Any requests for clarification can be sent to the Alta Scuola email [segreteria@altascuola.org](mailto:segreteria@altascuola.org) or directly to the personal email of the Alta Scuola President [endromartini@gmail.com](mailto:endromartini@gmail.com).