Request for Expression of Interest

For

Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV shared between Angola and Namibia

1. Background

After successful completion of the Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States Phase 1 project, the SADC-GMI is now implementing phase 2 of the same project, under the strategic guidance of the SADC Secretariat. The 4-year phase 2 project is financed by the Multi Donor Trust Fund Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA), in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the World Bank, and comprises of the following key components:

Component 1: Capacity building for sustainable groundwater management
Component 2: Knowledge development, dissemination, and advocacy
Component 3: Building resilient livelihoods, and inclusive groundwater management.

Component 1 intends to build capacity to improve groundwater management, decision-making and use. This includes developing a capacity-building strategy, establishing and training National Focal Groups, launching strategic partnerships, conducting groundwater assessments, basin plans and GESI capacity development. The research study of the Coastal sedimentary basin IV shared between Angola and Namibia is budgeted under this component.

The Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV is shared between Angola and Namibia. The aquifer system has not been subject to any detailed studies. Considering the limited work on Coastal TBAs undertaken to date, SADC-GMI included in its planning to investigate, based on the population vulnerability areas of priority mapping, the Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV shared between Angola and Namibia.

2. Objective of the Assignment

This project aims to research the Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV shared between Angola and Namibia through a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).
3. **Specific Tasks and Activities**

To achieve the objectives of this assignment, the successful Consulting firm will undertake a TDA to gather the state of knowledge in the system to identify priority issues and key ways forward. Key activities for this task are:

a) Collect and synthesise existing data and information on Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV and its interaction with the surface water systems to understand the aquifer system, surface flows, ecosystems, and nature of the interactions and flows between them, climate, geology soils, land cover, land use and hydrology.

b) Review the extent of the Coastal Sedimentary Basin IV as mapped to establish the aquifer system boundaries.

c) Conduct a socio-economic analysis and evaluate the potential impacts of climate change on water resources.

d) Engagement of key stakeholders to identify governance issues affecting the management and development of the TBA.

e) Compile and create a database of scientific data and information from both countries and facilitate its uploading on the SADC Groundwater Information Portal (SADC-GIP) as well as the SADC Groundwater Literature Archive (SADC-GLA), as appropriate.

f) Engage one Young Professional each from Angola and Botswana respectively to facilitate capacity building and knowledge transfer.

4. **Eligibility**

i. This assignment targets a firm with a track record of more than 10 years of proven experience in transboundary water governance in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly having at least 5 years of experience in the groundwater sector within the SADC region.

ii. The proposal must demonstrate experience in at least three projects undertaking detailed work in a TBA context in the SADC region.

iii. The consultant must demonstrate familiarity with undertaking TDA/JSAP processes.

iv. Be familiar with working on projects with complex institutional settings in a regional context.
5. **Schedule and Duration of Assignment**

This is a once-off assignment without any obligation for follow-up work, and it is intended to be implemented over approximately 12 months from the contract signature with an estimated aggregate level of effort of 200 person-days for key experts only, including all field and office work.

6. **Liaison and Logistics**

On a day-to-day basis, the team of consultants will liaise with the SADC-GMI through the Senior Groundwater Specialist, with the Executive Director being responsible for the final approval of all deliverables.

7. **Expression of Interest Submission Requirements**

Interested consultancy firms are requested to submit an expression of interest, and the expression of interest should include the following:

a) Valid Business License  
b) Registration Certificate of TIN and VAT  
c) Company Certificate Registration/Incorporation  
d) Evidence showing that the firm is a legal entity (certificate of registration)  
e) Experience of working in a similar geographical region (SADC region)  
f) Availability of Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications in the field of assignment  
g) Evidence of at least 3 similar projects previously successfully completed, of which one was in the SADC region  
h) Evidence showing the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm in the field of assignment  
i) Brief description (not more than 3 pages) of the proposed Methodology of carrying out the scope of the work  
j) **The EOI submission should not exceed 30 pages all inclusive.**

Further information can be obtained at the e-mail address listed below during office hours i.e., 08:00 am-5:00pm, Monday – Friday, procurement@sadc-gmi.org

8. **Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Bidders must submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) by e-mail to procurement@sadc-gmi.org by 12:00 noon (RSA Time) **on or before 16 June 2023.**

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