



SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
(SADC-GMI)

WORLD BANK ASSISTED
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION

**CONSULTANCY FOR CAPACITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE PRIORITY
CHALLENGES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES IN MEMBER STATES**

Contract No. CS/2017/09

The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, through the Directorate of Infrastructure and Services – Water Division, in Gaborone, Botswana received a grant through the World Bank to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States project. The SADC Secretariat has delegated the implementation of the project to the Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI), a newly established regional centre of excellence on groundwater management hosted by the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

The SADC-GMI wishes to apply part of the grant to procure consulting services (“the Services”) to undertake a capacity needs assessment to determine priority challenges for capacity building initiatives in member states. It is envisaged the capacity needs assessment will inform the scope of training offered by the GMI to technical groundwater practitioners, students and decision makers in SADC Member States (in and outside of governments).

The foreseen level of effort for the assignment is 60 man-days to be deployed in the period until 31 December 2017. The services will include:

- To undertake a baseline assessment on Groundwater Management Capacity Building needs in the SADC Member States, with particular emphasis on:
 - Capacity for national groundwater management in the Ministries and departments responsible for groundwater in SADC Member States
 - Capacity for sustainable transboundary groundwater management in the Ministries and departments responsible for groundwater in SADC Member States.
 - Determining priority challenges facing Member States.
 - Assess capacity and expertise in *raising finances* for sustainable groundwater monitoring, management, and protection among Member States;
- Identifying existing capacity building initiatives in the SADC member states and assessing the availability of capacity building/training *materials and initiatives* at groundwater institutions.
- Outline a process of selection and design of training linking transboundary aquifer management, research on groundwater challenges and groundwater infrastructure promotion.

The SADC-GMI, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a. Evidence showing that the firm is a legal entity (certificate of registration);
- b. Evidence showing the fields of specialty of the firm (consultant's profile/brochures);

- c. General Experience of the Firm in Consulting Services relating to capacity building and capacity needs assessments preferably in groundwater management or natural resources management,
- d. Experience of working in a similar geographical region (SADC region);
- e. Availability of Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications in the field of the assignment;
- f. Evidence of at least 3 similar projects previously successfully completed, particularly in the SADC region;
- g. Evidence showing the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm in the field of assignment;
- h. Brief description (not more than 2 pages) of the proposed Methodology of carrying out the scope of the work.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers – January 2011, revised July 2014, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 am-4:00pm, Monday – Friday

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by email) by 18 October 2017 **12:00noon (Pretoria Time)**

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