



Questions raised by Bidders

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Tender Description:

Enhanced Water Security and Community Resilience in the Adjacent Cuvelai and Kunene Transboundary River Basins (CUVKUN) Project: Professional consultancy services for a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) Expert/International Consultant to gather, analyse, and consolidate information for TDA and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) development in the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins

Date: 16 July 2025

Question 1

1.1 “I notice that you are looking for one individual. My understanding of this task is that it will need a team of different experts in specific disciplines and/or themes”

1.2. Is such a team already in place, and if not

1.3 Are there plans to build such a team comprised of persons from the two riparian states?

1.4 If such a team is to be compiled, with the Team Leader (this bid) assist with the building of the team?

Question 1 Responses from GWPSA:

Kindly find below responses to your queries:

The approach for this assignment is structured in phases. While we are currently seeking to engage an individual to serve as the Team Leader, the broader technical team is not yet in place. Once the Team Leader is on board and has undertaken the necessary baseline assessments, we will then collaborate with them to identify the relevant thematic areas and mobilize appropriate experts accordingly.

While priority will indeed be given to experts from the riparian states, this is not an exclusive requirement. The selection of thematic experts will be guided by the needs identified during the baseline assessment. The Team Leader will support the identification of these experts; however, final decisions on team composition will remain with the Project Management Unit (PMU).



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Question 2

2.1 Kindly confirm whether you need a team to conduct all the work or just one Consultant to coordinate the processes?

2.2 If so, who will be responsible for collecting data and information? My recollection is that usually such work is done by a team of consultants?

Question 2 Responses from GWPSA:

Kindly note that the Team Leader will coordinate the entire process, including ensuring quality and consistency across the thematic areas. Data collection and thematic inputs will be undertaken by thematic experts, based on the key areas to be agreed upon between the Team Leader and the PMU.

Question 3

3.1 Refer to attached document, kindly indicate if this is the complete Terms of Reference (downloaded from the website)?

3.2 Kindly clarify if the "Advanced degree (Masters or PhD) in Water Resources Management, Environmental Science, Hydrology, or related field" is Masters or PHD degree compulsory or optional?

Question 3 Responses from GWPSA:

Yes, the attached document is the complete TORs. Regarding the qualifications, an advanced degree Master's or PhD is compulsory for this assignment.

Question 4

4.1 In 4.5 of the Terms of Reference, you state that the Consultant will be required to produce the reports shown below. Can you please clarify whether the persons who will produce these reports will be part of the team of the Consultant, or GWPSA will recruit these experts, and they will be supervised by the TDA Consultant?

4.2 If these experts will be part of the team of the TDA Consultant, then in our submission, we will have to include their CVs plus their fees and the related costs which should be in the financial proposal?

See below an extract from the Terms of Reference that you have disseminated.

4.5. Thematic Reports to be Produced by the TDA



To ensure a comprehensive and well-structured TDA, the consultant will be required to produce the following thematic reports but not limited to:

- **Hydrology and Hydrogeology Report:** Assessment of water availability, groundwater resources, recharge rates, and water balance in the Cuvélai and Kunene Basins.
- **Water Quality and Pollution Report:** Analysis of water contamination sources, pollution levels, and implications for human health and ecosystems.
- **Flood and Drought Risk Assessment Report:** Examination of historical hydrological patterns, climate variability, and disaster risk reduction measures.
- **Ecosystem and Biodiversity Report:** Evaluation of ecosystem health, habitat degradation, biodiversity status, and conservation priorities.
- **Socio-Economic and Livelihoods Report:** Assessment of community water use, economic dependencies on water, and social vulnerabilities related to water scarcity and climate change.
- **Governance and Institutional Framework Report:** Analysis of policies, legal frameworks, institutional mandates, and transboundary cooperation mechanisms for water resource management.
- **Stakeholder Engagement and Gender Inclusion Report:** Documentation of stakeholder consultations, gender-sensitive water governance approaches, and recommendations for inclusive participation.

Question 4 Responses from GWPSA:

To clarify, the Team Leader will be responsible for drafting the entire TDA report, playing a central coordination and consolidation role. The thematic reports listed in the Terms of Reference will inform the TDA, but the individual experts contributing to those reports will be recruited at a later stage, once the Team Leader is on board and has agreed with GWPSA on the number and scope of thematic reports to be produced.

Therefore, there is no need to include CVs or associated costs for additional experts in your current submission only your CV and related details are required at this stage.