A Background
Since the implementation of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) I, II and III, the only technical publication that has been prepared by the SADC Secretariat focused on the implementation of RSAP I and this was developed in 2004. The first SADC water publication titled “Implementing the SADC Regional Strategic Action Plan for Integrated Water Resources Management (1999-2004): Lessons and Best Practice” chronicles the implementation of the RSAP by reporting on some of the outcomes, lessons and best practices that were achieved. It was intended to inform, record and showcase the efforts of the many individuals who worked towards the sustainable development of water resources, in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of regional water resources management and how it was constantly improving. The publication was organized into themes that reflected the structure of the RSAP at the time. It started with an introductory section (Part A) that traced the history of the RSAP from a Council of Water Ministers’ decision in 1996 through to its formulation and mobilization for support for its implementation. Parts B to G were made up of individual chapters highlighting case studies by individual authors and project leads documenting key processes and progress covering the SADC Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourses, the SADC Water Policy and Strategy, capacity building, institutional development, information and infrastructure. Parts G and H focused on the priorities and conclusion, respectively, highlighting the successful creation of an enabling environment for international cooperation over scarce resources. The publication articulated how the RSAP provided a comprehensive program that avoided ad hoc action and, rather, drew all cooperating partners into a forum where common goals and a vision could be shared and supported based on the regional priorities owned by the member states.

Following the implementation of RSAP II and III, and commencement of the implementation of RSAP IV, SADC has decided (after 14 years) to prepare a follow-up second publication to document and critically analyze the regional approach adopted and implemented in the water sector. The publication will consider the case studies and lessons learned from the first publication, progress made since that time and analyze the evolution of the sector. This publication is expected to go a step further, in addition to generating knowledge and lessons, by assessing the regional approach and providing key recommendations for the future of the sector to remain effective, relevant and responsive to the SADC regional development agenda.

B Objective of the SADC water publication
The objective of the proposed SADC water publication is to share experiences on the regional approach adopted in the SADC in water resources management, and critically analyze the approach in order to highlight key successes, challenges and lessons learned to inform the future of water resources management.

The expected outcome is a technical publication highlighting key experiences, important stories and lessons learned from the past 15 years of cooperation in the SADC water sector, aligning with the implementation of RSAP I, II and III. The publication is targeted at regional strategic planners, national and regional program developers, national and regional policy makers, water resources management practitioners, technical experts from other sectors, Regional Economic Commissions (RECs), River Basin Organizations (RBOs) and the international development community.
The compilation and content of the publication will be guided by the SADC Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC) and directed from SADC Directorate of Infrastructure and Services, Water Division.

C Editor
The main objective of this consultancy is to lead the development of the final concept note, and synthesize the contributions received from the various contributors into the final SADC water publication.

Scope of work: Editor
In close consultation with the SADC Secretariat and the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWP SA), perform the following tasks:

• Consult with relevant stakeholders and finalize the draft concept note (highlighting the objective of the publication and agreed chapter outline) to guide the preparation of contributions to be considered for the final publication.
• Develop and administer a questionnaire targeted at identified key stakeholders, e.g., member states and regional partners, to gather data and information using appropriate methods, e.g., online, email, interviews, etc.
• Participate in planned meetings and events in order to consult with key stakeholders.
• Develop a template for factsheets and/or case studies to capture key lessons and processes.
• Review and analyze the data collected, contributions and submissions received, and synthesize and consolidate the information in accordance with the agreed chapter outline of the SADC water publication.
• Participate in the planned workshops and contribute to the development of the agendas.
• Prepare presentations to guide the contributors and facilitate workshops as required.
• Present the draft SADC water publication at the validation workshop and incorporate comments received.
• Prepare the final SADC water publication.

The consultant is also expected to perform the following tasks:

• Review relevant background material from SADC and other regions.
• Work closely with the SADC Secretariat and GWP SA to refine understanding of the assignment, its scope and level of detail by participating in skype discussions and planned meetings as necessary.

Proposed schedule of tasks
The consultancy will be carried out from the date of signing the contract to November 30, 2019. Specific tasks and deliverable deadlines will be dependent on the agreed work plan.

Supervision, reporting and deliverables
The consultant shall report to the GWP SA Regional Program Manager: Transboundary Water and Environment.
Qualifications and experience
The consultancy assignment defined in this terms of reference (ToR) requires technical/professional expertise with the following qualifications and experience:

- Relevant qualification in professional writing and content editing.
- At least 7 years of relevant experience in professional writing, content editing and publications.
- An understanding of water resources management particularly in the SADC region.
- Knowledge of English language is a must.
- Knowledge of French and Portuguese will be an added advantage.

Requirements and submission deadline
Interested candidates should send an application letter highlighting suitability for the advertised consultancy, a detailed curriculum vitae and daily consulting rate by email to:

Mr. Tendai Gandanzara (Tendai.Gandanzara@gwpsaf.org) and copied to Ms. Cathrine Mutambirwa (Cathrine.Mutambirwa@gwpsaf.org)

Application deadline: August 10, 2018 (Friday)