**Call for Proposals to Implement the Project “Capacity Support for Institutions of the SADC Water Sector”**

The SADC-GIZ Transboundary Water Management in SADC Programme (TWM) is inviting **non-profit/public benefits organisations** to submit their project proposals to support the capacity of selected institutions in the SADC water sector. The project aims to achieve the following objective: Institutions of the SADC Water Sector are strengthened to fulfil their extended mandate effectively and efficiently.

Proposals can be submitted up to an overall financial volume of EUR 200,000. Further details on the project, the documents that should be submitted and the budget can be found in the full project description attached.

The SADC Member States have signed the Revised SADC Protocol on Shared Watercourses in 2000. The Protocol provides the overarching legal cooperation framework for transboundary water cooperation in the SADC Region. In addition, through the Regional Strategic Action Plan on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management (RSAP), the SADC Member States have been working to implement the Protocol.

To strengthen implementation of the regional strategies, GIZ has been commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with co-financing by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) to implement the Transboundary Water Management in SADC programme. The programme aims to achieve the following module objective: “implementation of selected harmonised strategies and policies on transboundary water cooperation is improved”.

Since the signing of the Revised SADC Protocol on Shared Watercourses in 2000, almost all riparian states sharing transboundary watercourses in the SADC region have entered into international agreements on the joint development and management of their water resources. Shared Watercourse Institutions, such as River Basin Organisations, many with permanent Secretariats, have been established in most basins.

However, in many sector organisations, responsibilities are shifting; from a purely facilitating role allowing joint planning and the development of comprehensive legal and institutional frameworks to actually planning, preparing and implementing basin-wide initiatives. This includes administering large ICP-funded projects as well as preparing large-scale cross-border infrastructure. Equally, the thematic focus has widened, increasingly including additional considerations such as adaptation to climate change, the Water-Food-Energy Security Nexus, Gender Mainstreaming as well as increasing synergies between the agricultural and water sectors etc.

This significant evolution has stretched the institutionalised water sector, i.e. the SADC Secretariat, River Basin Organisations and their Secretariats as well as Member State institutions, to its limits, both financially and in terms of available human resources.

There is a need for increasing capacities of the water sector institutions. In particular River Basin Organisations and their Secretariats require additional human and technical capacities to fulfil their growing functions as delegated to them by Member States. Therefore, more effective and most importantly more efficient implementation modalities are necessary.

The joint SADC-GIZ Transboundary Water Management in SADC Programme (TWM) therefore plans to implement the project “**Capacity Support for Institutions of the SADC Water Sector**”. The project aims to provide technical expertise to support RBOs and their Secretariats to overcome capacity constraints in the short-term while testing the “bundling” of services in a dedicated body.

The full Project Description is attached to this advert.

Kindly submit your project proposal by **20 December 2017**, 10:00 a.m. (date of receipt at GIZ Office Gaborone).

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