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**Procurement Notice/Advertisement
Open International Competition (OIC)**

Country of Destination: UNESCO Headquarters

Reference Number: RFP/CLT/WHC/NHU/25/1

Description: Revision and alignment of the Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) with regional environmental frameworks

Deadline for Submission of Electronic Proposal: 24 November 2025 at 23:59 CET

Posting Date: 23 October 2025

United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invite qualified companies to submit electronic tenders as follows:

UNESCO is in close consultation with the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM) to undertake an update of the existing Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to ensure its alignment with current and emerging regional initiatives, socio-economic realities, and environmental challenges. The revised CORB SEA, developed through appropriate stakeholder consultation, will provide guidelines for assessing current and emerging threats to biodiversity, wetlands, and migratory corridors in the basin, and will ensure that developments proceed in a manner that allows the landscape and ecosystem to maintain a high level of productivity and ecological integrity. Accordingly, the document will inform decision-making regarding the sustainable management of water resources, biodiversity conservation, and socio-economic development in the basin. In this context, it will also inform the ongoing tripartite dialogue of Angola, Namibia, and Botswana regarding the potential extension of the Okavango Delta World Heritage Site to include key upstream areas of the basin.

UNESCO is seeking the services of a company/institute to support such iteration with the following objectives: i) to develop an enhanced SEA for the CORB, building on prior work, with updated actionable recommendations and a monitoring framework, ii) to reassess socio-economic, environmental, and governance baselines in the CORB, iii) to establish an inclusive stakeholder engagement plan as a component of the whole SEA process and builds ownership and buy-in, iv) to develop a GIS-based decision-support tool, v) to develop a systematic conservation plan that will guide the zonation of key and critical areas for biodiversity and water resources protection in the CORB, vi) to develop a management, monitoring and evaluation framework to guide adaptive management over time, vii) to ensure the alignment of the SEA with current and emerging regional, national, and international policy frameworks and initiatives.

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

Interested companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request for a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

The electronic proposals must be delivered to the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris at the following address cit.procurement@unesco.org on or before **24 November at 23:59 CET**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all Bidders who have requested for a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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