

## PERMANENT OKAVANGO RIVER BASIN WATER COMMISSION

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### Request for Proposals

The Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission was established in September 15, 1994 by the Governments of Angola, Botswana and Namibia. The objective of the Commission is to act as the technical advisor to the Contracting Parties on matters relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources of common interest in the Okavango River basin. This entails promoting coordinated and sustainable water resources management of the basin, while addressing the legitimate social and economic needs of riparian States.

To ensure effective fulfilment of its functions, OKACOM is driven by an internal organizational structure consisting of:

- i. *The Commission* – the principal organ of OKACOM, responsible for defining and guiding the development policy and general supervision of the activities of OKACOM.
- ii. *The Okavango Basin Steering Committee (OBSC)* – is the technical advisory body to the Commission. It provides technical leadership to permanent or temporary subsidiary committees known as task forces that are established according to the nature and specificity of the matter.
- iii. *The Secretariat* – responsible for providing administrative, financial and general secretariat services to OKACOM.

Aimed at strengthening the Secretariat's delivery capacity within the realms of its mandate, a Three Year Plan for the Consolidation and Operation of the Secretariat was initiated in 2007.

In order to assist the OKACOM and its Secretariat towards improved institutional and organizational performance, a *midterm review of the Secretariat* is planned for the current year. On the basis of the attached Terms of Reference, interested firms or consulting companies are requested to submit their expression of interest together with a technical and financial proposal.

Submissions should be made to the OKACOM Secretariat no later than September 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 to the following address:

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