

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ADVANCING WATER STORAGE CAPACITY IN
THE ZAMBEZI WATERCOURSE: SELECTION AND PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES OF
MEDIUM-SIZED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

February 26, 2024

1. The Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM) has received grant financing from Swedfund International AB (the Development Financial Institution of the Kingdom of Sweden), under the agreement “ZAMCOM - Sweden Collaboration for the Zambezi Watercourse Infrastructure Development Study”. ZAMCOM intends to apply this grant to payments under a contract for **Consultancy Services** for conducting studies on prioritization of medium-sized water infrastructure projects and developing pre-feasibility studies for selected infrastructure projects in the Zambezi Watercourse.
2. The Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM) is an intergovernmental organization set up by eight riparian states that share the Zambezi Watercourse through the ZAMCOM Agreement. The riparian states are: Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. On behalf of the riparian states, the Council of Ministers of ZAMCOM endorsed the 2019 Strategic Plan for the Zambezi Watercourse (ZSP) on February 28, 2019. As one of four pillars, the ZSP outlines priority opportunities in the ZSP Infrastructure Investment Programme.
3. The ZSP Infrastructure Investment Programme generated an inventory of prioritized infrastructures of transboundary relevance in four areas: hydropower, agricultural water, water supply services, and catchment and natural asset management. ZAMCOM is mandated to support riparian states in advancing preparation and implementation of the infrastructure projects identified in the ZSP, of various scales and at different stages of bankability and investment readiness.
4. To support ZAMCOM’s efforts to select and advance the feasibility and investment readiness of medium-sized water infrastructure and storage projects in the Zambezi Watercourse, Swedfund is providing a grant through the Swedfund Project Accelerator intending to expedite the implementation of systems and solutions for sustainable infrastructure projects that contribute to the achievement of Agenda 2030.
5. ZAMCOM is soliciting consultancy services for “Advancing Water Storage Capacity in the Zambezi Watercourse: Selection and pre-feasibility studies of medium-sized infrastructure projects”. The project’s objective is to take high-priority, medium-sized water infrastructure and storage projects in the Zambezi Watercourse, more substantially towards achieving bankability and project implementation through a qualitative screening and selection process, and prefeasibility studies.
6. The Consulting Firm (Consultant) will be required to field experts with proven experience and competencies in national and transboundary water management, with a track record of developing multi-purpose and/or single-use water storage and water infrastructure projects in Africa through analytical and modelling assessments, as well as by conducting pre-feasibility studies.
7. The experts to be engaged will deliver the following work packages: (a) High-level assessment of medium-sized water storage infrastructure projects; (b) Scenario-based analysis of priority medium-sized multi/single purpose water storage infrastructure projects; (c) Selection of medium-

sized water infrastructure and storage projects for advancing readiness; and (d) Conducting pre-feasibility studies of selected 3-5 medium-sized multi/single purpose water storage infrastructure projects. The estimated maximum duration for the assignment is sixteen (16) calendar months, starting from mid-2024.

8. ZAMCOM now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (expert profiles, description of similar assignments, experience in similar contexts, etc.). CVs of experts should not be provided at EoI stage. Consultants may constitute joint-ventures or associations to enhance their chances of qualification. EoIs are limited to a maximum of 20 pages, excluding cover letters and attachments.

9. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list, and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the ZAMCOM Procurement and Asset Disposal Guidelines of 2015 which is available on the ZAMCOM's website at <https://www.zambezicommission.org/publication/zamcom-procurement-guidelines-2015>.

10. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications-Selection (CQS) method set out in the ZAMCOM Procurement Guidelines.

11. The selected Consultant and any sub-consultants will be required to meet the following, as detailed in the grant agreement for this project:

- i. conduct their business in a sustainable and responsible manner with a long-term perspective and strive to adhere to international standards and internationally recognised human rights as well as internationally acknowledged standards for business integrity and corporate governance;
- ii. comply with legal and regulatory requirements in the jurisdictions where they operate;
- iii. comply with the Harmonized European Development Finance Institutions Exclusion List;
- iv. comply with applicable International Finance Corporation Performance Standards; and
- v. prohibit all kind of corruption, such as bribery, extortion, facilitation payments, nepotism and cronyism, fraud, money laundering, financing of terrorism and political contributions and other unethical behaviour.

12. Interested consultants may obtain further information, including draft Terms of Reference, by contacting the email addresses below.

Email: mwasiti@zambezicommission.org and copy to zamcom@zambezicommission.org, felix@zambezicommission.org, leonissah@zambezicommission.org, and sophie.taintor@swedfund.se

13. Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically to the emails listed above by **March 28, 2024, at 17:00 hours (Zimbabwe/Harare - local time) and clearly marked:** *“Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for Advancing Water Storage Capacity in the Zambezi Watercourse: Selection and Prefeasibility Studies of Medium-Sized Infrastructure Projects (Consultants’ Qualifications-Selection).”*

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