



CALL FOR EXPRESSION INTEREST

Development of online Training Courses on Groundwater Governance

Consultancy Firm Contract

Duration 6 months (7 July 2020 -31 December 2020)

1. Background

Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA), is an IHP projected which was initiated in August 2019 for its third phase. The project addresses key targets on reforming/updating legal, policy and institutional arrangements, strengthening capacity and implementing collective measures at national and regional level to develop sustainable management and governance of transboundary aquifers and associated ecosystems. The project is implemented through four inter-linked components:

1. Establishment of institutional and technical capacity on groundwater governance in RBOs, RCs and selected aquifer systems in Africa
2. Consolidation of regional cooperation through investments on aquifer commissions, partnerships, and networks, aiming at setting the base for transboundary aquifers regional strategies (special focus in Africa).
3. Development of evidence-based and decision-making capacity on transboundary groundwater resources quality protection and monitoring.
4. Improvement of transboundary aquifers and shared groundwater resources diplomacy.

2. Objectives of the project

The main goal of the project is to strengthen regional stability, cooperation and peace through the establishment of cooperative frameworks for transboundary groundwater governance in River Basin Organizations (RBOs), Regional Commissions (RCs) and selected aquifers systems in Africa, Central America and Central Asia. The GGRETA-3 project will build on the results achieved by the previous two phases of the GGRETA project, i.e. Phase 1 (2013-2015) and Phase 2 (2016-2019) implemented by the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and funded by the Swiss Agency of Development and Cooperation (SDC). This new phase approach is addressing the sustainability challenges related to transboundary groundwater resources that many river basins are facing; which is innovative as it might open new development perspectives and present attractive opportunities for coping with the looming threats of climate variability and change, with the need for balancing surface water and groundwater water uses, preventing the risks of large scale groundwater quality degradation and contribute to the achievement of the SDG 6 of the Agenda 2030.

In this context, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa is inviting applications from parties to Develop a standard virtual training course on Groundwater Governance, for delivery online. The standard course will consist of 3 modules, as follows:

- Module 1 – Groundwater governance
- Module 2 – International water law (with a specific focus on transboundary aquifers)
- Module 3 – Domestic water laws and interaction with international water law

Starting from the above standard, the contractor will develop a short 'webinar' version and a full-length version of the course, as follows:

Webinar

An 90 minute introductory webinar needs to be developed, where each module will have a 20 minute duration, introducing the different components of the full course that will be held subsequently. The webinar will be held in the period July-September 2020, and depends on the progress of the full course implementation, to allow a smooth transition from the webinar to the full course.

Online Course

A full online course needs to be developed elaborating in depth the three different modules. Each module will have a minimum of 4 hour duration. This involves preparing the course material in powerpoint and recording the presentations in high-quality. UNESCO will provide support with the setup of these recordings as well as to integrate the course materials in its online learning platform. The contractors should be available for the managing of the course online and to engage actively with the participants, through the integrated forum, as well as via short webinars to facilitate live interaction with the participants. The online course should be held in the period between October to December 2020.

3. Deliverables

The contractor will deliver the following:

- Deliverable 1 – outline of the full online course (skeleton contents of each course module)
- Deliverable 2 – online webinar to introduce the different modules (date to be agreed)
- Deliverable 3 – online course material, consisting of lecture notes, text of lecture(s) (PowerPoint presentations), practical exercises and supporting materials, reading list, and any additional supporting materials
- Deliverable 4 – delivery of the online course, including forum moderation and 1 webinar for each module with participants, on dates to be agreed with UNESCO
- Deliverable 5 – final assignment includes student final exam or essay that could evaluate students' performance

4. Duration

The contract will have a 6-month duration, from 7 July to 31 December 2020

5. Expression of Interest

Interested parties may submit a cover letter and Company Profile with CVs of Directors, together with a brief proposal and the budget, methodology and approach for the assignment to vacancies.harare@unesco.org with copy to t.murenga@unesco.org

Closing date for applications: 1 July 2020

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