



**“Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management” Project
PROJECT ID 5319**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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TITLE: SELECTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL CONSULTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME AND ORGANIZATION OF TRAINING SESSIONS

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The Member States of the River Union (Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire) have received funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the implementation of the “**Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management Project**”. The MRU Secretariat, the Regional Project Management Agency and the four national executing agencies intend to use part of the funding to carry out the following project activities:

ACTIVITY 2.5 *Development of a regional training program for beneficiary organizations, focusing on the methodology adopted for the design of a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and a Strategic Action Plan (SAP)*

ACTIVITY 2.6 *Organization of training sessions in each participating country on the methodological approach and planning process for the development of a TDA and SAP in a transboundary basin*

The objective of this consultation is to strengthen the capacities of the MRU Secretariat and Member States by training a critical mass of stakeholders on the methodological approach and planning process for the development of a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and

Strategic Action Plan (SAP) by mainstreaming cross-cutting issues (gender, climate change, policy influence, etc.). Stakeholders in the 4 countries should be able to successfully carry out the process of developing and validating the TDA and SAP in the three priority basins.

The consultants shall be expected to use the technical tools recognized by the GEF for basin-wide planning.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Develop a regional training plan for stakeholders working in the Mano, Moa/Makona, Kolente/Little&Great Scarcies and Cavally river basins;
- Develop necessary training materials on SAP and TDA methodologies based on tools developed by GEF IW LEARN
- Develop specific training modules for better gender-mainstreaming in the TDA and SAP process;
- Develop specific training modules for better knowledge and effective management of climate change in the development of SAP for transboundary river basins;
- Organize training sessions at the regional level and in transboundary river basins for the stakeholders (MRU, Member States and implementing partners);

Although not exhaustive, the Consultant's assignments shall cover the following:

- Literature review to capitalize on relevant and innovative research findings on TDA and SAP processes, with regional-scale climate change to be shared with the various participants;
- Review of the 4 national reports of study 2.4 and 2.5 on “determining the training needs of stakeholders in the Moa/Makona, Cavally and Kolente/Great Scarcies & Little Scarcies/Kaba basins”;
- Drafting a regional synthesis report on the training needs ;
- Development of the regional training program;
- Development of training modules and materials (simple, clear and effective to facilitate knowledge transfer);
- Delivery of training for the MRU, Member States and implementing partners working in the Cavally, Mano, Moa/Makona, Little&Great Scarcies river basins;
- Conduct an evaluation at the end of the training to justify the delivery of certificate to each participant.

The aforementioned tasks are an indicative minimum; the Consultant could complete them to ensure that all the outcomes and objectives of the study are achieved.

The Mano River Union, hereby, calls on eligible consulting firms (consortia of academic and/or research institutions, etc.) to express their interest in providing the services described above.

Interested Consultants must provide information proving that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to deliver the requisite Services. The criteria for the short listing include: Consulting firms that have demonstrated ten (10) years of experience in research and experts training in the area of Integrated Water Resources Management, TDA and SAP process management, climate change; have at least three (03) similar references with GEF-IW-LEARN tools; be able to read, write and speak English and French, produce documents in English and French, and have a good knowledge of the region.

Consultants may partner with other firms to strengthen their respective skills in the form of a joint venture or subcontractor agreement.

Details of the terms of reference for the requested services are available from the Executing Agencies and on the IUCN-PACO website: www.iucn.org/fr/regions/afrique-centrale-et-occidentale:

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