



# OKACOM

The Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission  
Comissão Permanente das Águas da Bacia Hidrográfica do Rio Okavango



## THE CORB FUND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI) APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT, NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBER ORGANISATIONS TO

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The countries of Angola, Botswana and Namibia jointly established the CORB Fund (Cubango-Okavango River Basin Fund), as a Company Limited by Guarantee in Botswana on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019<sup>1</sup>. The CORB Fund is a fully independent hybrid fund that aims to enhance livelihoods, improve ecosystem resilience and provide equitable benefits to the riparian states of Angola, Botswana and Namibia, in their shared river basin. The three countries are the current Members of the CORB Fund. The CORB Fund now seeks to appoint two (2) additional Independent Members to the Membership of the Company. The Members are the highest decision-making body of the CORB Fund Company.

**Member Type:** Independent<sup>2</sup>, Non-Government Member. Independent Members are organizations (registered entities<sup>3</sup>) such as a charity, NPO or NGO. Each Member organization appoints a Member Representative, through whom Company-Member correspondence and decisions are issued. A Member Representative is an individual in the employ of the Independent Member organization.

**Minimum Time Requirements:** Member Representatives are required to attend the AGM each year, and deliberate on, and sign-off, Special Resolutions, when these arise. Additionally, Member organizations should regularly market the CORB Fund to their networks, to raise awareness about the Fund's mandate and impact, boost fundraising and assist in the ongoing implementation of interventions. Members are also responsible to appoint directors to the board. The CORB Fund will cover all reimbursable, travel-related costs for Member Representatives to attend Company arranged meetings. All time related costs will be deemed in-kind, by the Member.

**Member Vacancies:** Organizations are to please indicate which Member position they are applying for.

- **1 Independent Member Vacancy: Livelihoods.** This Independent Member should be a reputable regional or global organization that supports the betterment of communities and actively promotes socio-economic development, in its ordinary course of business. This Independent Member will anchor and influence key decisions regarding the livelihoods mandate of the Company.
- **1 Independent Member Vacancy: Conservation.** This Independent Member should be a reputable regional or global organization that supports the conservation of nature and actively promotes environmental sustainability, in its ordinary course of business. This Independent Member will anchor and influence key decisions regarding the conservation mandate of the Company.

**Member Capabilities:** The following capabilities are being sought:

- General understanding of governance and policy frameworks in Angola, Botswana, and Namibia.
- Creation and management of boards of directors.
- Organizational experience in livelihood betterment, socio-economic development, environmental sustainability and/or conservation, in rural sub-Saharan Africa.
- Strategic planning for organizational management, governance, and risk management.
- Extensive fundraising networks.
- Willingness and ability to devote time and resources to the Company's work.

Organizations should **submit their Expression of Interest in the form of a Letter (1 page max.)**

The letter should be sent via e-mail (only) to the appointed Process Agent of the Company:

To: phera@okacom.org ; tracy@okacom.org Copy: okasec@okacom.org ; gwara@okacom.org

The distinct roles and responsibilities of Members and Member Representatives is recorded in the Constitution of the Company. The Constitution will be shared with organizations after receiving their formal Expression of Interest, and formal discussions will follow.

**Deadline for submission is 11 May 2021**

<sup>1</sup> The initiative was launched in 2016 by the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM). OKACOM was established on 15th September 1994 by the Republics of Angola, Botswana and Namibia.

<sup>2</sup> "Independent" means the absence of an interest, position, association or relationship which, when judged from the perspective of a reasonable and informed third party, is likely to influence unduly or cause bias in decision-making

<sup>3</sup> There are currently no restrictions on where entities should be registered.



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