

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TENDER NUMBER: WP11523

DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE STUDY TO REVIEW AND UPDATE STRATEGIES TO RECONCILE WATER AVAILABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ORANGE RIVER SYSTEM IN THE PLANNING AREA CENTRAL FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS (36).

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1	Under Section 3.1 of the Terms of Reference, a list of main aspects / technical tasks to be covered in the study is listed. In our experience, this list corresponds with the required aspects and tasks when a Reconciliation Strategy is compiled for the first time (new strategy). As this bid is for the updating of an existing strategy (and not compiling a new strategy) we assume that different tasks would be needed, that align with the annual update of the strategy, in addition to the specific requirements of this bid.	Please indicate the particular tasks so I can clarify. Tasks like inception, literature review, water requirements, water availability etc are all part of updating the existing strategy.
2	Please confirm that 3 x annual updates of the strategy would be needed in the form of 3 x annual Status Reports (likely for 2025, 2026 and 2027 hydrological years).	I confirm that the annual updates are in the form of the status reports (refer to section 9 and generic table), the final status report is what is being referred to in the ToR as the updated Orange reconciliation strategy.
3	Please confirm whether a Schemes Report is required as a deliverable? As it has been some time such a report has been produced for this strategy area, it seems needed.	The review of schemes and updating of costs is included under 3.1 and is required either as a deliverable/ sub deliverable
4	Are Bi-annual Newsletters (produced after SSC meetings) required? Our experience has been that the DWS Communications Directorate is not interested in these newsletters.	The Newsletters are required.
5	We note that reference is made to previous studies and datasets to be provided by DWS and/or prior professional service providers. For clarity, we would appreciate confirmation on whether DWS will be responsible for sourcing and supplying these datasets directly, or whether this responsibility will be for the appointed service provider.	I can confirm DWS provide/ facilitate that data is provided to the successful bidder.