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**EIB - Gibe III Hydropower Project (Ethiopia): Environmental and Social Impact Assessment regarding Lake Turkana and Cumulative Impact Assessment of the cascade of hydropower projects on the Omo rivera (L-Luxembourg)**

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**Individual Service Contract Forecast**

**Gibe III - Environmental and Social Impact Assessment regarding Lake Turkana and Cumulative Impact Assessment of the Cascade of Hydropower Projects located on the Omo River**

**Republic of Ethiopia**

1. **Publication reference:**  
TA2010006 ET ITF
2. **Procedure:**  
Restricted
3. **Programme:**  
EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund
4. **Financing:**  
EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund
5. **Contracting Authority:**  
European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg.
6. **Nature of contract:**  
Technical Assistance (global price)
7. **Contract description:**  
The Gibe III Hydropower Project (for which the total cost is estimated at some EUR 1.5 billion) is the third development in a cascade of water resource schemes (Gilgel Gibe/Gibe I and II are in operation) on the main Gibe/Omo River. Further hydropower schemes downstream on the river are envisaged.  
The objective of this Technical Assistance Programme is to produce the following studies:  
(i) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Lake Turkana to which the Omo River is one of the main tributaries. This has not been studied previously;  
(ii) Cumulative Impact Assessment: to determine the magnitude and significance of the cumulative impacts on the environment and people associated with the construction and operation of the Omo River hydroelectric cascade;  
(iii) Integration of findings of the various individual studies related to the environmental and social impact of Gibe III;  
(iv) Community Development Programme study, that will identify potential areas to enhance the livelihoods of people living in the Omo delta and around Lake Turkana.  
These studies are part of the fact finding exercise of the EIB in coordination with other potential lenders to the project, and will guide the decision if and how to provide financing to the project.  
The working language shall be English.

8. **Indicative maximum budget:**  
EUR 1.3 million
9. **Intended timing of publication:**  
March 2010
10. **Additional information:**  
None
11. **Legal basis:**  
EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund Agreement of 23 April 2007.

Remarks: There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice. No applications should be sent at this stage.