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Cuvelai and Kunene (CUVKUN) Project

Call for Expression of Interests to attend the Short Training Course on Disaster Risk Management

Dates: 20-23 July 2026

Format: Virtual

Introduction

The **Disaster Risk Management Course** is designed to build institutional capacity of CUVECOM in general and specifically for the Cuvelai and Kunene River Basins shared by Angola and Namibia. It is aimed at having the institutions in the two basins to use disaster risk management in action planning in order to increase resilience in the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins. The course will equip professionals from the two basins with skills and knowledge that will assist them to anticipate, prepare/plan for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from both natural and human-made disasters. The course emphasises on enhancing capacity to prepare, manage risks and address disasters in order to safeguard communities, infrastructure, and organizational resilience. This course emphasizes practical approaches, strategic planning, and the use of modern technologies in disaster risk preparedness and management.

The CUVKUN Project, which is implementing a water security project in the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins, is pleased to invite applications from Namibia for participants to attend this course on Disaster Risk Management. The course will be delivered on two separate occasions during the third quarter of 2026: an English-language session for Namibia with confirmed dates 20-23 July 2026, followed by a Portuguese-language session for Angola (dates to be confirmed).

This course is designed to:

- i. Increase and enhance understanding of key concepts and principles in disaster risk preparedness and management.
- ii. Enhance identification and assessment of potential disasters, hazards and vulnerabilities in the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins.
- iii. Ensure participants appreciate and interrogate the policy, legal and institutional frameworks related to disaster management in the member countries and at Cuvelai and Kunene basin levels.
- iv. Develop effective disaster preparedness and response strategies for the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins.
- v. Increase understanding on enhancing resilience through innovative water governance approaches and disaster preparedness;
- vi. Develop communication and coordination strategies and techniques for disaster situations for the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins.
- vii. Explore and promote community-based approaches to disaster risk reduction.
- viii. Conduct Disaster Simulation Exercise: Flood and Drought Scenarios

Upon completing the course, participants will develop the following competencies:

- i. Improved understanding of disaster risk preparedness and management concepts;
- ii. Improved knowledge on disaster types and impacts;
- iii. Enhanced familiarity with disaster risk management frameworks and their application;
- iv. Ability of stakeholders in the Cuvelai and Kunene River Basins to conduct disaster risk preparedness assessments and developing early warning systems;
- v. Development of disaster preparedness and response plans for the Cuvelai and Kunene River Basins;
- vi. Ability to apply disaster risk reduction and management principles to real-world scenarios in the Cuvelai and Kunene Basins

Who should apply

This course is particularly suited for professionals from the following organisations in Namibia:

- Government: Ministries and departments responsible for disaster risk management, i.e.
 - Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Namibia:
 - Directorate: Disaster Risk Management (DDRM).
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, The Directorates of Water Resources Management and Water Basin Management.
- Academics from relevant disciplines
- Officials from the CUVECOM
- Civil Society and NGOs

- Private sector
- Local authorities

Participation Costs

The course will be virtual. There are no costs associated with the attendance of the course.

Application Process

Those interested in attending the course should express their interest on the following link, <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/ZN5Ou9FM> by 13 July 2026.