



OKACOM is the convening body that provides both the platform and the means for Member States in the planning, equitable use, sharing of beneficial uses and sustainable development of the basin. The OKACOM values convey confidence that the OKACOM 'corporate culture' fosters trust and cooperation so that it can provide the platform for exchange and debate. This enables OKACOM to fully deliver its mandate as advisers to the Member States.

Economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally healthy development of the Cubango-Okavango River Basin

OKACOM's central mandate is derived from the Member States - Angola, Botswana and Namibia - as articulated through the OKACOM Agreement and several other keystone documents.

These include including the Transboundary Diagnostic Assessment, the Strategic Action Programme and three National Action Plans. Core to successfully delivering the mandate is a commitment by all of the OKACOM organs to conduct all OKACOM business with the following values:

- **OKACOM** is a transparent and accountable organisation, and all actions will be conducted in the spirit of good neighbourliness and close cooperation;
- **OKACOM** will always provide advice to member states and key stakeholders in the spirit of agreed national, regional and international conventions, using the best scientific information and evidence based opinion available;
- **OKACOM** will promote improved livelihoods for basin residents, ensuring that the sustainable and equitable utilisation of the resources of the basin include significant efforts for poverty reduction;
- **OKACOM** will conduct its activities in an inclusive way, ensuring that equitable, sustainable utilisation and equal opportunity at all levels are always pursued and promoted;
- **OKACOM** will always act to promote the concept of a shared basin-wide vision and jointly agreed decision framework in all its actions.

