

**Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour
la Recherche et le Développement
Agricoles**



**West and Central African Council
for Agricultural Research and
Development**

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**Call for the position of member of the Scientific and
Technical Committee of CORAF/WECARD**

Opening date: 03 August, 2010

Closing date: 30 September, 2010

August 2010

Preamble

The Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) is a statutory body of CORAF/WECARD, whose aim is to examine and provide advice to the Governing Board on the scientific quality and the relevance of sub-regional research activities. The committee is composed of twelve (12) members chosen from National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of CORAF/WECARD and partner institutions. The members must possess demonstrated expertise and experience in the area of agricultural research for development and capacity strengthening. The composition of the Committee should reflect a representation of the programme areas of CORAF/WECARD.

The STC holds ordinary sessions once a year and extraordinary sessions when there is the need to. Since its establishment in 2004, it has held seven ordinary and three extraordinary sessions. The rules of the Committee stipulate that the mandate of a member is three (03) years renewable once. The official working languages are French and English.

There is at present a vacant position in the STC and this call has been designed to fill up this position.

Objective

The objective of this call is to identify a new member in order to ensure continuity and effective functioning of the STC.

Tasks of STC members

- Examine the CORAF/WECARD Programmes and guide the Governing Board on scientific and technical issues as well as the conformity of research activities of base-centres, networks and research poles with the vision and mission of CORAF/WECARD ;
- Help the Executive Secretariat perform its function of facilitating scientific cooperation and coordination in West and Central Africa ;
- Help the Governing Board evaluate scientific activities of CORAF/WECARD carried out in between General Assembly Meetings ;
- Ensure the monitoring and evaluation of all collaborative scientific activities including scientific publication and dissemination of technical information managed by CORAF/WECARD ;
- Help the Executive Secretariat coordinate scientific activities with the aim of promoting scientific excellence and increasing the recognition of the Institution in all countries in West and Central Africa ;
- Evaluate project concept notes and proposals submitted by members of NARS and their partners in the sub-region of West and Central Africa,

within the framework of the competitive grant scheme and commissioned projects ;

- Represent the Executive Secretariat in national, regional and international scientific meetings and conferences ;
- Participate when solicited, in activities carried out at the CORAF/WECARD Executive Secretariat, such as recruitments, etc.

Profile sought

The candidate must be specialized in the following areas:

- Capacity Strengthening
- Knowledge Management

Conditions

- Members are selected based on their individual expertise; their selection is not linked to their institution of origin ;
- Members must come from National Agricultural Research Systems, Advanced Research Institutions and International Agricultural Research Centres;
- Members must be available to provide support to the Committee in carrying out its tasks ;
- The functions of selected members must be compatible with the interests of agricultural research and development in West and Central Africa ;
- Members of the STC work on a voluntary basis and do not receive any salary from CORAF/WECARD; however, travelling, lodging and subsistence costs of members, incurred during participation in meetings organised by CORAF/WECARD or in meetings where they represent the Institution, will be paid. CORAF/WECARD also offers a modest honorarium to STC members who carry out studies and evaluations on its behalf.

Submission of the application

The candidate's document must consist of a motivation letter and detailed curriculum vitae including referees. The document must be addressed to:

**The Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD
7 Avenue Bourguiba, BP 48 Dakar-RP
Republic of Senegal**

or electronically to the following address: secoraf@coraf.org.