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Biotechnology and Biosafety Program

ECOWAS Action Plan for the Development of Agricultural Biotechnology and Biosafety in West Africa

Call for Application Regional Training in Biotechnology and Biosafety

Within the framework of the implementation of its Action Plan for the Development of Agricultural Biotechnology and Biosafety in West Africa, ECOWAS has commissioned CORAF/WECARD to organize two regional trainings for the capacity strengthening of technicians and researchers. A training course will therefore be organized in Accra, Ghana by the Crops Research Institute, in collaboration with the University of Ghana, Lagon, for the West Africa English speaking countries; a second regional training will be conducted by CNRA of Côte d'Ivoire, in Abidjan, in collaboration with the Universities of Abobo-Adjamé and Cocody, for French and Portuguese speaking countries in the region. Each of these trainings will take approximately 1 month and will aim at:

- Reinforcing the capacities in the basic principles and practices in Molecular and Cellular Biology of technicians who are involved, in daily basis, in conducting biotechnology and biosafety activities in the national laboratories within the region ;
- Upgrade their knowledge and skills in using new best performing methods in Plant tissue culture, Molecular Marker Assisted Breeding and Genetic Engineering ;
- Develop their technical capacity in Biosafety

This call for application is targeted at Biotechnology and Biosafety laboratory technicians and researchers from West Africa. Two candidates will be selected per country based on the relevance of this training for their performance in their respective laboratories.

Candidates are requested to send their applications, by electronic mail to the following addresses:

- CORAF/WECARD Executive Secretariat: secoraf@coraf.org
- CORAF/WECARD Biotechnology and Biosafety Program Manager: abou.sangare@coraf.org

The application dossier must comprise :

- A letter of motivation, justifying the relevance of the training in enhancing your daily work,
- A detailed curriculum vitae,
- At least one letter of recommendation from a hierarchical superior (scanned),
- A brief description of your institution and the projects in which you are involved.

The deadline for the submission of applications is May 25, 2010.

Candidates selected through the procedures in vigor at CORAF/WECARD will be informed by May 30, 2010.

Trainings are scheduled to start by June 15, 2010. Candidates are encouraged to take all necessary measures for their eventual trip to Ghana or Côte d'Ivoire, even before the results are announced.