



Call for Expressions of Interest

Recruitment of three individual consultants to represent CORAF in countries Implementation Support Missions of the West Africa Agriculture Productivity Projects

Opening of the call: 17/04/2018

Closure of the call: 25/04/2018

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1. The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research And Development (CORAF/WECARD) intends to recruit three individual consultants in the framework of the evaluation of progress accomplished in the implementation of WAAPP 2A and WAAPP 1C Additional Financing, joint support missions of the World Bank and CORAF/WECARD must be undertaken in 7 of the WAAPP countries (Benin, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo) and at the Executive Secretariat of CORAF/WECARD.
2. The consultants' tasks are described in the terms of reference attached to this call.
3. The Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD invites Consultants from West and Central Africa to express their interest to provide services as described above.
4. Interested Consultants have to present a maximum of 10 pages manifestation of interest. This document should present the references related to experiences in conducting similar contracts and any proof of their knowledge and experience in similar trainings projects. Brochures, flyers, and complementary materials should not to be included in the 10 pages. But **the CV or Resume of interested consultants should be included in the manifestation of interest.**
5. The duration of the assignment would be 30 effective working days during the period of April to December 2018.
6. The consultants will be selected according to the agreement defined in the Directives: "Selection and Use of Consultants within the framework of IBRD loans, AID credits, and the subsidies by the Borrowers of the World Bank", dated January 2011, revised on July 2014.

7. The interested consultants can obtain extra information about the reference documents from Dr. Nieyidouba LAMIEN (n.lamien@coraf.org) and at the following hours 8:30 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 17:00 GMT. For more information you will find in the appendix the terms of reference of the mission.
8. The manifestation of interest must be submitted by e-mail at the following address: procurement@coraf.org, and sent at the latest on **25 April, 2018 to 10:00 GMT**.

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TERMS OF REFERENCES

West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme (WAAPP/PPAAO)

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A. Background

The WAAPP/PPAAO is a regional program in two phases, which is currently implemented in 13 ECOWAS countries. These countries are: Ghana, Mali and Senegal for WAAPP A; Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria for WAAPP B, Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Niger, Sierra Leone and Togo for WAAPP C. The development objective of the first phase is to generate and disseminate improved technologies, while the objective of the second phase is to intensify the dissemination and adoption of improved technologies, of the priority agricultural sectors of the beneficiary countries of the program.

At this stage, the countries of the WAAPP A (Ghana, Mali and Senegal,) were implementing the second phase of project which was supposed to close on December 31st, 2017 but due to delay in the starting of the second phase in Mali, the project will close in June 2018 in this country. Senegal got an additional financing and made a request to close the second phase of the project by December 2018. The WAAPP 1B has closed on December 31st, 2016 and the countries of this series (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria) got the authorization of the World Bank to develop a new programme for the transformation of agriculture in West Africa, referred as WAATP. The WAAPP 1C had to close on December 31st, 2016 but four countries (Benin, Guinea, Niger and Togo) got an additional financing to scale-up the achievements of the project and will continue implementing activities till December 2019. The WAAPP 1C has closed in Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone on December 31st, 2016 but the last two countries got the authorization of the WB to be part of the countries preparing the WAATP.

The Executive Secretariat (ES) of CORAF/WECARD is responsible for the regional coordination of the program. In this capacity, it works for: (i) establishing an efficient regional coordination which will effectively support the national coordination of PPAAO/WAAPP in the implementation of the different phases of the project; (ii) strengthening the mechanisms of consultation and regional cooperation; (iii) strengthening and maintaining a system of collection and sharing of information on the research and agricultural technologies through the implementation of sub-regional interactive databases; (iv) ensuring an efficient fiduciary management of the project at regional level and (v) ensuring an efficient monitoring–evaluation at regional level.

In the framework of the evaluation of progress accomplished in the implementation of WAAPP 2A and WAAPP 1C Additional Financing, joint support missions of the World Bank and CORAF/WECARD must be undertaken in 7 of the WAAPP countries (Benin, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo) and at the Executive Secretariat of CORAF/WECARD. The present ToR are proposed for the recruitment of resource persons to represent CORAF in the two series the countries 2018 ISM.

B. Objective Mission

- i. The first and second series will be the twelfth and thirteenth implementation support missions of the WAAPP projects. The first missions consist of country level missions and a regional wrap-up meeting at Niamey, Niger (May 28th – June 1st, 2018).
- ii. The country specific missions' objectives will be detailed in the respective country level SMOs that will be sent by each co-TTL but overall all missions will involve: (i) meetings and discussions with the line Ministries and other ministerial departments and governmental agencies involved in the implementation of the WAAPP, development partners, and representatives from the private sector, farmers-based organizations (including women groups), non-government organizations and other stakeholders when necessary; (ii) field visits to assess implementation progress on the ground; and (iii) a national wrap up meeting to discuss mission findings and recommendations.

C. Required qualification

- 1) Ph.D. Degree in Agriculture preferably in agronomy or related disciplines;
- 2) A minimum of 15 years post qualification experience on agricultural project design, implementation and supervision with experience spanning through the private sector, public sector, and the international Agricultural research systems;
- 3) Experience working with the World Bank and in particular on WAAPP operations will be an advantage;
- 4) Excellent leadership qualities to support policy advocacy for WAAPP;
- 5) Strong agricultural project management and supervision experience;
- 7) Strong skills in policy dialogue with Government and Development Partners.

D. Duties

The resource persons requested to represent CORAF/WECARD in the support missions for the review of the progress made and provide advices for the improvement of performance. The following countries are concerned:

E. Duration

The duration of the assignment would be 30 effective working days during the period of April to December 2018.

F. Deliverables

The deliverable for the assignment will be report to CORAF and Aide-mémoire of the mission.

G. Selection of consultants

Consultants will be selected according to the procedures defined in the statement « Selection and employment of consultant within the framework of the loans of IBRD of IDA and grants by the borrowers of the World Bank » of January 2011, revised in July 2014.