

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Recruitment of an individual consultant trainer for the training workshop on advocacy and resource mobilization for agricultural research for development in West and Central Africa

Opening date: August 30, 2021

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Institutional and human capacity building in AR4D constitutes one of the four results targeted by CORAF in its 2018-2027 strategic plan. With a view to supporting National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) to participate in joint initiatives of mobilization of resources linked to the transformation of agriculture, and more specifically to the resilience of agricultural and food systems to the climate, CORAF plans to organize a training for national actors under the theme "advocacy and resource mobilization in agricultural research and innovation". This activity will enable NARS stakeholders to effectively attract investment in agricultural research and innovation.

CORAF is an international non-profit association of National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 countries, covering over forty percent of Africa's population, thus making it the largest sub-regional research organization (SRO) on the African continent. In order to achieve the objective of the above-mentioned activity, CORAF will be engaging the services of a facilitator / moderator on a short-term basis to carry out the training.

The Executive Director of CORAF invites Consultants with the qualifications demanded as indicated in the terms of reference to express their interest in this call.

Consultants interested in this call must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform such services in the selected country (references concerning the performance of similar contracts, CVs, experiences in a similar field, experiences in similar conditions, etc.).

Qualified consultants will be selected according to the rules contained in the CORAF Administrative, Financial and Accounting Procedures Manual.

Interested consultants can obtain additional information from the CORAF Executive Secretariat by sending correspondence by e-mail to: **m.lorka@coraf.org**.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by e-mail to the following address: **procurement@coraf.org** no later than **September 13, 2021, at 5p.m. GMT**.

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I. Background

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As a result, plans are underway to conduct a training workshop in advocacy and resource mobilization for NARS actors. These terms of reference for recruiting a trainer are for this purpose.

II. Objective and mandate of the trainer

The ultimate objective of the mission is to build the capacities of NARS stakeholders in advocacy and resource mobilization in agricultural research for development in West and Central Africa.

The main results targeted by this mission are:

1. Stakeholders are informed of the most recent and innovative funding mechanisms and the different sources of funding (traditional, non-traditional, innovative, PPP, national, external, etc.)
2. Stakeholders are trained in advocacy approaches in the context of AR4D.
3. Stakeholders are trained on resource mobilization approaches in the context of AR4D.

The main targets for this training are researchers in charge of mobilizing resources from National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARS) from 23 West and Central African countries as well as the 23 focal points of the CAADP XP4 project, i.e., 46 expected participants. The expected level of effort is 18 man-days.

III. Deliverables

At the end of the mission, the trainer is expected to ensure that the training workshop runs smoothly within the expected time and produces a mission report.

IV. Qualifications of the consultant

The consultant should:

- Be a Master's degree holder in agricultural sector field of study or any other equivalent diploma; having a doctorate will be an added advantage;
- Have at least 10 years of experience in agricultural research in West and Central Africa
- Have at least 5 years of proven experience in advocacy and resource mobilization in the field of agriculture and agricultural research for development in West and Central Africa;
- Have proven experience in leading regional training workshops in West and Central Africa;
- Be bilingual French / English.

V. Duration of the mission

The mission will have a total of 18 man-days of consultancy including the days for preparation, days for the workshop facilitation/moderation, and the days for report production all spread over a defined period for carrying out the activities.