

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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**Recruitment of an Individual Consultant to conduct a study on the establishment of a sustainable competitive funding mechanism for agricultural research and advisory services in Chad**

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**Opening of the call: August 3, 2022**

**Closing of the call: August 17, 2022**

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- 1- The Government of Chad and CORAF have signed an agreement to support the implementation of the Climate Resilience and Sustainable Agricultural Productivity Project (ProPAD) in general and *Component A* in particular. This component is intended to strengthen institutional capacities for agricultural research and development and adaptation to climate change at the national level. CORAF has been asked to facilitate: (i) the extension to Chad of CORAF's technical networks on strengthening regional cooperation and sharing experiences, knowledge and training; (ii) the development and implementation of annual communication action plans based on the regional communication strategy, including the networking of knowledge management, information and communication systems to accelerate the sharing of technologies, tools and best agricultural practices; (iii) the development and implementation of an action plan to mainstream climate change issues into R&D programmes; (iv) the development and implementation of an action plan to mainstream gender issues into R&D programmes based on the gender strategy developed by CORAF; (v) the expansion of CORAF's Regional Competitive Agricultural Research Grants Programme to the beneficiary; and (vi) the technical assistance for the creation and implementation of a sustainable national competitive agricultural research grant mechanism.
- 2- The objective of this consultation is to recruit an individual consultant to address points (v) and (vi) of the paragraph above.
- 3- The tasks to be carried out as well as other information relating to the conduct of the mission are detailed in the terms of reference below.

- 4- The Executive Director of CORAF invites interested candidates ("consultants") with the required profile as indicated in the terms of reference, to express their interest in this call for proposals.
- 5- Interested candidates should provide an expression of interest application consisting of: (i) the methodology to be adopted for the work requested, (ii) the references concerning the execution and experience of similar services (iii) and their updated CV.
- 6- It is brought to the attention of the candidates that the provisions of paragraph 3.14 of the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers" of July 2016, revised in November 2017 and in August 2018 ("The Regulations"), relating to the World Bank's rules on conflict of interest are applicable.
- 7- Candidates will be selected according to the procedure for the employment of individual consultants as described in the "Bank's Procurement Regulations".
- 8- Interested candidates may obtain further information on any working day from the CORAF Executive Secretariat at [n.lamien@coraf.org](mailto:n.lamien@coraf.org) and copy [procurement@coraf.org](mailto:procurement@coraf.org).
- 9- Applications must be submitted by e-mail to [procurement@coraf.org](mailto:procurement@coraf.org), **no later than August 17, 2022 at 17h00 GMT.**

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**Executive Director**

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **Terms of Reference for the recruitment of an Individual Consultant to conduct a study on the establishment of a sustainable competitive funding mechanism for agricultural research and advisory services in Chad**

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#### **1. Background**

The Climate Resilient Agriculture and Productivity Enhancement Project (PRoPAD) was established by the Government of the Republic of Chad with the support of the World Bank to mitigate climate shocks in order to strengthen sustainable agricultural production and put in place operational mechanisms for immediate response in case of crisis.

The project's development objective (PDO) is to promote the adoption of improved technologies leading to increased productivity and climate resilience of agricultural production systems in the project's target areas.

Specifically, the Project will focus on: (i) improving access to and accelerating the adoption of appropriate improved technologies adapted to the production systems of smallholder farmers in the project area, particularly in the *Salamat*, *Moyen-Chari* and *Mandoul* regions; and (ii) strengthening the resilience of the agricultural production systems of the targeted communities to climate variability and change, thus enabling them to make informed decisions and proactively manage the pressures of climate variability and change. To this end, it will target the intensification of the main value chains, namely rainfed cereals (sorghum, millet, maize, rice) and their associated crops (groundnut, cowpea and sesame), but will also encourage diversification by promoting livestock production (mainly small ruminants - sheep/goats, pigs, poultry) and milk production in peri-urban areas. The project will be implemented through 4 components:

1. *Component A*: Institutional support for sustainable agricultural development and climate resilience
2. *Component B*: Adoption of demand-driven technologies and climate-smart agriculture
3. *Component C*: Emergency Response Mechanism
4. *Component D*: Information and Knowledge Management and Coordination

The Government of Chad and CORAF have signed an agreement to support the implementation of the ProPAD in general and *Component A* in particular. This component is intended to strengthen institutional capacities for agricultural research and development and adaptation to climate change at the national level. CORAF was therefore asked to facilitate: (i) the extension to Chad of CORAF's technical networks on strengthening regional cooperation and sharing experiences, knowledge and training; (ii) the development and implementation of annual communication action plans based on the regional communication strategy, including the networking of knowledge management, information and communication systems to accelerate the sharing of technologies, tools

and best agricultural practices; (iii) the development and implementation of an action plan to mainstream climate change issues into R&D programmes; (iv) the development and implementation of an action plan to mainstream gender issues into R&D programmes based on the gender strategy developed by CORAF; (v) expansion of CORAF's Regional Competitive Agricultural Research Grants Programme to the beneficiary; and (vi) the technical assistance for the creation and implementation of a sustainable national competitive agricultural research grant mechanism.

Indeed, the financing of agricultural research and development programmes and projects in Chad remains dependent on external funding based on priorities that are not sustainable (3-5 years maximum) and sometimes do not reflect long-term national priorities. It is therefore becoming imperative for Chad to develop a potentially more sustainable endogenous funding mechanism to support national priorities.

The present Terms of Reference are proposed for the recruitment of an individual consultant to address points (v) and (vi) of the paragraph above.

## **2. Objective of the mission**

The objective of the consultant's mission is to build on CORAF's regional competitive sub-project mechanism to propose sustainable financing models that take into account private sector participation in the financing of agricultural research and advisory services that Chad could easily adopt.

## **3. Expected outcomes**

The main expected outcomes are:

- An inventory of experiences in financing agricultural research and advisory services in Chad is established;
- An inventory of relevant models of sustainable funding of agricultural research and advisory services that exist around the world is established and documented through a literature review;
- Drawing lessons from Chad's previous experiences on the issue, one to three endogenous sustainable financing models involving the private sector that could be adapted to the Chadian context are submitted for consideration by agricultural sector stakeholders.

## **4. Tasks of the consultant**

The Individual Consultant will be responsible for:

- Doing an inventory of the funding mechanisms for agricultural research and advisory services already experienced in Chad;
- Conducting a literature review on relevant models of funding agricultural research and advisory services that exist in Africa and around the world;
- Documenting each model (mechanism, approach, the country using it, etc.), its effects and impacts on agricultural productivity;

- Based on the CORAF mechanism and Chad's experiences in this area, the consultant will make a reasoned choice of 2 to 3 relevant models to be submitted to the appreciation of Chadian agricultural sector stakeholders.

## **5. Profile of the consultant**

The mission will be carried out by an individual Consultant with the following qualifications:

- Hold at least a Master II degree or equivalent in management, economics, finance or similar field;
- Have at least 10 years of professional experience in the field of fundraising, agricultural research management or fiduciary management;
- Have a good knowledge of the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) in sub-Saharan Africa;
- Have conducted at least one similar study on sustainable agricultural research funding and advisory systems
- Have proven skills in analysis and financial arrangements
- Have a proven knowledge of agricultural development issues in sub-Saharan Africa in general and in the Republic of Chad in particular.
- Have a good command of data collection, processing and analysis tools;
- Have a perfect command of computer tools;
- Have the ability to work in English and French.

## **6. Duration of the mission**

The mission will involve 18 days of actual work over a period of one (1) month.

## **7. The following deliverables are expected**

### *Inception report*

The consultant shall produce an inception report five (5) days after the signature of the contract. This report shall describe the methodology to be followed in carrying out the mission. This document shall also include a proposed work plan for the activities and submission of deliverables.

### *Interim report*

The consultant will produce a draft report of the study that will be submitted to CORAF for its comments and contributions. This report will then be submitted to Chad for assessment.

### *Final report*

The consultant shall produce a final report of the mission integrating the amendments and contributions resulting from the exchanges with Chad.

## **8. Procedures for the selection of consultants**

Applicants are advised that the provisions of paragraph 3.14 of the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers" of July 2016, revised in November 2017 and August 2018 ("The Regulation"), relating to the World Bank's rules on conflict of interest are applicable.