CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Position: Programme Manager TARSPro
Type of Contract: Local contract
Reference: 08/CPT-CRF/2022
Location: Dakar, Senegal
Call opening: 30/08/2022
Call closing: 12/09/2022

Presentation of CORAF and of TARSPro Programme

The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) was founded in 1987. CORAF (www.coraf.org) is composed of the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

The Vision of CORAF is a future where people and communities in West and Central Africa achieve food and nutrition security and are prosperous. Its mission is ensuring a sustainable improvement to the productivity, competitiveness, and markets of the agricultural system in WCA.

In line with the current 2018 – 2027 Strategic Plan of CORAF, the Swiss Development Cooperation is aiming at contributing to the deployment of agricultural technologies and innovations that will increase the resilience of production systems in WCA. The main objective of the initiative is to ensure food, nutrition and economic security for the people of Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Tchad. The specific objectives are as follows:

- Increase the resilience of the food production system of at least 2 million producers/processors, comprising of 50% women and 60% youth in the 5 target countries and more than 10 million indirect beneficiaries;
- Sustainably meet the demand for know-how (technologies and innovations) of at least 40% of the small-scale farmers participating in the project;
- Ensure synergy among the main actors in the transformation of agriculture.

Key activities associated with the above specific objectives are as follows:

- Supporting and promoting the acceleration of technology adoption particularly nutrition and gender-sensitive technologies;
- Supporting the availability and use of appropriate inputs (seeds, fertilizers and pesticides) for agricultural production;
- Reducing Post-Harvest loss and adding value to products;
- Building the capacity of Individuals and institutions of implementing partners;
- Operationalizing Knowledge Management platforms;
- Organizing agricultural technology fairs;
- Fostering Research-Policy Dialogue particularly on climate change.
For the purpose of implementing the Programme, CORAF is seeking a qualified profile for the position of:

PROGRAMME MANAGER (M/F)

JOB DESCRIPTION

Key Mission:
The Programme Manager is in charge of the daily management of the Programme and will report to CORAF’s Director of Research and Innovation.

Roles and Responsibilities:
- Serve as the primary point of contact for the Swiss Development Cooperation, provide managerial and technical oversight, ensure coherence, soundness, timeliness and cost-effectiveness of interventions to achieve the objectives of the programme;
- Work very closely with and foster effective collaboration among project partners from several different institutions including National Agricultural Research Systems, the donor and other affiliated organizations involved in the Programme implementation, as well as the CORAF secretariat’s professional and support staff;
- Participate in advocacy and resource mobilization and ensure effective overall contract management and quality assurance;
- Coordinate cost-effective and high impact planning meetings and training workshops, monitoring and evaluating progress towards project milestones as well as quality and timely reporting to SDC and other stakeholders.
- Perform any other task as may be assigned by supervisor

Selection criteria:
Education
- Advanced degree (PhD) in agriculture sciences or related field (e.g., agronomy, agricultural economics, extension etc.)

Experience
- **Proven record in technology scaling program management for at least 5 years as well as demonstrated capacity to lead in an international, multidisciplinary, and cross-cultural environment;**
- Work experience in West and Central Africa
- Prior professional experience in interacting with donors, national government officials and non-governmental organizations.
- Conversant with CAADP framework and linkages with the Regional Economic Communities;
- Proven experience in engaging policy makers;
- Experience in results-based management

Skills
- Excellent skills in writing and editing scientific literature and/or documentation;
- Ability to communicate on complex subjects succinctly.
- Be willing to travel regularly in the region;
Linguistic and computer skills
- Fluency in either French or English with working knowledge of the other is highly desirable;
- Computer literacy: Outlook, Microsoft Package-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc. and related softwares

Application procedures
- Application package: the file must include a cover letter addressed to the Executive Director, Dakar, Senegal and a detailed CV, with the names and contacts of three mandatory references (e-mail, address, and telephone).
- You can submit your application online via the link: www.youmann-recruit.com no later than September 12, 2022.

Female candidates are strongly encouraged