

**Call for applications to serve as a member of  
CORAF Scientific and Technical Committee**

**Opening date :** August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Closing date** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**About CORAF**

The West and Central Africa Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) was founded in 1987. CORAF ([www.coraf.org](http://www.coraf.org)) currently brings together the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 West and Central African 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.*

**Introduction**

The Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) is a statutory body of CORAF, which examines and provides advice to the Board of Directors on the scientific quality and the relevance of sub-regional research activities. The STC is composed of twelve (12) members chosen from National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of CORAF and partner institutions. The composition of the Scientific and Technical Committee ensures representation of the intervention areas of CORAF. The STC holds ordinary sessions once a year in the month of October and extraordinary sessions are held when deemed necessary. The mandate of a member is three (3) years, renewable once. The official working languages are French and English.

**Objective**

The objective of this announcement is to co-opt experts with profiles described below to sit on the STC.

**Profiles sought**

- Integrated Management of Bioagressors (plant health, post harvest)
- Production systems and Circular economy
- Animal production and health
- Climate change and Integrated Landscape Management (water management, remote sensing, AI, GIS, etc.)

**Functions**

The role of the Scientific and Technical Committee of CORAF is to:

- Advise the Board of Directors on technical and scientific issues as well as on the necessary compliance with CORAF's vision of the activities of the research programs implemented by the National and Regional Agricultural Research Systems and their partners, the bases centres, networks and poles;
- Assist the Executive Secretariat in its functions of facilitating cooperation and scientific

coordination;

- Assist the Board of Directors, in periods between meetings of the General Assembly, in the evaluation of all scientific cooperation activities of CORAF;
- ensure the consistency of programs and the dissemination of scientific information;
- ensure the monitoring and evaluation of all scientific cooperation activities including that of scientific publication and dissemination of technical information coordinated, facilitated and implemented by CORAF;
- Promote scientific excellence and increase the influence of CORAF in all countries in West and Central Africa;
- conduct strategic reflection to take into account challenges and emerging issues in order to advise the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretariat;
- indicate avenues for the scientific opening of CORAF towards other structures. The evaluation of scientific activities must take into account both the programs and activity reports, but also the reports from the implementation of projects funded by CORAF;
- Play an important role in evaluating the programs and activity reports of the Regional Centres of Excellence.

### Conditions

- Members are appointed in their individual capacity on the basis of competence; the appointment is not related to the originating institution;
- Members must come from National Agricultural Research Systems (universities, research institutes, civil society organizations, producer organizations, private sector institutions), Advanced Research Institutes and International Agricultural Research Centres;

Members must be available to support the STC in carrying out its duties.

The functions of selected members must not be in conflict with the interests of agricultural research and development in West and Central Africa.

Members of the STC work on a voluntary basis and do not receive any salary from CORAF; however, travel, accommodation and subsistence allowances of the members when attending meetings organized by CORAF or meetings where they represent the Institution, will be covered.

### Criteria for selection

The selection of candidates will be based on the following criteria:

- (i) PhD/Doctorate in the areas identified above with at least 10 years of experience.
- (ii) Experience in innovative and productive research and development.
- (iii) Proven experience in Development research related to any of the above profiles.
- (iv) Experience in managing scientific partnerships in the context of IAR4D.
- (v) Experience with scientific advisory committees
- (vi) Relevance of the cover letter.
- (vii) Experience with gender issues and/or private sector actions.

### Submission of application

The application must include a cover letter and a detailed curriculum vitae with **full contacts (e-mail and telephone number) of three (03) references**.

The application file should be addressed to:

**The President of the Scientific and Technical Committee, CORAF  
7 Avenue Bourguiba, POBox 48,  
Dakar-RP Republic of Senegal**

**The file should be sent electronically to: [rh@coraf.org](mailto:rh@coraf.org) latest by September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**