

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Recruitment of an Individual Consultant for the mapping and assessment of agroecological practices and technologies scale in West and Central Africa by CORAF and partners

Call opening: July 14, 2025

Call close: July 23, 2025

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This consultancy aims to identify and map agro-ecological practices currently scale by CORAF and its partners with the potential to enhance agriculture outcomes in West and Central Africa.

The tasks to be carried out as well as other information relating to the conduct of the mission are outlined in the terms of reference below.

The Executive Director of CORAF therefore invites interested candidates ("Consultants") with the required profile as indicated in the terms of reference to express their interest.

The interested consultant must submit their application indicating that they meet the requirements for the position concerned (CVs, references concerning the completion of similar contracts, experience in a similar field, experience under similar conditions, etc).

The selection will be based on the rules contained in the CORAF manual of administrative, financial and accounting procedures.

Interested candidates can obtain additional information from the CORAF Executive Secretariat by e-mail at: **c.sobgui@coraf.org** with a copy to **procurement@coraf.org**.

Consultants interested in this call must submit a letter of interest outlining performance and experience from similar contracts and a detailed CV to the following email address: procurement@coraf.org by **July 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM GMT**.

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Executive Director

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Background

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Agroecology is increasingly recognized as a crucial approach for agricultural development and sustainability in West and Central Africa. Despite this growing interest, there is limited information on existing agroecology practices and technologies that are currently or had been scaled by CORAF and partners in the past years and their potential for nutrition security. A comprehensive study is needed to identify, map and analyze existing agro-ecological practices and identify opportunities for scaling that align with national and regional agriculture transformation strategies but also contribute to nutrition security.

The assignment is expected to be undertaken in July 2025.

Objectives

The ultimate aim of this activity is to systematically identify, assess, and map agroecology practices and technologies that have been effectively scaled by CORAF and its partners in target CORAF initiatives and their potential to enhance nutrition security.

The documented outcomes will serve as knowledge products to be shared across a wider audience and to inform ongoing and future programming.

The specific objectives of the consultancy are to:

- Conduct a review to gather existing information on agroecology practices and technologies demonstrated and scaled in targeted CORAF's initiatives.

- Identify best-bet agroecology technologies and practices, nutrition sensitive technologies, potential linkages and successful scaling models,
- Assess the potential of agroecology practices and technologies to enhance nutrition security in the region.
- Analyze factors driving success and failures, qualitative lessons learned that can inform guidelines on better integration of agroecology and nutrition objectives into the design and implementation of future CORAF projects and programs.
- Draft a final report summarizing the main findings.

Expected outcomes

- A comprehensive assessment of the current state agroecology practices and technologies scaled in CORAF current initiatives.
- Identify best practices and lessons learned in terms of agroecology and nutrition sensitive agriculture.
- Identify linkages between agroecology and nutrition objectives.
- Identification of the barriers and incentives for adoption of agroecology.
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- Recommendations for improved scaling and the adoption of best-bet agroecology technologies and practices for better food and nutrition security.
- Recommendations for further research and policy development to support the scaling of agroecological practices.
- Enhanced understanding of the role of agroecology in achieving food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture in Africa.

Tasks:

The consultant will have to:

- Conduct a systematic review on technologies and innovations used in targeted CORAF initiatives,
- Build a database from the systematic review using the principles of metadata analysis,
- Collect qualitative data to understand local context and perceptions.
- Analyze data.
- Draft Final report.

Deliverable

The main deliverable of this consultancy is the production of a final report summarizing the main findings.

Duration

The duration of this mission is eighteen (18) Men/Day over a two months period from August to September 2025. The start will take place in August 2025.

Consultant profile

The expert will have:

- At least PhD in a discipline related to Agriculture, Rural Development, International Development, or, in its absence, equivalent professional experience.
- Experience in participatory approaches.
- Knowledge of agroecological principles and practices and nutrition sensitive agriculture.
- Experience in data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Understanding of the complexities of scaling up agricultural technologies.
- A research track record in the following fields is appreciated: agricultural or social sciences, agricultural policy, development economics.
- Understanding and/or experience with regional and continental policies and investment strategies related to agricultural development in Africa, in particular ecological organic agriculture, and agroecology.
- Knowledge of main discourses on agricultural transition pathways in Africa (e.g. sustainable intensification, agroecology, ecological organic agriculture, climate-smart agriculture)
- An existing network among regional bodies in Africa is an advantage, related to (ecological) organic agriculture.
- Methodological rigor, priority management and organizational skills - Motivation, self-direction and proactiveness.
- Excellent writing and oral presentation skills in English.
- Working knowledge in French is an advantage.

Submission of tenders

Consultants interested in this call must submit a letter of interest outlining performance and experience from similar contracts and a detailed CV to the following email address: procurement@coraf.org by **July, 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM GMT**.

Only the successful candidates will be contacted for the rest of the selection process.

CORAF reserves the right to re-launch the call for expressions of interest if the applications received have not been satisfactory

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- *The firm provides goods, works or services (other than consulting services) that are a follow-up to or directly related to the consultancy services for the preparation or execution of a project provided by the firm or an affiliated company;*
- *The company (including its staff) has a close business or family relationship with a CORAF staff member: i) who is directly or indirectly involved in preparing the tender documents or contract specifications, and/or in the evaluation process for that contract; or ii) who may be involved in the execution or supervision of that same contract.*

The term “**Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA)** ” includes the following meanings:

- **“Sexual Exploitation” (ES)**, defined as abusing or attempting to abuse a state of vulnerability, differential power or trust for sexual purposes, including but not limited to monetized profit, the social or political sexual exploitation of another person;
- **“Sexual Abuse” (SA)**, defined as any physical intrusion or threat of physical intrusion of a sexual nature, either by force or under unequal conditions or coercion;
- **Sexual Harassment (HS)** is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, any request for sexual favours or other verbal or physical behaviour with a sexual connotation by the Contractor’s staff towards other personnel of the Contractor or the Client;

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