

Call for applications: 2nd edition of the Abdoulaye TOURE Agricultural Innovation Award

Overview of the call for expressions of interest

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Description

In 2019, the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) and the World Bank announced the creation of the Abdoulaye Touré Agricultural Innovation Award (PIA ABDOULAYE TOURE) in memory of one of Africa's greatest champions of agricultural research and development, Abdoulaye Touré, the first edition of which was organized in 2024.

This year, 2025, CORAF is organizing the second edition of the Abdoulaye TOURE Agricultural Innovation Award (PIA ABDOULAYE TOURE).

This 2nd edition will reward three (03) researchers/inventors or organizations working in the National Agricultural Research Systems (SNRA) who contribute to building a better future through cutting-edge agricultural innovations that have a positive impact on the activities of farmers in West and Central Africa.

The Abdoulaye TOURE Agricultural Innovation Award (2nd Edition) has three categories, namely:

- Category 1: Agricultural innovations to address low agricultural production and productivity
- Category 2: Agricultural innovations to mitigate increasing climate risks
- Category 3: Agricultural innovations for adequate and sustainable agricultural financing and trade

A grant of US\$30,000 is awarded to the top three innovators for the improvement and/or dissemination of innovative agricultural technology that can be used to address one or more issues related to agriculture in general and food insecurity in particular in West and Central Africa.

These grants will be awarded only for the implementation of each technology and must be used within one year of the award.

Price

The names of the winners are made known to the public by the CORAF Executive Secretariat, which is organizing an award ceremony during the next Agricultural Innovation and Technology Market (MITA), which will take place from October 20 to 24, 2025 in Bamako, Mali.

Selection and allocation

This funding is aimed at researchers, teacher-researchers, technicians, innovators, etc. in all agricultural fields, working in research institutions or in the private sector in the CORAF area.

The bulk of the grant provided only concerns the financing of activities for the improvement and/or dissemination of the expected innovation, mission costs for the supervision of these activities, laboratory analysis costs, data processing and analysis, and other expenses subject to the prior agreement of CORAF. No IT equipment other than small hardware, as a consumable, may be financed by the grant.

Application procedures

Researchers, inventors, innovators or organizations interested in this call for applications must send their complete application through the application form [downloadable here](#)

Through this form, candidates will have to present:

1. The Technology/Innovation Executive Summary
2. The application form for PIA ABDOULAYE TOURE
3. A letter of commitment to respect the Procedure and the Rules of the Award
4. For partnership projects: a list of existing partnerships
5. The CV

Please submit your application by email to PIA-AbdoulayeToure@coraf.org no later than June 15, 2025. The subject of the email must clearly indicate “Abdoulaye TOURE Agricultural Innovation Award 2025”

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Writing tips:

1. The PIA ABDOULAYE TOURE application form must comply with the sections indicated.
2. The jury will be sensitive to the clear and concise nature of the descriptive elements as well as to the argument supporting the strong and distinctive points of the innovation presented.
3. Only applications made via the application form will be considered.

Contact

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