



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Recruitment of national individual consultants to map Climate Change Initiatives
in West and Central African countries**

Opening Date: October 23, 2020

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Climate change is a global phenomenon with growing implications on different aspects of human life. The agricultural sector has been tagged as both a source and sink of greenhouse gases while it remains the sector that is most affected by the scourge of climate change. Prior to the upsurge of the climate change constraints, African agriculture has its intrinsic challenges, ranging from low soil fertility, pests and diseases, low levels literacy and lack of resources to use improved technologies. The agricultural sector in Africa also suffers a huge investment gap in infrastructure, supportive policies as well as unstructured planning for growth and quality delivery. However, climate change issues in Africa agriculture continue to attract attention from national governments and regional organizations as well as development partners.

A handful of initiatives have been launched and implemented at the different administrative levels viz., countries, sub-regional and continental levels. The two broad categories of interventions are Climate Smart Adaptation (CSA) and Climate Smart Mitigation (CSM). The European Union under the Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA) initiative aims to strengthen the deployment of science and innovation to achieve inclusive, sustainable and climate relevant transformation. The second pillar of this support aims to strengthen the institutional architecture to achieve the DeSIRA objectives. A key activity under this initiative is to undertake a continental mapping of all climate smart initiatives in recent past and present in order to characterize them, assess the contributions to change and guide the way forward under the auspices of the EU funded CAADP-XP4 project implemented by the continental organizations FARA and ASARECA together with associated sub regional organizations: ASARECA, CCARDESA, and CORAF.

CORAF is an international non-profit association of National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 countries, covering over forty percent of Africa's population, thus making it the largest sub-regional research organization (SRO) on the African continent. In order to achieve the objective of the above mentioned activity, CORAF will be engaging the services of suitable national individual consultants on a short-term basis to carry out the mapping of Climate Change Initiatives in selected West and Central African countries to generate comprehensive information on the state of climate change interventions in the region.

The Executive Director of CORAF invites Consultants with the qualifications demanded as indicated in the terms of reference to express their interest in this call.

Consultants interested in this call must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform such services in the selected country (references concerning the performance of similar contracts, CVs, experiences in a similar field, experiences in similar conditions, etc.).

Qualified consultants will be selected according to the rules contained in the CORAF Administrative, Financial and Accounting Procedures Manual.

Interested consultants can obtain additional information from the CORAF Executive Secretariat by sending correspondence by e-mail to **m.lorka@coraf.org**.

Expressions of interest must indicate the country selected by the consultant and be submitted by e-mail to the following address: **procurement@coraf.org** no later than **October 29, 2020 at 05p.m. GMT**.

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TERMS OF REFERENCES

Recruitment of National Individual Consultants to map Climate Change Initiatives in selected West and Central African countries

Reference: CAADP-XP4 Output 2/ Activity 2.1.1 / 2020

A. Background

Climate change is a global phenomenon with growing implications on different aspects of human life. The agricultural sector is tagged as both the source and sink of the greenhouse gasses and it is the sector that is most affected by the scourge of destabilization of the climate variables. Prior to the upsurge of the climate change constraints, African agriculture has its intrinsic challenges, ranging from low soil fertility, pests and diseases, low levels literacy and lack of resources to use improved technologies. The agricultural sector in Africa also suffers a huge investment gap in infrastructure, supportive policies as well as unstructured planning for growth and quality delivery. However, climate change issues in Africa agriculture continue to attract attention from national governments and regional organizations as well as development partners.

A growing number of initiatives are being launched and implemented at the different administrative levels viz., countries, sub-regional and continental levels. The two broad categories of interventions are Climate Smart Adaptation (CSA) and Climate Smart Mitigation (CSM). The European Union under the DeSIRA initiative aims to strengthen the deployment of science and innovation to achieve inclusive, sustainable and climate relevant transformation. The second pillar of this support aims to strengthen the institutional architecture to achieve the DeSIRA objectives. A key activity under this initiative is to map all climate smart initiative in the recent past and present in order to characterize them, assess their contributions to adaptation and mitigation to inform the way forward under the auspices of the EU funded CAADP-XP4 project implemented by the continental organizations FARA and ASARECA together with associated sub regional organizations: ASARECA, CCARDESA, and CORAF.

To achieve the objective of this activity in West and Central Africa, CORAF will be engaging the services of suitable national individual consultants on a short-term basis to carry out the specific functions indicated in section C of this document in their respective countries. The targeted countries are as follows: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote 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.

B. Objectives of the Assignment

The objective of this assignment is to generate comprehensive information on the state of climate change preparedness in African countries to inform appropriate adaptation and mitigation actions.

Specific objectives

- An overview of CSA implementation in the various countries in WCA.
- Gaps in CSA initiatives identified across the WCA region.
- Possible policy orientation for CSA proposed for WCA region.

C. Scope and Scheme of work

The consultants will work with the national stakeholders and CORAF to carry out the following functions.

1. Use provided data collection tool to collect required country data on climate change initiatives.
2. Work with CORAF CAADP XP4 Project Manager to organize data validation activities.
3. Conduct comprehensive analysis of collected data and prepare country report and other information in a publishable form.

D. Outputs or Deliverables

The following outputs are expected from the consultants's activities:

- i. Data on climate change initiatives in WCA countries collected and consolidated at sub-regional level.
- ii. Report on identified gaps and policy orientation in WCA countries published.

E. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of this assignment will be 05 effective working days. The work shall be carried out over the period of 2 weeks in October / November 2020.

F. Location of the Assignment

The national consultants will work virtually from his/her base.

G. Performance Criteria

The national consultants are expected to undertake the services with the highest standards of professionalism and ethics, competence and integrity. They should be able to deliver the listed assignments in Section C in a most effective and efficient manner, within the period of assignment stated in Section E.

H. Reporting

The consultants shall report through the CAADP XP4 Project Manager, to the Director of Research and Innovation on the assignment and on all other logistics until the deliverables are submitted as required.

I. Facilities to be provided by CORAF

CORAF will provide the following materials to facilitate the assignment of the consultants:

- Access to documents on Climate change in WCA.
- Data collection tool and guidelines.
- Logistics arrangements to support the needed liaison with lead organization.

J. Qualification and Experience

The following qualifications are required;

- A minimum of a MSc or PhD degree in Agricultural economics, Agricultural Administration, Agricultural Extension, or Agronomy with at least 10 years post qualification experience working on various agricultural research and development issues in a research institution or a University.
- A good understanding of climate change issues in West and Central Africa agriculture, evidenced with publications.
- A proven record of undertaken consultancy services with international or national agricultural organization on various research and development issues.
- A track record of writing reports evidenced by publication record, such as study reports, books, chapters in books, conference papers and journal articles.
- Ability to provide accurate, high quality analysis and documents under pressure.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should send their expression of interest and comprehensive curriculum vitae via email to procurement@coraf.org on **October 29, 2020 at 05p.m. GMT** at the latest.