



## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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for the recruitment of an individual consultant to facilitate  
locally the organization of an exchange visit of the actors of  
WAAPP / PPAAO in China from 17 to 29 September 2017  
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Opening of the call: 29 / 08 / 2017

Closure of the call: 07 / 09 / 2017  
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1. Following an exploratory visit, carried out from 4 to 14 June 2014 in China, by the three agricultural productivity programs in Africa: EAAPP in East Africa; APPSA in Southern Africa and WAAPP/PPAAO in West Africa, the National Rice Center Specialization (CNS-rice) in Mali has undertaken a collaborative activity with STAS Company and the Private Agricultural Technologies Company Hui Min from Hubei Province in China on hybrid rice. With the significant results obtained at the station (8-9 t/ha), STAS and Hui Min Company presented the potential of hybrid rice in China to a CNS-rice delegation from 10 to 26 May 2016, for a broader partnership with West Africa under the WAAPP. So, the idea has emerged to organize this visit which will involve 5 countries of WAAPP (Benin, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Togo) and various actors (private sector in the field of seeds, seed producers, breeders and extension workers). The main expected result of this work is a reference document to be used by WAAPP countries to effectively address the inclusion of nutrition in agricultural and food systems practice.
2. The purpose of the consultation is to recruit an individual consultant to facilitate locally the organization of the visit to China.
3. The tasks to be performed and other information relating to the conduct of the mission are detailed in the attached Terms of Reference.

4. The Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD invites consultants with the profile sought as indicated in the terms of reference to express their interest in this appeal.
5. Individual consultants should provide a record of expression of interest consisting of: (i) the methodology to be used to do the work requested, (ii) references concerning the performance and experience of similar services, (iii) and their updated CV.
6. The individual Consultant will be selected using the selection based on the individual consultant (IC) method in accordance with the World Bank guidelines on "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised on July 2014".
7. Interested consultants may obtain additional information from CORAF/WECARD Executive Secretariat by sending correspondence [n.lamien@coraf.org](mailto:n.lamien@coraf.org) with copy to [secoraf@coraf.org](mailto:secoraf@coraf.org) from 8am to 12pm and from 15h to 17h GMT.
8. Expressions of interest must be submitted by e-mail to: [procurement@coraf.org](mailto:procurement@coraf.org), on **07 / 09 / 2017** at 10:00 GMT at the latest.

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## Terms of Reference for the recruitment of an individual consultant to facilitate locally the organization of an exchange visit of the actors of WAAPP / PPAAO in China from 17 to 29 September 2017

### 1 Background

The West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP/PPAAO) was initiated by the Economic Community of African States that West (ECOWAS) to implement Pillar IV of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program in (CAADP) in its region and contribute to the implementation of ECOWAS agricultural policy (ECOWAP). Regional coordination was entrusted to the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD) with the following responsibilities: support national coordination entities; ensure strengthening of regional cooperation, effective sharing of research results and experiences; and ensure effective monitoring and evaluation with regional summaries and their wide communication/dissemination.

The Development Objective of the first stage is to generate and disseminate improved technologies, while the objective of the second stage is to intensify the dissemination and adoption of improved technologies for the agricultural priority sectors in the beneficiary countries program.

Component 3 of the program deals with the acceleration of technology adoption and access by small-scale producers to genetic material.

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### 2. Purpose of the consultation

The purpose of the consultation is to facilitate locally the organization of the visit to China.

### 3. Profile of consultant

The consultant profile sought for this assignment is to:

- i. Have a master's degree in agriculture or related discipline;
- ii. Have a good knowledge of the agricultural sector in China and West Africa;
- iii. Be familiar with the seed sector in China and West Africa;

- iv. Know agricultural institutions in China, notably in the province of Hebei;
- v. Have good partnership negotiation skills;
- vi. Understand Chinese and French.

#### 4. Tasks of the consultant

The tasks of the consultant will be to:

1. Contact a of China's agricultural services department, including the Academy of Agriculture and Forestry of Hebei Province in China to host the African delegation
2. Identify and book the best hotels in terms of quality cost to host the delegation during its stay;
3. Identify and select the different visit sites for the delegation;
4. Negotiate local transport facilities for the visits of the delegation;
5. Facilitate simultaneous Chinese-French and Chinese-English interpretation.

#### 5. Duration of consultation

The consultation will take place over a period of one and a half month, including 30 days of fees remuneration.