



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

for the recruitment of a consultant to facilitate the implementation of the action plan of partnership between WAAPP countries and China

Opening of the call: 24/ 01 / 2018
Closure of the call: 08/ 02 / 2018

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2. The tasks to be performed and other information relating to the conduct of the mission are detailed in the attached Terms of Reference.
3. 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.
4. Individual consultants should provide a record of expression of interest consisting of:
(i) references concerning the performance and experience of similar services, (ii) and their updated CV.

5. 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”.

6. Interested consultants may obtain additional information from CORAF/WECARD Executive Secretariat by sending correspondence n.lamien@coraf.org with copy to procurement@coraf.org from 8am to 12pm and from 15h to 17h GMT.

7. Expressions of interest must be submitted by e-mail to: procurement@coraf.org, on **08/ 02/ 2018** at 10:00 GMT at the latest.

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CORAF / WECARD



Terms of Reference for the recruitment of a consultant to facilitate the implementation of the action plan of partnership between WAAPP countries and China

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 the implementation of the action plan of the partnership between WAAPP countries and 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. Collect the needs of countries interested by the partnership;
2. Get into contact with China institutions (public or private) which could respond to countries demands;
3. Identify and negotiate the costs for acquiring the technologies and equipments for countries in the need;
4. Facilitate the establishment of contract between suppliers and beneficiaries;
5. Supervise the implementation of the contracts
6. Regularly report to CORAF on operation engaged.

5. Duration of consultation

The consultation will take place over a period of one year with 60 effective working days based of CORAF request of work.