



## **Consultancy Announcement**

### **Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development (PAIRED)**

**Request for Expression of Interest for the Recruitment of an International or  
Regional Consultant in Assisting the Chief of Party in the preparation of the  
Launching of the program**

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**Call opening: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Call closing: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

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1. The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD) benefited a grant from the United States Agency for International Development/West Africa Officer (USAID/WA) to implement the Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development (PAIRED) program.
2. CORAF/WECARD's intention is to hire an international or a Regional consultant to assist the Chief of Party in the preparation of the launching of the program
3. The Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD invites international and regional consultants to express their interest.
4. The period of performance for this consultancy is **two (2) months from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017** based on an agreed chronogram.
5. The consultants will be selected based upon CORAF/WECARD procedures.
6. Interested consultants can obtain supplementary information and reference documents from the CORAF/WECARD Director of Research and Innovation, Dr. Ernest Asiedu, [e.asiedu@coraf.org](mailto:e.asiedu@coraf.org) during the following hours: 8h00 to 14h00 and 15h00 to 17h00 GMT.
7. The CV and Cover letter should be submitted electronically to [procurement@coraf.org](mailto:procurement@coraf.org) and addressed to Dr. Abdou TENKOUANO, Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD, 7 Avenue Bourguiba, Dakar, Senegal, no later than **31<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 17h00 GMT**.
8. **Please find the attached the Terms of Reference for further information on this opportunity**

**Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD**



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#### Terms of references

**Consultancy – Assist the Chief of Party in preparing and Launching the  
Partnership for Agricultural Research Education and Development  
(PAIRED)**

#### **1. WHO WE ARE?**

- The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD) is composed of the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tomé et Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.
- The **Vision** of CORAF/WECARD is “a sustainable reduction in poverty and food insecurity in WCA through an increase in agricultural-led economic growth and sustainable improvement of key aspects of the agricultural research system”.
- The **Mission** is to ensure “a sustainable improvement of the competitiveness, productivity and markets of the agricultural system of West and Central Africa, by meeting the major demands of target groups of the sub-regional research system”.

## **2. JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Consultant will be under the authority of CORAF/WECARD Director of Research and Innovation and will work closely with the Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development (PAIRED) team towards the achievement of its objectives.

## **3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Specific responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Assist the Chief of Party in the preparation and the launching of PAIRED
- Support the development of training manuals in Organizational development, management and Multi-Stakeholders process facilitation
- Upgrade the www.wasix.net electronic platform
- Update and finalize the seed technical guide and edit
- Support the USAID bilateral program in developing agri-input system in Niger and Burkina Faso
- Support Agri-input national platform such as NASTAG to finalize their Strategic plan
- Strengthen the partnership between CORAF, Monsanto, Syngenta
- Support the Identification missions of the West Africa Agriculture Transformation Project (WAATP)
- Support the preparation of the General Assembly and the partnership between CORAF and CIRAD
- Present the seed business model at the AIAN Conference

## **4. REQUIREMENTS**

The successful candidate will have the following profile:

- ❖ Have at least an M.Sc. Degree in Agri-Business, Agric. Economics or related subject;
- ❖ Have extensive knowledge in seed agribusiness systems in West Africa, having worked for, at least, 5 years in the agricultural sector with focus on the agri-input production and marketing of the major food commodities;
- ❖ Have extensive knowledge for building business entrepreneurship capacities of the private sector SMEs, National and Regional Agri-Inputs Associations,
- ❖ Have extensive knowledge for establishing national and regional platforms (Committees, Alliances, Fora and Innovation Platforms), to promote agri-input value chain approaches and to bridge the demand gap;

- ❖ Having worked in the preparation of PAIRED and represented CORAF/WECARD in consultations with governments, multilateral and bilateral partners, and civil society;
- ❖ Be able to communicate and write effectively in English and French.

## **5. COMPENSATION**

This is an internationally recruitment position and CORAF/WECARD offers competitive terms of employment. CORAF/WECARD is an equal opportunity employer and applications from women are encouraged.