



## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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### Recruitment of an individual consultant in charge of preparing the document Agricultural Transformation Program in West Africa (PTAAO) CORAF / WECARD and ECOWAS

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Launch date of the call: 27/10/2017

End date of the call: 03/11/2017

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2. The tasks to be performed and other information regarding the performance of the mission are detailed in the Terms of Reference attached hereto.
3. The Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD is inviting consultants with the desired profile described in the Terms of Reference to express their interest in this call.
4. Interested individual consultants should provide an Expression of Interest dossier comprising: (i) references concerning the execution and experience of similar contracts (ii) and their updated CV.
5. Consultants will be selected on the basis of the individual consultant selection procedure in accordance with the procedures defined in the Guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits and grants by World Bank Borrowers," January 2011 version, revised in July 2014."
6. Interested consultants may obtain additional information from the Executive Secretariat of CORAF/WECARD by addressing their queries to **procurement@coraf.org** from 8:00 to 12:00 GMT and from 15:00 to 17:00 GMT.
7. The Expressions of Interest should be submitted by e-mail addressed to [procurement@coraf.org](mailto:procurement@coraf.org) or to the Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD, 7 Avenue Bourguiba, Dakar, Senegal, **on 03/11/2017** at 10:00 GMT at the latest.

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Agricoles**



**West and Central Africa Council for  
Agricultural Research and  
Development**

# **Terms of reference**

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## **1. Background**

The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF / WECARD), made up of National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 countries in West and Central Africa, is one of the four Sub-Regional African Organizations (SRO) that form the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). The vision and mission of CORAF/WECARD is, in essence, to achieve sustainable reduction of poverty and food insecurity through improved competitiveness, productivity and agricultural markets in West and Central Africa (WCA).

CORAF/WECARD operates on the basis of Strategic and Operational Plans, the latest of which cover the periods 2007-2016 and 2014-2018 respectively. Through these plans, CORAF/WECARD aims to contribute to the achievement of the first objective of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), which is an agriculture-based development that eliminates hunger and reduces poverty and food insecurity. This objective will be achieved through the implementation of the agricultural policies of the Regional Economic Communities of West and Central Africa (ECOWAS, UEMOA, ECCAS and CEMAC).

Therefore, CORAF/WECARD has been mandated as the technical arm of these economic communities on research and agricultural development issues. Since 2008, CORAF / WECARD has been satisfactorily coordinating the agricultural productivity program in West Africa, financed by the World Bank. In order to consolidate and scale up the major achievements of this program while taking into account the emerging issues of nutrition and food security, regional trade of agricultural products, climate change and youth employment, the World Bank and ECOWAS intend to formulate a West Africa Agriculture Transformation Program (WAATP).

In addition to the regional coordination that CORAF/WECARD will continue to provide, it is proposed in component 3 of the project concept note that CORAF/WECARD, through a policy analysis unit, conducts specific studies and develops notes on reforms to be undertaken. In the same vein, it is planned to set up a policy analysis unit in the ECOWAS Committee on Agriculture to coordinate and evaluate the implementation of its agricultural policy and formulate new policies, baseline studies to assist in decision-making at the councils of ECOWAS ministers of agriculture.

## **2. Objective**

The objective of the mission is to support CORAF/WECARD to prepare the draft document in the framework of the WAAPT that will be submitted to the World Bank.

## **3. Expected results**

At the end of the service provided, CORAF/WECARD must have a proposed draft document to be inserted in the overall evaluation report of WAAPT to be submitted to the World Bank.

## **4. Tasks of the Consultant**

The consultant for this mission will be tasked to:

1. Make a diagnosis to identify the strengths and weaknesses of CORAF/WECARD for the implementation of the WAAPT;
2. Make a proposal for the role that CORAF/WECARD will have to play;
3. Identify the changes to be made;
4. Identify capacity-building needs for CORAF/WECARD to effectively fulfill this role;
5. Identify the activities to be financed;
6. Analyze the possibilities of subsidiarity of intervention with organizations such as the Secretariat of the Union of the River Mano;
7. Analyze the possibility of setting up a policy analysis unit at the level of ECOWAS and possibly ECCAS Committee on Agriculture;
8. Identify staffing requirements for this unit and its operating procedures
9. Interact with these institutions to refine the document;
10. Provide CORAF/WECARD with a draft concept note for this project by the mid-November 2017 wrap-up meeting of the support missions.

## **3. Consultant Qualifications**

The consultant must :

1. Hold a master's or equivalent degree in the field of social sciences or in agricultural research and development. Having a Doctorate or PhD in these areas would be more advantageous;
2. Have good knowledge of projects under World Bank financing;
3. Have good experience of preparing World Bank's projects;
4. Have good knowledge of the agricultural sector in West and Central Africa.

## **6. Duration of the mission and supervision**

The mission of the consultant will be for a period of 30 man-days over a period of 3 months.

