



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Recruitment of an individual consultant in charge of supporting the national preparation teams of the West Africa Agricultural Transformation Program (WAATP) in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone

Launch date of the call: 02/11/2017

End date of the call: 10/11/2017

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1. 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). The objective of the mission is to support ECOWAS countries in the preparation of the WAATP and to contribute in drafting the country and regional papers.
2. The objective of the mission is to accompany the ECOWAS countries to prepare the project document as part of the WAAPP that will be submitted to the World Bank.
3. The tasks to be performed and other information regarding the performance of the mission are detailed in the Terms of Reference attached hereto.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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."
7. 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.
8. The Expressions of Interest should be submitted by e-mail addressed to procurement@coraf.org or to the Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD, 7 Avenue Bourguiba, Dakar, Senegal, **on 10/11/2017** at 10:00 GMT at the latest.

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**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).

2. Objective

The objective of the mission is to support ECOWAS countries in the preparation of the WAATP and to contribute in drafting the country and regional papers.

3. Expected results

At the end of the service provided, the countries of the first series of the WAATP should have the drafts of the project documents to be submitted to the World Bank, and CORAF a regional evaluation report of the project.

4. Tasks of the Consultant

The tasks of the consultant sought for this mission will be to:

1. 1. Support the national project documentation teams to assess their needs, identify the activities to be funded for each component, specify the institutional set-up and indicators' targets in the results framework;
2. 2. Guide the activities to be carried out by the groups set up by the countries and assist in drafting the different parts of the body of the document;
3. 3. Interact with the Bank's regional TTLs and co-TTLs to refine the different parts of the document;
4. 4. Provide CORAF/WECARD with a complete draft of each country's project document.

5. Consultant Qualifications

The consultant must:

5. 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;
6. 2. Have good knowledge of projects under World Bank financing;
7. 3. Have good experience of preparing World Bank's projects;
8. 4. Have good knowledge of the agricultural sector in West and Central Africa.
9. 5. Have good knowledge of the WAAPP.

6. Duration of the mission and supervision

The consultation mission will last 50 man-days over a period of 5 months.

7 Consultant Selection Mode

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures defined in guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans, IDA credits and grants by the World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011.