



**Call for applications to serve as a member of  
CORAF Scientific and Technical Committee**

**Opening date :** August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**Closing date** September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**About CORAF**

The West and Central Africa Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) was founded in 1987. CORAF ([www.coraf.org](http://www.coraf.org)) currently brings together the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 23 West and Central African 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 Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

The vision of CORAF is *a future where people and communities in West and Central Africa achieve food and nutrition security and are prosperous. Its mission is ensuring a sustainable improvement to the productivity, competitiveness, and markets of the agricultural system in WCA.*

**Introduction**

The Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) is a statutory body of CORAF, which examines and provides advice to the Board of Directors on the scientific quality and the relevance of sub-regional research activities. The STC is composed of twelve (12) members chosen from National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of CORAF and partner institutions. The composition of the Scientific and Technical Committee ensures representation of the intervention areas of CORAF. The STC holds ordinary sessions once a year in the month of October and extraordinary sessions are held when deemed necessary. The mandate of a member is three (3) years, renewable once. The official working languages are French and English.

**Vacancy**

The objective of the present call is to co-opt experts to fill following vacant positions within the STC in the following domains:

1. Rural Sociology and Development
2. Agroecology
3. Post-harvest losses and food technology
4. Biotechnology (genetics)
5. Fisheries and Aquaculture

**Functions**

The Scientific and Technical Committee's role is to:

- Provide advice to the Board of Directors on technical and scientific issues as well as on the compliance of research program activities implemented by national and regional agricultural research systems and their partners, base centers, networks and hubs;
- Assist the Executive Secretariat in its functions of facilitating cooperation and scientific coordination;
- Assist the Board of Directors in evaluating all of CORAF's scientific cooperation activities before every General Assembly meeting;

- Ensure the monitoring and evaluation of all scientific cooperation activities including that of scientific publications and dissemination of technical information that have been coordinated and implemented by CORAF;
- Promote scientific excellence and increase the influence of CORAF in all countries in West and Central Africa;
- Conduct strategic reflections that take into consideration the challenges and emerging issues and advise the Board of Directors as well as the Executive Secretariat;
- Identify ways by which CORAF may collaborate with other scientific institutions. The evaluation of scientific activities should take into account both the programs and activity reports related to the implementation of CORAF-funded projects;
- Play an important role in evaluating the programs and activity reports of the Regional Centres of Excellence.

### **Conditions**

- Members are selected based on their individual expertise; their selection is not linked to their institution of origin;
- Members must come from National Agricultural Research Systems (universities, research institutes, civil society organizations, producer organizations, private sector institutions), Advanced Research Institutions and International Agricultural Research Centres;
- Members must be available to provide support to the Scientific and Technical Committee in carrying out its tasks;
- The functions of selected members must be compatible with the interests of agricultural research and development in West and Central Africa;
- Members of the STC do not receive any salary from CORAF. However, travelling, lodging and subsistence costs of members incurred during participation in meetings organized by CORAF or in meetings where they represent CORAF will be paid. CORAF also offers a modest honorarium to STC members who are requested to carry out specific duties on its behalf.

### **Criteria for selection**

Selection of the candidates will be based on the following criteria: (i) PhD/Doctorate in any of the domains identified above, with at least 10 years of experience, (ii) experience in research and innovative development (iii) relevant practical field experience with respect to the domain advertised, (iv) experience in the management of scientific partnership within the IAR4D context, (v) experience with scientific advisory committees, (vi) quality of the cover letter. Experience with gender issues and/or with work in the private sector would be a good asset.

### **Submission of application**

The candidate's application file should include:

1. A cover letter addressed to the President of CORAF's Scientific and Technical Committee;
2. A detailed curriculum vitae, signed and dated;
3. Copies of academic degrees/certificates;
4. Attestations of work/employment;
5. Any other documents deemed relevant for the position solicited.

The application file should be addressed to:

**The President of the Scientific and Technical Committee, CORAF  
7 Avenue Bourguiba, POBox 48,  
Dakar-RP Republic of Senegal**

**The file should be sent electronically to the following address: [rh@coraf.org](mailto:rh@coraf.org) latest by September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**