

# Leader de l'Innovation Agricole en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre Leading Agricultural Innovation in West and Central Africa

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Position: Coordinator of the RADiUS program

Type of contract: International Reference: 06/CP/2024

Location: Dakar (Senegal) with continental mobility

Opening Date: 20/11/2024 Closing Date: 06/12/2024

**Observations: Recruitment pending program launch** 

## **About CORAF and the Programme**

The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) was founded in 1987. CORAF (<a href="www.coraf.org">www.coraf.org</a>) 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 in its Strategic Plan 2018-2027 is a future where people and communities in West and Central Africa will achieve food and nutrition security and are prosperous. Its mission is to ensure sustainable improvement to the productivity, competitiveness, and markets of the agricultural system in WCA.

To achieve the goals of socio-economic development and people's well-being, African agriculture must significantly improve its productivity while maintaining the sustainability of diversified and quality agri-food systems.

The implementation of RMRN in agroecology in AOC occurs in this context where real opportunities exist but require to be better known, better organized, valued and channelled to achieve the goal of a broader agroecological transition in AOC. In synergy with the already established organizations, RMRN RADiUS will create appropriate frameworks that interact with all relevant actors around activities of experience sharing, capacity building, dissemination of validated agro-ecological knowledge and innovations, and accompanying and supporting decision makers in the AOC area.

The overall objective of the RADiUS project is to support the agroecological transition of AOC farms by promoting principles, assessment tools, knowledge and innovative solutions to ensure the economic, food and nutrition security and sovereignty of populations on a sustainable basis. Specifically, it is a matter of using the MITA platform of CORAF, which centralizes at regional level in AOC the dissemination of agricultural technologies and innovations, thus facilitating access to information for optimal knowledge management, Identifying gaps and making the most of data for the benefit of the community.

The project aims to strengthen the agroecology capacities of stakeholders by supporting continuing and academic training services, and for the development of community entrepreneurship and the promotion of a legal and institutional framework conducive to the development and adoption of agroecology in AOC, by deploying standard monitoring-toolsevaluation and advocacy with policy makers at different scales.

## Job title

As part of the implementation of the Programme, CORAF is seeking a **RADiUS Programme** Coordinator.

### Mission

#### Main Mission:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Research and Innovation, the Coordinator of the RADiUS Programme will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Programme.

#### **Activities:**

- Act as the main point of contact with the European Union, ensuring managerial and technical supervision, consistency, robustness, timeliness and cost-effectiveness of interventions to achieve programme objectives;
- Work closely and foster effective collaboration between project partners from several different institutions, including the National Agricultural Research Systems, the Donor and other affiliated organizations involved in the implementation of the programme, as well as the professional and support staff of the CORAF Executive Secretariat;
- Participate in advocacy and resource mobilization, and ensure effective overall contract management and quality assurance;
- Coordinate cost-effective and high impact planning meetings and training workshops, monitor and evaluate progress towards project milestones as well as timely submission of quality reports to DUS and other partners;
- Act as a point of contact with the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
- Perform other tasks that may be assigned by the supervisor.

Profile		
Education	PhD in Agricultural Sciences or related field (e.g., agronomy,	
	agricultural economics, livestock production system, etc.).	
Experience	<ul> <li>Minimum of ten (10) years experience in managing technology scaling</li> </ul>	
	programs through the exercise of a leadership capacity of at least 5	
	years in an executive position in an international, multidisciplinary and intercultural environment;	
	<ul> <li>At least ten (10) years of experience interacting with donors, public</li> </ul>	
	services and non-governmental organizations;	
	<ul> <li>Minimum of five (05) years experience in mobilizing policy makers;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Minimum of five (05) years' experience in business development and</li> </ul>	
	livestock systems analysis	
	<ul> <li>Minimum of five (05) years experience in RBM;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience in a multicultural environment.</li> </ul>	
Soft skills	Humility;	
	• Courtesy;	
	<ul> <li>Ability to work under pressure;</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>Discretion;</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>Meaning of the method;</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Organizational capacity;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Team spirit;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Adaptability;</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>Integrity;</li><li>Sense of priorities;</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>Sense of priorities;</li><li>Ability to listen;</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Ability to listen;</li> <li>Analytical capacity;</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>Ability to anticipate;</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Responsiveness.</li> </ul>	
Software	■ Word;	
	■ Excel;	
	<ul><li>PowerPoint;</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>Access;</li></ul>	

	Outlook.	
Languages	<ul> <li>Bilingual (French-English) both orally and in writing</li> </ul>	
Mobility	<ul> <li>On the Continent</li> </ul>	
Other	<ul> <li>Ability to write and edit scientific literature and/or documentation.</li> </ul>	
Application procedures		
Application	It must include:	
Package	<ul> <li>A cover letter addressed to the Executive Director, Dakar, Senegal.         The file should be named as follows: Initial of first name +Last in mask_LM. For example, ADIALLO_LM);     </li> <li>A detailed CV, with the names and contacts of three mandatory references (e-mail, address, and telephone). The CV file should be named as follows: Initial of first name +Last name in CAPS_CV_May and year. For example, ADIALLO_CV March 2024.</li> </ul>	
Contact	Applications will be sent via the link Y-Recruit (voumann-recruit.com)	
Deadline	06/12/2024 at 11:59 PM GMT	
for submission		

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.