



### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Programme Manager TARSPRO</b>
<b>Type of contract:</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>04/CP/2024</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Dakar, Senegal with continental mobility</b>
<b>Call opening:</b>	<b>13/09/2024</b>
<b>Call closing:</b>	<b>04/10/2024</b>

#### About CORAF and the Programme

The West and Central African 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.*

In line with the current 2018 – 2027 Strategic Plan of CORAF, the Swiss Development Cooperation is aiming at contributing to the deployment of agricultural technologies and innovations that will increase the resilience of production systems in WCA. The main objective of the initiative is to ensure food, nutrition and economic security for the people of Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Tchad. The specific objectives are as follows:

- Increase the resilience of the food production system of at least 2 million producers/processors, comprising of 50% women and 60% youth in the 5 target countries and more than 10 million indirect beneficiaries;
- Sustainably meet the demand for know-how (technologies and innovations) of at least 40% of the small-scale farmers participating in the project;
- Ensure synergy among the main actors in the transformation of agriculture

Key activities associated with the above specific objectives are as follows:

- Supporting and promoting the acceleration of technology adoption particularly nutrition and gender-sensitive technologies;
- Supporting the availability and use of appropriate inputs (seeds, fertilizers and pesticides) for agricultural production;
- Reducing Post-Harvest loss and adding value to products;
- Building the capacity of Individuals and institutions of implementing partners;
- Operationalizing Knowledge Management platforms;
- Organizing agricultural technology fairs;
- Fostering Research-Policy Dialogue particularly on climate change.

<b>Job title</b>	
As part of the implementation of the Programme, CORAF is seeking a <b>Programme Manager</b>	
<b>Mission</b>	
<p><b>Main Mission:</b> Under the direct supervision of the Director of Research and Innovation, the Programme Coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the programme.</p> <p><b>Tasks and responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as the main point of contact for the Swiss Development Cooperation, provide managerial and technical oversight, ensure coherence, soundness, timeliness and cost-effectiveness of interventions to achieve the objectives of the programme;</li> <li>• Work very closely with and foster effective collaboration among project partners from several different institutions including National Agricultural Research Systems, the Development partner and other affiliated organizations involved in the Programme implementation, as well as the professional and support staff of the CORAF Executive Secretariat ;</li> <li>• Participate in advocacy and resource mobilization and ensure effective overall contract management and quality assurance;</li> <li>• Coordinate cost-effective and high impact planning meetings and training workshops, monitor and evaluate progress towards project milestones as well as quality and timely reporting to SDC and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Perform any other task as may be assigned by supervisor.</li> </ul>	
<b>Profile</b>	
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PhD in Agricultural Sciences or related field (e.g., agronomy, agricultural economics, extension etc.).</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum of ten (10) years experience in managing technology scaling programs through the exercise of a leadership capacity of at least 5 years in an executive position in an international, multidisciplinary and intercultural environment;</li> <li>▪ At least ten (10) years of experience interacting with donors, public services and non-governmental organizations;</li> <li>▪ Minimum of five (05) years experience in mobilizing policy makers;</li> <li>▪ Minimum of five (05) years experience in RBM;</li> <li>▪ Minimum of five (5) years experience in a multicultural environment</li> </ul>
<b>Soft skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humility;</li> <li>▪ Courtesy;</li> <li>▪ Ability to work under pressure;</li> <li>▪ Discretion;</li> <li>▪ Meaning of the method;</li> <li>▪ Organizational capacity;</li> <li>▪ Team spirit;</li> <li>▪ Adaptability;</li> <li>▪ Integrity;</li> <li>▪ Sense of priorities;</li> <li>▪ Ability to listen;</li> <li>▪ Analytical capacity;</li> <li>▪ Ability to anticipate;</li> <li>▪ Responsiveness.</li> </ul>
<b>Softwares</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Word ;</li> <li>▪ Excel ;</li> <li>▪ PowerPoint ;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access ;</li> <li>▪ Outlook.</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b>	▪ Bilingual (French-English) both orally and in writing
<b>Mobility</b>	▪ On the Continent
<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Competence in writing and editing scientific writings and/or documents;</li> <li>▪ Knowledge of the CAADP framework and links with the Regional Economic Communities</li> </ul>
<b>Application procedures</b>	
<b>Application package</b>	<p>It must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a cover letter to the Executive Director, Dakar, Senegal and;</li> <li>▪ a detailed CV, with the names and contacts of three mandatory references (e-mail, address, and telephone).</li> </ul>
<b>Contact</b>	Applications will be sent via the link <a href="http://youmann-recruit.com">Y-Recruit (youmann-recruit.com)</a>
<b>Closing date</b>	<b>04 October 2024 at 11:59 pm</b>

**Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.**