



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Recruitment of an individual consultant-trainer, for the capacity building of young researchers in national research systems in writing scientific articles in the countries of implementation of the PRSA.

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1. The Food System Resilience Programme (FSRP) is a flagship regional investment programme aimed at strengthening the resilience of the food system in West Africa through a strategic regional approach. The program will fund investments in three mutually reinforcing thematic areas: (1) Digital Advisory Services for Agriculture and Food Crisis Prevention and Management; (2) sustainability and adaptability of the productive base of the food system (sustainable land and watershed management, agroecological approaches); and (3) integration of regional food markets and trade (development of the regional staple food value chain). Each domain will be led by a mandated regional institution (AGRHYMET, CORAF and ECOWAS) to ensure coordination and build sustainable capacity.
2. The main objective of this consultation is to strengthen the capacities of young researchers of national research systems of different PRSA countries in writing scientific articles .
3. The tasks to be performed and other information relating to the conduct of the mission are described in the mandate below.
4. The Executive Director of CORAF therefore invites interested candidates («Consultants») with the required profile as indicated in the mandate to express their interest.
5. Interested applicants should provide a notice of expression of interest and an updated CV with references highlighting the performance and experience of similar services.
6. Applicants are advised that the provisions of section 3.14 of the July 2016 “Government Procurement Regulations for Borrowers of Financing of Investment Projects”, revised in November 2017 and August 2018 (the “Regulations”) regarding the World Bank’s conflict of interest rules will apply.
7. Candidates will be selected based on the selection based on the qualifications of the consultant described in the Bank’s “Procurement Regulations”.

8. Interested candidates can obtain additional information from the CORAF Executive Secretariat by e-mail every working day at: n.lamien@coraf.orgavec copy at procurement@coraf.org .
9. Consultants interested in this call should submit a letter of interest outlining the performance and experience of similar contracts and a detailed CV with copies of diplomas and work certificates to the following email address: procurement@coraf.org **no later than august 2 2024 at 05:00 PM GMT.**

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. Background

The Food System Resilience Program (FSRP) is a flagship regional investment programme of more than US\$1 billion aimed at strengthening the resilience of the food system in West Africa through a strategic regional approach. The programme funds investments in three mutually reinforcing thematic areas: (1) Digital advisory services for the prevention and management of agricultural and food crises (Component 1); (2) Sustainability and adaptability of the productive base of the food system (Component 2); and (3) Market integration and trade (component 3). The 3 components are directed respectively AGRHYMET, CORAF and ECOWAS which also ensures the overall coordination.

The Programme Development Objective (ODP-PDO) is to “Strengthen the risk management of regional food systems, improve the sustainability of the production base in targeted areas and develop regional agricultural markets.”

Specifically, the programme will contribute to increasing the resilience of food systems in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo (Phase 1); Ghana, Chad and Sierra Leone (Phase 2) and Senegal (Phase 3) through investments in the thematic areas listed above.

Sub-component 2.1 includes capacity building for national and regional research centres. To this end, CORAF proposes to organize a regional training workshop for at least 25 young researchers from the national research systems hosting the centers of specialization in writing scientific and development articles.

Indeed, Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) is at the heart of the generation of agricultural technologies and innovation necessary for the transformation of agriculture. Moreover, the strengthening of institutional and human capacity in AR4D is one of the four outcomes targeted by CORAF in its 2018-2027 strategic plan.

To enable National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) to succeed in calls for research proposals, CORAF proposes to equip national actors to write scientific articles. It is with this in mind that CORAF proposes to recruit a competent consultant equipped to lead a regional training workshop in writing scientific articles.

2. Mission Objective

The main objective of this consultation is to contribute to the capacity building of young researchers in national research systems of different PRSA countries and others in writing scientific articles.

3. Methodological approach

The methodological approach to adopt during this training is to emphasize the theoretical and practical aspects by emphasizing the method of writing scientific articles, the organization and management of the bibliography, Article formatting and submission process in journals. Interactive sessions are expected, so group work should be organized to allow young researchers to carry out practical exercises in writing scientific articles. As with previous trainings, CORAF will work to digitize the modules for online sessions that will reach a greater number of beneficiaries.

4. Expected Results

At the end of the training workshop the following results are expected:

1. Participants have a perfect command of the rules for writing scientific articles and the different stages of publication in international journals;
2. Participants know how to perform a literature search and other related tasks;
3. Participants understand how articles submitted for publication and manage correspondence with publishers are evaluated;
4. Participants know how to choose a journal for publication.

5. Duties of Consultants

To achieve the expected results, the consultant should focus on organizing and facilitating the theory training workshop to support practical exercises. The main tasks assigned to the consultant are:

1. Develop training syllabuses in support of the methodological approach outlined in this ToR;
2. Develop the training manual as well as the modules and all other necessary training materials with a detailed provisional execution schedule;
3. Prepare materials, tools and other facilities essential for practical work;
4. Conduct the training workshop (theory and practice);
5. Write an end of training report after the workshop

6. Deliverables

1. A start-up report describing the understanding of the mission and the different training modules (the detailed outline of the content of each module),
2. A workshop plan indicating the methods and tools to be used and a training manual;
3. Training materials including PowerPoint presentations;
4. An end-of-workshop report that documents the process and results achieved.

7. Consultant Profile

The consultant should:

- Hold a PhD/PhD in agronomy, agro-economics, or any other degree deemed equivalent;
- Be a university teacher or Tier A researcher
- Have a minimum of 10 years of experience in writing and publishing scientific articles;
- Have at least 10 articles in the field of agro-sylvo-pastoralism and fisheries published in renowned journals and newspapers;
- Have a perfect mastery of integrated Agriculture-Livestock systems to be able to cover the basics of these sub-areas during training
- Have a good knowledge of the challenges related to agricultural research in West and Central Africa;
- Proven experience in facilitating/facilitating scientific writing workshops;
- Good writing and synthesis skills;
- Master French and English.

8. Duration and location of mission

The mission will have a total of **10 consultation Men/Days including preparation days, facilitation/moderation days of the Workshop and reporting days. All on one period August-September 2024. The consultant will work virtually from the location where he is based and will travel to the workshop in the chosen country.**

9. Application Process and Selection

Interested candidates should send their expression of interest and full curriculum vitae by email to procurement@coraf.org no later than **august 2 2024 at 05:00 PM GMT**. The consultants will be selected according to the agreement defined in the guidelines "Selection and use of consultants under IBRD loans, IDA allocations and grants by World Bank borrowers" of January 2011.