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Countries reports.**

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1. Partner

ECOWAS

1.2. Contracting authority

Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development

1.3. Background

In 2003, African heads of state and government launched the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) to halt the declining food and nutrition security conditions in the continent. In 2005, the ECOWAS region launched the ECOWAP/CAADP being the regional ECOWAS Agriculture Policy designed in line with CAADP. By 2010, the ECOWAP/CAADP had succeeded in guiding the development of a new generation of National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs) in West Africa amongst other successes.

In 2014, African heads of state and government met in Malabo and reviewed progress in implementing the CAADP. In order to accelerate its implementation, 7 new commitments were made incorporating some earlier targets such as the Maputo 10% declaration and the 6% agriculture sector growth. One of the innovations from the 2014 declaration was the biennial tracking and review of progress in the 7 commitments made. The first round of the biennial review occurred in 2017 while the second round occurred in 2019. The third round occurred in 2021 and the continental report was endorsed by the assembly of African Heads of State and Government during the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union Heads of State and Government in February 2022 - Assembly/AU/Draft/Dec.7(XXXV) and launched at the continental level in March 2022.

This third CAADP BR Report is also timely in capturing the progress made by African Union Member States mid-way through the implementation of the Malabo commitments and goals to be achieved by 2025 and embarking on preparation of the second AU CAADP Business Plan for the 2022-2025 period. Thus, this report provides valuable information in orienting, preparing and implementing the second AU CAADP Business Plan accordingly.

The report highlights country performance against the 46 indicators selected in 2019 to track the progress towards a fully transformed agriculture. It benefitted from the momentum created during the two previous reviews. It is gratifying to note that considerable efforts have been deployed in ensuring that quality data are used to evaluate the countries performance by using the electronic biennial review (e-BR) system, building on lessons learned so far.

While only one country is on-track to achieve the Malabo goals and targets by 2025, twenty 25 countries increased their overall score between 2019 and 2021. This is encouraging because it shows that while not on track, the majority of Member States are making steady progress toward the goals and targets by 2025.

The average score for the West Africa is 4,75 out of 10, based on the 15 country reports. 4% decrease in regional score in comparison to the 2019 performance. No country in West Africa

was on track in the third BR report; compared to 5 and 2 in the 1st and 2nd BRs. However, 6 West Africa countries are progressing well as they have reached/passed the 50% mark. To change the trajectory of results a clear change in effort and approach is needed.

Many important actions were initiated by Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development (DADR) or with its collaboration, such as the best practices and lessons learned workshop and experience after the third BR with the roadmap developed to be implemented by ECOWAS and the countries, the launch of the regional report by ECOWAS, the initiative of regional 3rd BR Consultative and Training Meeting with Focal Points organized by ECOWAS Non State Actors (ECONSA), in order to give a new dynamic to this process and to better engage the different stakeholders of each country to achieve the Malabo objectives set for 2025.

The continental report is available and highlights the urgency to build a resilient agriculture sector as the mainstay of the African economies to fast-track the development agenda of the continent. As such, concrete and bold interventions are needed at the various levels to materialize the transformative goals and targets captured in the National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs) and fully engage each country government, ECOWAS DADR need to have BR country report which can allow to have a full picture of the situation in our region.

To achieve the objectives of this activity, three consultants will be recruited to support the DARD M&E team in the elaboration of these reports.

1.4. Related programmes and other donor activities

Not applicable.

2. OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE & EXPECTED RESULTS

2.1. Overall objective

The overall objective of this consultancy is to elaborate a detailed and clear biennial report like the continental report format reflecting the performance of ECOWAS countries that help engagement with ministry of agriculture across the region. This will provide independent assessments of the progress of West African countries in achieving the Malabo declaration with a view to motivating improved performance by countries.

2.2. Purpose

The purpose of this contract is as follows:

- Support the DARD M&E team to review the performance of each country.
- Produce a clear and detailed BR report using the BR results and any other complementary data.

2.3. Results to be achieved by the contractor

The following deliverables of the assignment have been identified and will be tied to the release of funds:

- a. Draft report which identifies the areas of good performance and areas that require attention as well as recommended actions to take are done.
- b. Performance review of each country from 2014 to date are done.

3. ASSUMPTIONS & RISKS

3.1. Assumptions underlying the project

The BR country report is intended to have a full picture of the situation in our region with independent assessments of the progress of West African countries in achieving the Malabo declaration with a view to motivating improved performance by countries. This can help to better engage the different stakeholders of each country to achieve the Malabo objectives set for 2025.

3.2. Risks

Not Applicable

4. SCOPE OF THE WORK

4.1. General

Description of the assignment

The overall duty of the three (3) consultants is to support DARD M&E team to elaborate clear and detailed countries BR reports showing the progress of West African countries achieving the Malabo declaration with a view to motivating improved performance by countries.

Geographical area to be covered

ECOWAS Region

Target groups

ECOWAS Members State

4.2. Specific work for consultant

In summary, the three consultants will be expected, among other duties, to:

- a. Review the performance of each country from 2014 to date using the BR results and any other complementary data. This should include a review of all the BR reports and, to the extent possible, country post BR dissemination meetings and road maps.
- b. Liaise with key BR team member to obtain relevant information as needed
- c. Produce a draft report which identifies the areas of good performance and areas that require attention as well as recommended actions to take. The report should follow the attached outline.
- d. Revise the draft report based on feedback from a regional validation meeting.
- e. Help to hold a high level meeting in the various countries.

4.3. Project management

Responsible body

Directorate of agriculture and rural development of ECOWAS commission

Facilities to be provided by the contracting authority and/or other parties

ECOWAS Commission will make available to consultants, all the necessary documentation for the realization of the consultancy. The reference documents for the consultancy are:

- Third edition of Biennial Review Report
- Regional of 2017, 2019 and 2021 Biennial reports
- CAADP/BR toolkit
- All data available for the three BR cycle
- NAIPFNS document
- Knowledge sharing report after third BR
- Term of Reference of the consultancy

5. LOGISTICS AND TIMING

5.1. Location

Abuja, Nigeria

5.2. Period of implementation of tasks

This consultancy will take three months, to ensure to have good deliverables.

6. REQUIREMENTS

6.1. Staff

Note that civil servants and other staff of the public administration of the partner country, or of international/regional organizations based in the country, shall only be approved to work as experts if well justified. These resource persons must be in the ECOWAS BR regional expert team. The justification should be submitted with the tender and shall include information on the added value the expert will bring as well as proof that the expert is seconded or on personal leave.

Key experts

Key experts are not required.

All experts who have a crucial role in implementing the contract are referred to as key experts. The profiles of the key experts for this contract are as follows:

Consultants:

- Qualifications and skills

Interested individual consultants should hold at least a master degree in either Agricultural Economics, Rural Development, Program Management, Statistics or another related discipline

- General professional experience

Interested individual consultants should have:

- ✓ Have a good experience of working with ECOWAS BR regional expert team
- ✓ Supervise at least one country during the previous BR cycle
- ✓ Excellent written skills in French or English and good knowledge of the other language;

6.2. Facilities to be provided by the contractor

No specific facilities to be provided by the contractor.

6.3. Equipment

No equipment is to be purchased on behalf of the contracting authority / partner as part of this service contract or transferred to the contracting authority / partner at the end of this contract. Any equipment related to this contract which is to be acquired by the partner must be purchased by means of a separate supply tender procedure.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Reporting requirements

The contractor will submit the following reports in English, French or Portuguese according to the language spoken in the reporting country in one original and one (01) copy:

- **Final report** with the same specifications as the draft final report, incorporating any comments received from the parties on the draft report. The deadline for sending the final report is five (05) days after receipt of comments on the draft final report.

7.2. Submission and approval of reports

The report referred to above must be submitted to the project manager identified in the contract. The project manager is responsible for approving the reports.

Special requirements

Not applicable