

Call for proposals of the GCCA+AO project "Innovations for climate smart family farming to face climate change in



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1	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1)	Is it possible for the same Organization to submit several proposals in several countries ?	An organisation cannot submit more than one project for this call for proposals. However, if each representative office based in the organisation's countries of intervention are independent, they will be able to propose projects if they meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Guidelines. These structures and co-applicants will be required to provide the full documentation required. The eligibility of applicants will be checked on the basis of the supporting documents requested by Expertise France.
2	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (Introduction; 1.2; 2.1)	Are calls for candidates only for non profit organizations, or for private commercial companies as well?	This call for proposals for projects is reserved for non-profit-making structures, i.e. the following three categories: non-governmental organisations (NGOs), farmers' and producers' organisations (POs), and local authorities or territorial communities (in particular concerning area B). Private sector entities may participate in the call for proposals as co-applicants or affiliated entities.
3	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (Introduction; 1.2; 2.1)	Can actions be conducted in cooperation with local organizations?	The objective of this call for project proposals is to strengthen the resilience of beneficiaries to climate change at the local level. It is therefore indeed recommended.
4	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1)	Can a non profit multi disciplin research center based in an ECOWAS member country apply?	A research organisation may be a co-applicant but not lead applicant. Also, the proposed action must be implemented in one of the eight eligible countries.
5	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1.1)	Is the main applicant required to be from the EU or from one ECOWAS member country?	The lead applicant may be from an EU or ECOWAS state (+ Chad and Mauritania).
6	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines 1.2	If the main applicant is an NGO, can the co-applicant be a farmers' network or a farmers' cooperative?	Cooperation with local organizations is strongly encouraged.
7	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1.1)	Can the lead NGO file an application with one of its national agencies as a co-applicant?	The consortium must be composed of at least two structures of different natures. If an NGO and its national representation are of the same nature, they will not be eligible as a consortium. If a third structure of a different nature joins the consortium, the quorum of two structures of a different nature would be reached.
8	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1.1)	Are UK based NGOs eligible as lead or co-applicants?	Due to the current situation between the UK and the EU, we need additional information to be able to answer. The answer will be given via this document as soon as possible.

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9	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines 2.1, footnote	What are the selection criteria for NGOs and ASSOCIATIONS to benefit from this grant?	The eligibility criteria for applicants (lead applicant and co-applicant(s)) are specified in the Guidelines page 9: 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants (lead applicant and co-applicant(s)).
10	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines 2.1.1	Is it possible for a consortium to be composed by one applicant((international NGO) and 5 co-applicants(3 POs plus 1 national NGO and 1 research center)?	The consortium must have at least one lead applicant and one co-applicant and at least two actors must be of a different nature. There is no maximum imposed. Each actor will have to provide the administrative documents concerning him/her. The eligibility of applicants will be checked on the basis of the supporting documents requested by Expertise France.
11	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (1.2; 2.1.1)	Are private sector structures like entrepreneurs or consulting firms allowed to participate as applicants or co-applicants?	Private sector structures may participate in the call for project proposals as co-applicants or affiliated entities.
12	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1.1)	Can public or private research structures be co-applicants?	A research structure can be a co-applicant. Therefore, the proposed action must be implemented in one of the eight eligible countries.
13	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.1.4	Is the concept note required to address all the specific objectives and priority issues, or only some of those featured in each area?	Concept notes should address as many of the priority issues as possible in order to best achieve the specific objectives targeted. The evaluation of the project proposal will depend on this.
14	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.1.4	Are interventions limited to one of the three areas or are cross-cutting interventions acceptable?	It is possible to include several areas in the proposal but it is essential to choose one main area.
15	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.1.4	What difference do you make between priority issues and the specific objectives?	Concept notes should address as many of the priority issues as possible in order to best achieve the specific objectives targeted. The evaluation of the project proposal will depend on this.
16	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.1.4	Can a project be based only on policy analysis and advocacy activities, and thus only target policy makers?	The proposed projects must present actions with a measurable impact on the themes promoted by the GCCA+WA. Concept notes should address as many of the priority issues as possible in order to best achieve the specific objectives targeted. The evaluation of the project proposal will depend on this.

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17	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.1.4	Is the project focused on training, research or service?	The project aims at capacity building actions for farmers in West Africa in order to increase their resilience to climate change.
18	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.5.2	Given the downturn of activity due to COVID 19, is the July 28 deadline final, or is it likely to be changed?	The date for submission of the Concept Note is 28.06.2020. The proposal must anticipate the difficulties that the health crisis could cause for the launching of activities and the implementation of the project.
19	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.5.2	Is there another webinar planned in the program?	No further information webinars are scheduled for this phase of the call for proposals. You can send your questions to the communication e-mail address gccaplus.ao@expertisefrance.fr. Applicants may send their questions by e-mail no later than 21 days before the deadline for submission of Concept Notes. Expertise France is under no obligation to provide clarifications on questions received after this date
20	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines	Is there a WhatsApp group to ask questions?	No.
21	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.3	Which language is required for designing the concept note ?	The three official languages of ECOWAS are accepted (French, English and Portuguese).
22	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	Guidelines 2.5.2	Shall we have access to presentations and resources proposed during the Webinar?	Presentations will be sent by email at the end of the webinar and will be available on the call for proposals page.
23	28.05.2020	Eligibility criteria	Guidelines (2.1)	Can a project holder who participated, or not, to previous GCCA+AO apply for this call?	Any application meeting the eligibility criteria described in the guidelines of this call for proposals is allowed. However, a holder already benefiting from a GCCA+WA grant cannot be eligible again.
24	28.05.2020	Program objectives and priorities	GCCA+AO	Will the Webinar recording be made available and translated in the different languages?	The link to the recording will be sent by email with the presentations. It will also be available on the Call for Proposals page. No translation is planned.
25	28.05.2020	Fundings	Guidelines (2.1.5)	Is cofinancing obligatory ?	Co-financing is compulsory.
26	28.05.2020	Fundings	Guidelines (1.3)	Is a cofinancing from a EU member State eligible ?	Co-financing is the responsibility of the applicant. It must be financed by sources other than the European Union budget or the European Development Fund or Expertise France's budget.
27	28.05.2020	Fundings	Guidelines (1.3)	Is a cofinancing from a non EU member State be eligible ?	Co-financing is the responsibility of the applicant. It must be financed by sources other than the European Union budget or the European Development Fund or Expertise France's budget.
28	28.05.2020	Fundings	Guidelines (1.3)	Is there a minimum or maximum amount for the cofinancing ?	Any request for a grant from the GCCA+WA under this call for proposals must correspond to a minimum percentage of 55% and a maximum of 90% for applicants from the ECOWAS + Chad and Mauritania area and 80% for applicants from the EU. Depending on the case, co-financing will therefore vary between 10 and 20%.