

### **Question 18**

In V. CRITERIA AND RATING SCALES FOR PROPOSALS, Table 1: Eligibility criteria, it is written at the level of "Quality of the commitment of project actors": "The nature of co-financing (and the convertibility in monetary value of co-financing in kind) with documents certified by an audit firm."

What does it mean in easy French?

Is it a document to attach to the concept note?

### **Answer to question 18**

- Co-financing is the share of project promoters as their participation in the financing of the project. This share is 20% of which at least 5% is in cash and a maximum 15% in kind. For the part in kind, the holder must show evidence of monetary value certified by a audit firm.

- Yes, it is a document to attach to the concept note as it is part of the eligibility criteria.

### **Question 19**

Are there any specific documents on the note format and its cover page in Word, the logical framework in Excel and the budget in Excel to download?

### **Answer to question 19**

At this stage of the selection process, published documents should not be in Word version. All bidders are required to use the PDF documents that have been published, taking appropriate care to fully reproduce the information in the tender dossier in case this becomes necessary.

### **Question 20**

1) Regarding the Action Summary, what are the different sections that constitute the brief description of the proposed action?

Can this part be presented in a table?

2) In Annex E, what is contained in the "contribution of other potential partners?"

### **Answers to question 20**

1) The summary in principle provides the synthesis of the document that you present. Its structure will have to reflect that of the document.

2) The project is supported by a consortium. Contribution to co-financing may be borne by the Lead Partner alone or with the participation of other consortium partners or others.

Question 21:

We would like to know if the University as a public institution of a scientific nature can be a bidder and a claimant.

### **Answers to question 21**

In Paragraph III. 9: Nature of eligible bidders; public structures, form part of the list of eligible bidders and Paragraph III. 10 shows that national or international applied research or training structures are eligible but not compelled.

### **Question 22**

Here are some questions that have emerged in putting together the AETSP project offer:

- In terms of assembling consortia, a consortium of at least three partners is required: Is a consortium composed of a National NGO (project leader), an International NGO and a farmers' organization eligible? (We were not sure if the three partners should be different in nature and if so, do you consider international and national NGOs as distinct categories?)
- In the composition of the consortium it is required to mobilize at least one APO: Regarding its legal status, what are the requirements? What type of proof of constitution of farmers' organizations do you require? (Are cooperatives eligible? Is the national milk sector farmers' organization in Mali also eligible?)
- In terms of geographical coverage, you mention that proposals covering different agro-ecological zones would potentially be at an advantage: in this case, would a proposal covering the central region and the Plateaux region in Togo be assessed as covering two zones? (It depends on the classification of the agro-ecological zones that you apply). Or should we consider two more clearly differentiated regions, e.g. Central and Savannah?
- Regarding co-financing, we planned in Togo to partly focus on experiences from an ongoing project. If the project submitted to the RAAF is based on such achievements, can we highlight these experiences (e.g. provision of small farm animals made available in the other project for agroecological experiments: use of manure, etc.)?

Thank you in advance for your answers. This will enable us to prepare our candidacy as a project leader in Togo and contribute to setting up a project in Mali, as an associated consortium member by the deadline for submission (28 August 12:00 noon Lomé).

### **Answers to question 22**

- A consortium composed of a National NGO (project leader), an International NGO and a farmers' organization is eligible provided that it has a legal existence in the country of project implementation; that is, it has all the necessary agreements to work in the country where the project will be carried out. [It should be noted that there are mandatory actors and other actors \(paragraph III .10\).](#)
- [Yes, agricultural production cooperatives are eligible \(III.10\).](#)
- [Proof of formation of farmers' organizations is issued by the competent authorities of the country concerned.](#)
- [Consider that the three projects in each country covered by the AETSP are borne by three different consortia. In addition, a consortium can only bear one project proposal](#)

### **Question 23**

Can the use of vehicles and equipment owned by the grant beneficiary be considered in-kind co-financing?

### **Answers to question 23**

It is your responsibility to provide the supporting documents and get them validated by an audit firm.