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Call for applications

For recruitment of professional interns for the Regional Farmers' Organisations Support Programme (PRAOP phase 3) Coordination Unit.

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1. Background and justification

Within the framework of operationalizing its regional agricultural policy (ECOWAP) adopted in 2005, the ECOWAS Commission undertook the implementation of two major programmes in order to valorise the youth contributions into more performing food systems:

- The regional offensive to promote local milk value chain in West Africa, launched by ECOWAS in 2016, provides an opportunity for structured action aiming to improve the situation and to protect local milk market. The vision of this strategy is: "to promote an emerging West Africa among the continent dairy basins and gradually increase its contribution to regional trade in dairy products originating from the Community".
- The regional support strategy for the youth employability in agro-sylvo-pastoral and fishing sectors. The general objective of the strategy is "to facilitate retention and socio-professional insertion of young people (men and women) in agro-sylvo-pastoral, fishing sectors and the agri-food value chains". The purpose is: (i) reducing under-employment and unemployment of active people and, (ii) minimizing rural exodus and uncontrolled migrations".

The third phase of the Regional Farmers' Organisations Support Programme (PRAOP 3), falls under combined implementation of two priority investment programmes designed to operationalise regional strategies described above. Its objective is to substantially increase investments in local milk value chains, with a view to boosting job creation opportunities in favour of under-employed or unemployed young people, to decelerate rural exodus and uncontrolled emigration in West Africa.

The overall objective is to reduce rural exodus and uncontrolled emigration of young people through their professional insertion in agro-sylvo-pastoral and fishing sectors and agri-food value chains in West Africa and in Chad.

The specific objective is to improve access to decent and remunerative employment for young people (men and women) in local milk value chains, in targeted zones, through initiatives led by ECOWAS, Governments, agricultural socio-professional organizations and private sector.

To ensure good execution of activities, RAAF plans to recruit professionals' interns to support coordination Unit.

The objective of the internship is to contribute to the insertion of the interns in the professional world of the development institutions by introducing them to the concepts of rural development

To achieve this objective, interns will be involved in the implementation of activities related to food security and climate change.

2. DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

Reporting to the Chief of the RAAF Technical Operations Division, interns will perform the following tasks:

- Support the collection and capitalization of information on food and nutritional security,
- Follow up on the processing of program files under the supervision of the operational division,
- Contribute to the production of briefing notes by providing the necessary data,
- Contribute to the drafting of the reports of the project coordination meetings
- Establishment of databases on potential partners (NGOs, nationals, NGO federations, umbrella organizations)
- Contribution to the analysis of project documents submitted to various programs (analysis, information gathering, drafting of minutes, etc.)
- Support the follow-up of field actions
- Participate in knowledge management across programs;
- Participate alongside the RAAF in the day-to-day monitoring of field projects under implementation;
- Contribute to the drafting of technical reports on the implementation of the various projects' activities
- Carry out any other activity requested by ECOWAS

3. General conditions of the internship

Interns will be subject to the following conditions:

- **Status:** For the duration of the internship, interns will be referred to as interns at the RAAF. They will not be assimilated to the staff of the RAAF and will not be subject to any linkage governed by the labour code and regulations in force at the RAAF and ECOWAS. The terms of the internship will be captured in a letter of commitment duly signed by the intern
- **Duration of the internship:** The duration of the internship is six (6) calendar months from the date of notification to the intern, this duration is renewable only once.
- **Location of the internship:** It is expected that one intern will be based in Lomé at the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) and another in Abuja at the ECOWAS Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- **Certification:** A final evaluation is scheduled at the end of the internship. Subject to a satisfactory assessment in the context of its realization, the RAAF will issue a Certificate of Internship.

4. TRAINEE'S PROFILE

All applicants meeting the following requirements may submit their applications:

- at least a master's degree or an engineering degree in agronomy, agro-economics, zootechnics, animal health, plant protection, food safety, statistics, or any other related discipline
- Also have general qualifications in development policy and program at least at the local level, environmental and natural resource management, agri-business and value chains, sustainable agriculture, project management, agricultural information gathering

- at least 2 years of field experience in project management at the national level, in agribusiness, in agricultural entrepreneurship
- experience with local NGOs or farmer organizations
- perfect command of computer tools (Word, Excel, Power point)
- fluency in one of the ECOWAS languages (French, English or Portuguese).

5. EXPECTED RESULTS FROM THE INTERNS

- Database on local NGOs and Federation of Producer Organizations established
- Production of data/information necessary for the elaboration of technical documents on food safety
- Program documents processed by the Technical Operations Division well monitored and a monitoring logbook available
- Elaboration of capitalization sheets of field projects;
- Documents for the analysis of project results
- Other products to be defined according to ECOWAS requests.

6. CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

- Enjoy his civil rights and be of good character;
- Be a national of one of the ECOWAS members states;
- The place of assignment is Lomé (Togo), with possible trips to other ECOWAS member states.

7. APPLICATION FORM

Applicants should submit their complete application consisting of the following documents:

- A cover letter;
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- A copy of the certificate.

8. Submission of applications

Applications are received at the latest on **20 MAI 2022**, at 17H00 GMT, hand-delivered or by email at the following addresses:

Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF),

83, Rue de la Pâture, Lomé, Togo (in a sealed envelope marked: “Application for the position of professional interns for the Regional Farmers' Organisations Support Programme (PRAOP phase 3)”.

Email: recrutements.PRAOP2022@araa.org

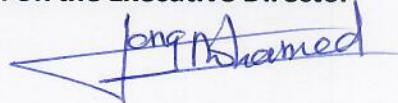
subject: “Application for the position of professional interns for the Regional Farmers' Organisations Support Programme (PRAOP phase 3)”.

9. Method of selection

Consultants will be selected according to selection method based on qualification as defined method as defined in the ECOWAS Public Procurement Code. An interview may be organized with shortlisted candidates.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. RAAF reserves the right not to proceed with this call for applications.

FOR the Executive Director

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ZONGO Mohamed

Head of Admin and Finances Division.