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TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Project to build the institutional capacity of the ECOWAS Commission and Member States to access Climate Finance to support the implementation of the agricultural sector priorities of the Regional Climate Strategy.

Selection of a national consultant for the evaluation of the national budget sensitive to climate change in Senegal.

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1- BACKGROUND

The member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) all submitted their NDCs as part of the 1st ambition cycle of the Paris Agreement, and updated them in 2021. Although these revised NDCs highlight the great vulnerability of the agricultural sector, the nature of the commitments and the wording of the objectives vary greatly from one country to another. Most Member States have presented conditional emission reduction targets, subject to the mobilisation of international climate financing. Climate change is a priority issue for West Africa. "Acting together" within the framework of regional solidarity is an absolute necessity to enable the West African region to reduce its vulnerability and collectively face up to the risks induced by the impacts of climate change.

With this in mind, at the 88th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers in June 2022, ECOWAS adopted its first [Regional Climate Strategy](#) (RCS) and its 2022-2030 action plan. The aim is to help Member States rise to the challenge of combating climate change, in particular by supporting them in meeting their commitments under the Paris Agreement. The cost of implementing the action plan is \$95,320,000, including \$13,620,000 for the agricultural sector. Implementing the SRC requires the ECOWAS Commission, its specialised institutions and its Member States to mobilise financial resources, put in place operational mechanisms and acquire technical capacities in order to achieve the objectives set out in the strategy.

The ECOWAS Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) therefore applied for and obtained funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as an implementing partner for the Member States under the preparatory support programme. Thus, on 28 March 2023, the GCF approved the regional programme for funding of USD 1.4 million for eleven (11) Member States (Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Nigeria, , Sierra Leone , Senegal and Togo) for an implementation period of 20 months for the "Strengthening of the institutional capacity of ECOWAS and its Member States to access climate finance to support the implementation of the priorities of the agricultural sector of the RSC".

One of the challenges remains the allocation of the budget to the agricultural sector, taking into account the challenges of climate change. This regional preparatory programme will support a pilot study to evaluate public investment budgets in the climate-sensitive agricultural sector in six (6) Member States (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Togo), which could lead to advocacy tools to propose concrete recommendations for reorientation towards climate-compatible investments in line with the spirit of the CRS results.

2- OBJECTIVE OF THE MISSION

The main objective of the mission is to examine Senegal's national public budget in order to assess its sensitivity to climate change and to propose a list of recommendations for redirecting climate-friendly investments. The specific issues are

- carry out a climate-sensitive review of public finances to better inform decisions on investment, spending and public purchasing;

- analyse financial system players who take account of financial climate risks, in terms of regulation, supervision and investment choices, and who contribute to the low-carbon trajectory.
- propose recommendations for climate-friendly public investment.

3- EXPECTED RESULTS :

The following results are expected:

- **Climate-responsive budget:** developing a green budget to assess and communicate the impact of public spending on the climate,
- **Sustainable public investment:** greater climate sensitivity of public investment projects and public investment projects are assessed, selected and prioritised taking into account their climate impact,
- **Sustainable public procurement:** deployment of sustainable public procurement to align public purchasing decisions while limiting their impact on the environment,
- **Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV):** an MRV system to help manage the climate trajectory.

4- MISSIONS AND MANDATES

Taking into account the period from 2018 to 2023, the national consultant will be responsible for Senegal :

- carry out a literature review on public budgets sensitive to climate change,
- analyse the national public budget to assess its climate sensitivity and propose a list of concrete recommendations for redirecting climate-friendly investments,
- Evaluate budget variances without and with the integration of climate change,
- identify public spending linked to climate change,
- Propose an approach to initiate the tracing of public expenditure linked to climate change,
- determine the extent of the State's commitment to the fight against climate change,
- run a workshop to validate and present the report,
- support the international consultant in producing the summary note on the climate-sensitive budget.

5- EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The deliverables for this assignment are as follows:

- A scoping note describing in detail the methodology for carrying out the assignment, five (05) days after the award of the tender;
- An interim report on the national review of the climate-sensitive public budget with a focus on the agriculture sector and recommendations for redirecting climate-compatible investments;
- A final national climate-sensitive public budget review report with a focus on the agriculture sector and recommendations for redirecting climate-compatible investments.

6- PROFILE

The national consultant must have the following references:

- Hold a degree (minimum 5 years' higher education) in environmental economics, economics, public finance, development planning or another degree deemed equivalent;
- At least five (05) years' professional experience in public policy analysis, budget planning and public finance management;
- At least five (05) years' experience in analysing Senegal's climate policies and the principles of financing climate change projects and programmes, with particular reference to the issues of green budget transition and climate public finance;
- At least one (01) year's experience in developing climate-sensitive budgeting;
- At least one year's experience in setting up a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for monitoring climate action in Senegal;
- Excellent writing, oral and written communication skills in French.

7- LANGUAGES

Excellent writing, oral and written communication skills in French. A working knowledge of a second language would be an additional asset.

8- DURATION

The assignment will cover a three-month period, after which the document will be validated and the final version, after incorporation of comments, will be sent to the ARAA. The working time for the Consultant is **30 man/days**.

9- ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

The ECOWAS Commission, through the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF), hereby invites individuals to express their interest in providing the required services by providing information demonstrating that they possess the necessary qualifications and relevant experience to carry out the assignment.

The attention of interested individual consultants is particularly drawn to Article 117 of the revised ECOWAS Public Procurement Code ("Offences committed by candidates, tenderers and successful tenderers"), which provides information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in the competition or execution of a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflicts of interest related to this assignment in accordance with Article 118 of the revised ECOWAS Public Procurement Code.

10- APPLICATION FILE

The application file consists of :

- A letter of expression of interest, including the deadline for availability;
- A recent curriculum vitae clearly presenting the assignments carried out (purpose, period, client, key results);

- Three professional references (first and last names, current position, position at time of collaboration, email and telephone contacts);
- Certified copy of diploma(s) ;
- Copies of work or service certificates listed in the curriculum vitae.

NB: Incomplete applications will be rejected.

11- SUBMISSION OF DOSSIERS

Deadline for receipt of applications: **17 April 2025 at 17:00 GMT .**

Submission links: applications must be submitted by download to the following address:
<https://bit.ly/4kvNeXv>

Application format: the application must be in the form of a single PDF file.

The RAAF reserves the right not to consider applications that do not comply with the above conditions for submission.

12- SELECTION METHOD

The selection method is "selection based on the consultant's qualifications" as described in the ECOWAS Procurement Code.

Only shortlisted applications will be contacted. The RAAF reserves the right not to proceed with this expression of interest.

13- REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Interested consultants can obtain further information by writing to the following e-mail addresses: procurement@araa.org cc : ctienon@araa.org, barnabo@araa.org, plambonikolani@araa.org and bkpessiglo@araa.org with the subject "**SCI010 - FVC - Evaluation Budget climat Sénégal**".