

Expression of Interest

Selection of an individual consultants

Specializing in Agro- ecological Transition in West Africa

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| Number of years of experience | : 10 Years |

I- Context

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) implements its Regional Agricultural Policy through a Regional Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition Investment Plan (RAIP-FSN) and National Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition Investment Plans (NAIP-FSN). It is in line with the focus on food sovereignty in the region, in seeking to cover the essential food needs of a population expected to double over the next 25 years (290 million inhabitants in 2008, more than 500 million in 2030). ECOWAS is acquiring means as well as technical and financial partnerships to carry it out through the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF). With the support of technical and financial partners including the French Development Agency (AFD), ECOWAS aims in particular to support national, regional and international actors in achieving innovative projects for the agro-ecological transition in West Africa.

Support for agro-ecological transition involves supporting producers to change their production systems by improving the mobilization of ecological processes existing in nature (biomass recycling, nitrogen fixation by legumes, mobilizing crop auxiliaries, etc.), reducing the use of synthetic inputs while seeking to use them more efficiently. Agroecology consists in the ecological and sustainable intensification of agricultural and livestock production, with emphasis on priorities for increasing land and labour productivity and improving household farm incomes. More specifically, the Agro-Ecological Transition Support Project (AETSP) aims to help combat the poverty of vulnerable populations, improve food and nutritional security, and strengthen the resilience of household farms to climate change (more severe hazards, etc.) and its consequences. Concrete actions should enable the emergence, adoption and dissemination of ecologically intensive and sustainable farming practices in household farms and village land management practices, as well as the management and organization methods promoting this adoption. As part of supporting the analysis and evaluation of technical project files on agro ecological transition in West Africa and possible monitoring of innovative field initiatives in ECOWAS Member States, RAAF plans to enrich its database of thematic experts.

II- Duties

- Participate in the evaluation of technical project files;
- Be available to contribute to the enrichment of thematic reflections on agro ecological transition and agro ecological intensification in West Africa;
- Be available to contribute to capitalization or to the monitoring of innovative actions on agro ecological transition in ECOWAS Member States.

III- Qualifications / Experiences

- A University degree of minimum level, Bac+ 5 in rural development or environmental sciences (agriculture, livestock, hydraulics, agro economy, agro ecology, natural resource management, environment, project management, or other related fields);
- A professional experience of at least 10 years in project evaluation;
- A good knowledge of agro ecological transition and principal actors, particularly, NGOs, farmers' organisations, research institutions and training centers is essential;
- A strong experience in support and monitoring activities of field project operators;
- A good knowledge of the West African context of family and sustainable farming and the ECOWAS Regional Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) is desirable.

IV- Applications requirements

- Enjoy civil rights and be of good character;
- A solid work experience in West Africa is necessary;
- Team work experience is highly expected;
- The selected consultants will be registered in the RAAF database and will benefit from periodic short-term contracts for the tasks that will be requested of them.

V- Applications file

The application package is made up of:

- A recent curriculum vitae detailing the work experience and similar assignment.

VI- Language

Must speak and read fluently one of the official languages of ECOWAS: English, French and Portuguese. A working knowledge in one of the other two languages would be an advantage

VII-Submission of applications

Interested candidates should send their applications to the following address, not later than **11 SEPT 2018** by 17 h 00 GMT:

Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF)

83, Rue de la Pâtur, Lomé Togo (sealed envelope « Application for short-term consultants specializing in agro ecological transition in West Africa»)

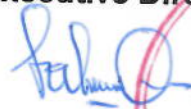
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With object: « Application for short-term consultants specializing in agro ecological transition in West Africa »

VIII- Selection method

A Consultant will be selected according to the qualification-based selection method as defined in the ECOWAS procurement Code. An interview session may be organized with a short List of consultants.

The Executive Director



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