

**Expression of Interest Notice**

Selecting an Individual Consultant

Review and update of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy document of the Republic of Benin, and development of its implementation action plan

Announcement Number : ARAA/LOA-FAO/2020/AMI/08
Opening Date : 22 AVR 2020
Deadline for Submission : 13 MAI 2020
Number of years of experience : Not less than 10 years of experience

I- Background

The important role played by the fisheries and aquaculture sector in food and nutrition security and chronic poverty reduction remains under-recognized and undervalued in West Africa. For example, efforts towards the growth of the fisheries and aquaculture sector have been very insufficient during the first decade of implementation of the ECOWAS Regional Agricultural Policy - ECOWAP (2025 Strategic Policy Framework).

Several ECOWAS Member States' national fisheries and aquaculture policies and strategies were developed and adopted more than 10 years ago; currently they need to be adapted to the evolving regional and global context to effectively address food and nutrition security concerns, as well as other emerging issues such as climate change, migration, youth unemployment in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Furthermore, national fisheries and aquaculture policies and strategies are not clearly integrated into the country's National Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutrition Security Program (PNIASAN), which represents the single official national framework for the mobilization of internal and external financial and technical resources for the sustainable development of the sector. To improve on this situation, the ECOWAS Commission (Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development) will conduct, through the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF), a consultancy service on the necessary updates of this national policy and strategy document for fisheries and aquaculture in Benin aimed at contributing to food and nutrition security and poverty reduction within the populations

- Holding a postgraduate degree (at least a Master's degree) in fisheries and aquaculture, economics and/or natural resources management or maritime affairs with an expertise in fisheries policy and governance or in another fisheries and aquaculture related field.
- Having at least a 10 year relevant experience in fisheries management, aquaculture management, fisheries policy analysis or fisheries policy assistance;
- Having a proof of relevant experience in the planning and implementation of programs and policies in the fisheries and aquaculture sector or in related fields.

VI- Language Proficiency

Fluency in one of the three working languages of ECOWAS (English, French, and Portuguese) is required. Good linguistic knowledge (written and spoken) of a second working language of the Commission would be an asset.

VII- Location, Duration and Start of the Mission

The Consultant will be Cotonou-based (Benin) and will work closely with the Fisheries Production Directorate and the FAO FIRST Program Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy Senior Officer located in ECOWAS. The duration of the consultancy is 21 working days spread over a maximum period of two months.

VIII- Application File

The applicant is required to provide the followings:

- A letter of expression of interest, including the time limit for availability;
- An up to date résumé detailing professional experiences and similar assignments;
- A document stating his understanding of the terms of reference and presenting the methodology to be used (5 pages maximum).
- Three professional references (first and last names, current position, position at the time of the collaboration with the Consultant, email and telephone contacts)
- A Copy of the highest degree;
- A Copy of the proof of work or service rendered, listed in the curriculum vitae;

NB: Incomplete applications will be rejected.

IX- Applications Submission:

Applications must be received at the latest by **11.3 MAI 2020** at 16:00 hrs GMT, by e-mail at the following address:

Agence Régionale pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation (ARAA)

83, Rue de la Pâtur, Lomé, Togo

Email: Procurement@araa.org:

Subject: "Application for Review and Update of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy document of the Republic of Benin, and development of its implementation action plan".

II- Purpose of the Consultancy mission

This consultancy aims at supporting the review and update of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy document of the Republic of Benin, and the development of its implementation action plan; in accordance with the new orientations of the National Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutrition Security Program of Benin, the ECOWAS Comprehensive Strategic Framework for the Development of Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in West Africa (CSDD PAD), the African Union policy and strategic framework for fisheries and aquaculture reform, and other relevant international instruments (see Terms of Reference -ToR attached).

III- Expected Outcomes

During this mission, the Consultant will deliver to the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) of the ECOWAS Commission and the Directorate of Fisheries Production of Benin the following products:

- The draft version of the updated policy and strategic document on fisheries and aquaculture of Benin and its action plan.
- The final version of the updated national policy and strategic document of fisheries and aquaculture and that of its action plan adopted and the report of the validation workshop of Benin.

IV- Activities

More specifically, the Consultant will undertake, under the supervision of the Director of Agriculture and Rural Development of the ECOWAS Commission and the Directorate of Fisheries Production of Benin, the followings:

- Writing an initial report (understanding of the terms of reference, presentation of the methodology and work timeline of the consultancy mission).
- Conducting an analytical review with a view of updating the national fisheries and aquaculture policy and strategy document of Benin; and developing its implementation action plan in accordance with the new orientations of the country's National Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutrition Security Program.
- Presenting the draft version of the updated National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy document at the validation workshop and drafting the report thereof.
- Finalizing the updated National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy Document of Benin and its implementation action plan taking into account the observations and recommendations of the workshop.

V- Required Qualifications and Experience

The Consultant will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

NB: Application subject should read:

"Application for the Review and Update of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Strategy document of the Republic of Benin, and development of its implementation action plan".

Failure to state the above on the application, will be grounds for no consideration.

X- Selection Method

The consultant will be selected using the qualification-based selection method as defined in the ECOWAS Public Procurement Code. Only short-listed applications will be contacted. The RAAF reserves the right not to proceed with this expression of interest.

The Executive Director



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