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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 implementation of the agricultural sector priorities of the Regional Climate Strategy.**

**Selection of an international consultant for the evaluation of the national budget sensitive to climate change in six (06) ECOWAS member states. (Benin, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo).**

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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 1<sup>er</sup> 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 targets nevertheless vary widely from one country to another. Most member states have presented conditional emission reduction targets, subject to the mobilization 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 88<sup>ème</sup> 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 meet 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 specialized institutions and member states to mobilize financial resources, set up 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 (ARAA) therefore applied for and obtained funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as an implementing partner for member states under the preparatory support program. Thus, on March 28, 2023, the GCF approved the regional program for funding of 1.4 million USD 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 "Strengthening the institutional capacity of ECOWAS and its member states to access climate finance to support the implementation of the RSC's agricultural sector priorities".

One of the challenges remains the allocation of budget to the agricultural sector, taking into account the challenges of climate change. This regional readiness program will support a pilot study to assess 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- MISSION OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the international consultant is to support six (6) national consultants in conducting a review of climate-sensitive public investment budgets in six (6) ECOWAS member states (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal, and Togo) in order to propose

concrete recommendations for reorientation towards budgetary investments at both national and regional levels.

### **3- EXPECTED RESULTS :**

- 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 prioritized taking into account their climate impact;
- Sustainable public procurement: deploying sustainable public procurement to align public purchasing decisions while limiting environmental impacts;
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV): an MRV system to help manage the climate trajectory.

### **4- MISSIONS AND MANDATES**

Taking into account the budgets of the last five (5) years, the international consultant in close collaboration with each national consultant shall:

- Carry out a critical review of the literature on climate-sensitive budgeting in the six (6) countries, based on the report produced by each national consultant;
- Determine the extent of the State's commitment to combating climate change in the six (6) pilot countries;
- Review and contribute to reports produced by each national consultant and ensure quality assurance;
- Based on the six (6) pilot country reports, produce a technical guidance note for decision-making at national and regional levels;
- Participate in meetings to validate the various reports, including the summary report;

### **5- EXPECTED DELIVERABLES**

The deliverables for this assignment are as follows:

-A scoping note describing in detail the methodology for carrying out the assignment,

Six (6) climate-sensitive budget review reports from the six (06) pilot countries examined,  
Technical guidance notes for national and regional decision-making on climate-sensitive budgeting in the agricultural sector.

### **6- CONSULTANT PROFILE**

The international consultant must have the following references:

-Graduate degree (minimum Bac +5) in Environmental Economics, Economics, Public Finance or other degree deemed equivalent;

- At least ten (10) years' professional experience in public policy analysis, budget planning and public finance management.

-Have carried out at least (3) missions to develop and/or evaluate budgets sensitive to climate change;

-Experience in setting up a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system in connection with climate action monitoring is a major asset.

-Strong leadership, teamwork and communication skills;

-Knowledge of the challenges of the ECOWAS Regional Climate Strategy and ECOWAP;

## **7- LANGUAGES**

Fluent in one of the official ECOWAS languages: English, French or Portuguese. Working knowledge of a second language would be an additional asset.

## **8- DURATION**

The total execution time is 90 working days for a maximum level of effort of 60 man-days, i.e. 10 man-days per country from the date of the mission start-up order.

## **9- ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

The ECOWAS Commission, through the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (ARAA) hereby invites individuals to express their interest in providing the required services by providing information demonstrating that they possess the required 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 FORM**

The application file consists of :

- A letter of expression of interest, including a deadline for availability;
- A recent curriculum vitae clearly presenting the assignments carried out (purpose, period, customer, key result);
- Three professional references (first and last names, current position, position at time of collaboration, email and telephone contacts);

**NB: Incomplete applications will be rejected.**

## **11- SUBMISSION OF FILES**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **October 29, 2024 at 17:00 GMT .**

Submission links: applications must be submitted by download to the following address:

<https://bit.ly/3ZNI6Gp>

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

ARAA reserves the right not to consider applications that do not comply with the above submission requirements.

#### **12- SELECTION METHOD**

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

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The RAAA 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](mailto:procurement@araa.org) cc: [ctienon@araa.org](mailto:ctienon@araa.org) , [lbarnabo@araa.org](mailto:lbarnabo@araa.org), [plambonikolani@araa.org](mailto:plambonikolani@araa.org) and [bkpessiglo@araa.org](mailto:bkpessiglo@araa.org) with " **SCI025 - FVC - Evaluation Budget climat** " in the subject line.