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## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**SELECTION OF A TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY FIRM BY AGENCE FRANÇAISE  
DE DÉVELOPPEMENT FUNDING BENEFICIARIES**

Memo produced in the framework of the **Programme d'Appui à la Sécurité Alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest (PASANAO, Support Programme for Food and Nutritional Security in West Africa)**

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**Countries:** ECOWAS (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo)

**Project Name:** Support Programme for Food and Nutritional Security in West Africa (PASANAO)

**Grant:** No. CZZ-1431

**TITLE OF CONSULTING SERVICE:** 'Final Evaluation of and Knowledge Development on Innovative Operations in Favour of Food Security and nutrition Financed by PASANAO'

**Date:** 20 March 2017

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has received €10.4 M in funding from the Agence Française de Développement to cover most of the cost of the *Programme d'Appui à la Sécurité Alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest* (PASANAO, Support Programme for Food and Nutritional Security in West Africa). ECOWAS intends to allocate some of the funding to payments related to the study '*Evaluation finale et capitalisation des opérations innovantes en faveur de la sécurité alimentaire, financées par le PASANAO*' (Final Evaluation of and Knowledge Development on Innovative Operations in Favour of Food Security Financed by PASANAO) for which the present Call for Expressions of Interest is issued.

This programme is structured in four components:

- Component 1: Support implementing a renewed approach to food security by strengthening market information systems, expanding nutritional watch systems, conducting household income surveys, setting up a 'Food Security' Master, and improving the link between information and decision making.
- Component 2: Institutional support to ECOWAS and its member States to implement and coordinate their policies in two key areas for food security: agricultural market regulation and social safety nets.
- Component 3: Support financing innovative food and nutrition security operations.
- Component 4: Coordination of activities and technical support for their execution.

In the framework of component 3, PASANAO cofinanced 24 innovative operations covering 7 topic areas. The table below provides an overview of these operations:

	Topic Areas	Number of Projects Cofinanced	Amount of PASANAO Funding (in €)	Project Execution Duration
<b>Call for Proposals no. 1</b>	Food Fortification and Local Production of Nutritional Supplement Products	3	687,393	24 months
	Securing Pastoral Activity Systems	2	538,303	24 months
	Bolstering Agricultural Credit and Insurance Systems	2	324,869	24 months
<b>Call for Proposals no. 2</b>	The Storage and Marketing of Agricultural Produce, and Market Risk Management	5	853,272	18 months
	Food-Related Behaviours, Challenges to Optimize Local Resources	5	783,551	18 months
<b>Call for Proposals no. 3</b>	Resilient Agricultural Techniques in Response to Climate Change (knowledge production)	4	468,867	12 months
	Jobs and Vocational Training for Rural Youths (knowledge production)	3	321,937	12 months
<b>TOTAL</b>		24	3,978,192	

In addition to the periodic tracking throughout the execution of these projects, ECOWAS intends to conduct a final evaluation of and knowledge development on them. Given scheduling and budgetary constraints, the decision was made to combine the final evaluation and knowledge development into a single process. This process is the subject of the present call for expressions of interest.

ECOWAS is therefore calling for expressions of interest from regional<sup>1</sup> Technical Consultancy Firms (TCFs) for the provision of the following services: (i) evaluate, in each of the areas covered by the PASANAO calls for proposals, the strengths and weaknesses of the technical outcomes of the actions conducted; (ii) draw lessons from this evaluation for future programmes under the 2016-2020 PRIASAN; (iii) draw up a comprehensive report on project launch, contracting, monitoring and implementation modalities; and (iv) based on this report, formulate recommendations for the RAAF's future activities.

In order to confirm their eligibility for AFD funding, each consultant must include a duly signed Declaration of Integrity (located in the Appendix to this document) with their application.

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<sup>1</sup> Have headquarters based in an ECOWAS country and experience in several countries in the region.

**Interested candidates must provide information demonstrating that they are qualified to provide the services (brochures, references regarding the execution of analogous contracts, experience in similar conditions, availability of the necessary knowledge among staff, etc.).**

The similar nature of experience shall be analysed based on:

- the size of contracts,
- the nature of the service: project evaluation and/or knowledge development,
- the technical area: food security,
- the geographic context: West Africa.

ECOWAS shall establish a shortlist of approximately six (6) TCFs preselected based on the applications received; shortlisted candidates will receive the Call for Tender packet for the provision of the requested services.

**The Expressions of Interest, exclusively in PDF format, must be submitted by 20 April 2017 at noon Lomé time at the latest to the following email address: [appels@araa.org](mailto:appels@araa.org).**

***These emails must include the notation 'To the attention of the Executive Director of the RAAF'.***

Any requests for information must be sent exclusively via email by 10 April 2017 at the latest, and addressed to:

- *Amadou Mactar KONATE – PASANAO Coordinator ([akonate@araa.org](mailto:akonate@araa.org)), cc: Borgui YERIMA – PASANAO Programme Officer ([byerima@araa.org](mailto:byerima@araa.org)).*

Any written communication regarding the present CEI shall be in French or English.

## APPENDIX 1: DECLARATION OF INTEGRITY, ELIGIBILITY AND SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Name: .....Head of .....

To: The ECOWAS Commission, the “**Contracting Authority**”

1. We recognise and accept that the Agence Française de Développement (“**AFD**”) only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which it has entered into with the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our subcontractors. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the contract procurement and its subsequent performance.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors are in any of the following situations:

2.1) being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;

2.2) having been convicted, within the past five years by decision of a court decision, which has the force of res judicata in the country where the project is implemented, of one of the acts mentioned in sections 6.1 to 6.4 below or of any other offense committed during the procurement or performance of a contract;<sup>2</sup>

2.3) being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;

2.4) having committed serious professional misconduct within the past five years during the procurement or performance of a contract;

2.5) not having fulfilled our obligations regarding the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are established or the Contracting Authority's country;

2.6) having been convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata, of one of the acts mentioned in sections 6.1 to 6.4 below or of any other offense committed during the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed contract;

2.7) being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank since 30 May 2012, and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr><sup>3</sup>;

2.8) having committed misrepresentation in documentation requested as part of the contract procurement procedure.

1. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:

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<sup>2</sup> In the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Declaration of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this AFD-financed contract.

<sup>3</sup>In the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Declaration of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this AFD-financed contract.

3.1) being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.2) having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the selection procedure or the supervision of the resulting contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.3) being controlled by or controlling another bidder or being under common control with another bidder, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder, having the same legal representative as another bidder, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective bids, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;

3.4) being engaged in a consultancy activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;

3.5) in the case of a works or goods procurement procedure:

- i. having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation that are subject of the bid;
- ii. having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this contract.

4. If we are a government-owned entity, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.

5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.

6. In the context of procurement and performance of the contract:

6.1) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit.

6.2) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit.

6.3) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the person occupies, (ii) any other person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a public officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another person or entity, for such public officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity.

6.4) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any private person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of

any kind, for himself or another person or entity for such private person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations.

6.5) We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings.

6.6) Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our subcontractors shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France.

6.7) We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our subcontractors comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risk mitigation measures such as specified in the environmental and social management plan or, if appropriate, in the environmental and social impact assessment notice provided by the Contracting Authority.

7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our subcontractors authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement and performance of the Contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

**Name:** .....

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Duly empowered to sign the bid in the name and on behalf of** .....

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 2017