



## **FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN AFRICA**

### **Terms of Reference for Short Term Consultant for CAADP Pillar IV Implementation**

#### **REF: 1.1.0**

#### **1. Background**

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) is a continent-wide forum of stakeholders engaged in African agricultural research and development. FARA has been mandated by both the African Union Commission and AU-NEPAD to serve as the Pillar Lead Institution for the AU/NEPAD's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Pillar IV. FARA provides a strategic platform for catalyzing and facilitating continental and global networking to reinforce the capacities of Africa's national agricultural research systems and sub-regional organizations. FARA makes this contribution through its five Networking Support Functions (NSFs).

#### **2. The objectives of the assignment**

NSF-1 is responsible for advocacy and resource mobilization on behalf of the Forum's stakeholders and coordinates the Secretariat's lead role in the implementation of CAADP Pillar IV. The unit supports the integration of FAAP principles and the inclusion of Pillar IV issues in agriculture sector investment programmes developed within the CAADP framework as well as assisting with the evolution and reform of national agricultural research systems at sub-regional and national levels. NSF-1 leads the process to promote the awareness of key players in Pillar IV implementation. FARA is seeking to recruit a consultant for six-months to provide technical support to assist with the expected increased activity in Pillar IV implementation in 2010.

#### **3. Scope of services**

The consultant will work with the Director, Networking Support Function 1 and the NSF1 team in achieving the goals of the Pillar IV process.

The successful candidate, shall, *inter alia*, undertake the following:

- Track progress in the implementation of Pillar IV at the sub-regional and national levels in accordance with NSF-1 Work Plan and provide monthly progress reports to the Director;
- Assist in compilation of NSF reports on Pillar IV implementation;
- Assist with the organization of workshops and meetings;
- Conduct research and contribute to maintaining and disseminating an up-to-date knowledge of the most recent trends and emerging advocacy and institutional issues that affect African agriculture in general, and the poor and vulnerable food producers and consumers in particular;

- Maintain an up-to-date donor intelligence (donor priorities, policies and opportunities) database on agricultural research that will support Forum members in their resource mobilization efforts;
- Maintain contact with FARA stakeholders and key NSF 1 constituents and partners;
- Contribute to the development of progress reports of NSF1;
- Work with NSF staff, development partners and other external partners to facilitate the flow of information, evaluation and learning for maximum impact;
- Any other duties as may be assigned by the NSF1 Director and FARA management;

#### **4. FARA's Responsibilities**

FARA will provide the consultant with:

- a. All relevant FARA related information

#### **5. Competences and Experience**

The Consultant will not have less than 2 years work experience in research, international technology and/or evaluating information. Educational and professional qualifications will include:

- Masters of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Management, agricultural education and extension or a related field with a minimum of 2 years post graduate experience in research in an International Organisation.
- Must have good knowledge of agricultural research issues and the contribution of agricultural research to food security and poverty reduction.
- Excellent research skills demonstrated in previous jobs;
- Work experience on management of donor funded projects [particularly projects funded by multilateral agencies will be an added advantage].
- Proven track record in working effectively within multidisciplinary teams.

The candidate is expected to have an understanding of FARA, CAADP and Pillar IV and the issues, challenges and constraints of Pillar IV implementation that will guide him/her to track the progress of Pillar IV implementation in selected countries.

The candidate must be able to read and absorb large and complex documents and make the appropriate conclusion that will contribute to reviews of the agriculture sector as well as monitoring of performance of CAADP Pillar IV.

#### **6. Expected Outputs**

The outputs will be:

- Draft quarterly and semi-annual reports of Pillar IV implementation
- Draft report of the most recent trends of emerging advocacy, resource mobilization and other institutional issues that affect agriculture research technology dissemination and adoption in Africa and summary reports of their impact in selected countries.
- Up-to-date database of recent trends of emerging advocacy, resource mobilization and other institutional issues that affect agriculture research technology dissemination and adoption.

- Up-to-date database of donor information.

## **7. Assignment Period**

The period of assignment will be for six months and final reports should be submitted at the end of the six-month contract.

## **8. On-site stay**

The consultant will be located at the FARA Secretariat in Accra, Ghana.

## **9. Procedures and deadline for submitting applications**

Those wishing to be considered for this consultancy should submit their technical application, preferably by email to:

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