

Terms of Reference

Consultancy to Conduct Continental Mapping of Climate Change Initiative in Africa

Reference: CAADP-XP4 Output 2/ Activity 2.1 / 2020

A. Background

Climate change is a global phenomenon with associated implication on different components of human life. The agricultural sector is tagged as the source and sink of the greenhouse gasses and it is the sector that is most affected by the scourge of destabilization of the climate variables. Prior to the upsurge of the climate change constraints, Africa agriculture has its intrinsic challenges, ranging from low farm productivity as a result of poor use of external resources. It engages largest population of rural poor with low level literacy and lack of resources as such appreciation and acquisition of improved technologies is limiting. The agricultural sector in Africa also suffers a huge investment gap in infrastructure, supportive policies as well as unstructured planning for growth and quality delivery.

The climate change issues in Africa agriculture has attracted substantial attention from the policies and technical sides. A handful of initiatives has been launched and implemented at the different administrative levels. The two broad categories of interventions are Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Climate Change Mitigation (CCM). The climate change efforts in Africa seems to move in various direction without any coordination and hence, stewardship and strategic planning is difficult. The European Union under the DeSIRA initiative aims to strengthen the deployment of science and innovation to achieve inclusive, sustainable and climate relevant transformation. The pillar two of this support aims to strengthen the institutional architecture to achieve the DeSIRA objectives. A key activity under this initiative is to convene a continental mapping of all climate change initiative past and present in order to characterize them., assess the contributions to change and map the way forward. This activity was designed to be conducted by all the organizations within the CAADP -XP4 framework viz., FARA, the SROs and AFAAS.

To achieve the objective of this activity, FARA will be engaging the service of a suitable consultant on a long-term basis to function as its climate change associate.

This ToR explicates the process for this engagement, the desired qualification, experience and the desired deliverables.

B. Objectives of the Assignment

The central objective of this engagement is to generate comprehensive information on the state of climate change preparedness in Africa countries to inform further action.

Specific objectives

- The development of comprehensive data assessment instrument for use at the SRO level for collection of information from the countries.
- Support the collation of relevant data from the SROs on the state of climate change initiatives at the country level.
- Develop an interactive map of climate change initiatives in Africa countries.
- Documentation of the state of affairs with climate change initiatives in Africa.
- Development, publication and dissemination of policy analysis.

C. SCOPE and SCHEME of WORK

The consultant will work with the FARA Lead Specialist for Innovation systems and partnerships and carry out the following functions.

1. Design the data collection tool and or instrument for use by the SROs to collect all needed information to make a comprehensive mapping of the climate change action in the countries and at sub-regional level.
2. Support the design of ToR for the engagement of suitable consultant at the SRO level to carry out of the country studies.
3. Collate the information from the different SROs and by implication the countries to form the country and the sub-regional reports.
4. Work with an ICT expert [consultant] to develop the continental map of climate change initiative with digital strings and geographical referencing- This will be an outline repository for update and real time information this action will be carried out with support of an IT consultant.
5. Support FARA ZIPs Lead Specialist to organize the continental climate change conference in alignment with key continental and global organization. (a). Facilitate discussion at the conference and collate report, (b). Prepare the report and package the information in a publishable form.
6. Produce a documentation on the future of climate change with needed action based on smart analysis.
7. Develop a coherent policy briefs suitable for continental use through the SRO reports as well as at the country studies.

D. Outputs or Deliverables

The following outputs are expected from the consultant's activities:

- i. Climate change assessment tool developed and shared to facilitate SRO led country studies.
- ii. Harmonized report on the state of climate change in Africa countries published.
- iii. The interactive map of climate change initiatives uploaded and made public for use.
- iv. Report of systematic analysis and policy briefs developed.
- v. Report on partnership formation and partnership map for climate change developed and disseminated.



E. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of this assignment will be **40 Man Days** spread over six months. The work shall be carried out over the period of *May 2020 to October 2020*.

F. Location of the Assignment

The consultant will work virtually from its place of domicile with intermittent work mission to the FARA secretariat; the lead consultant will travel to the different location when necessary to follow-on with the SRO led country data collection and analysis.

G. Performance Criteria

The Consultant is expected to undertake the services with the highest standards of professionalism and ethics, competence and integrity. He should be able to deliver the listed assignments in Section C in a most effective and efficient manner, within the period of assignment stated in Section E.

H. Reporting

The consultants shall report through the FARA Lead Specialist on Innovation Systems, to the Director of Research and Innovation on the assignment and on all other logistics until the deliverables are submitted as required.

I. Facilities to be Provided By FARA

FARA will provide the following materials to facilitate the assignment of the consultant:

- Access to FARA documents on Climate change issues in Africa.
- Linkage with the contact person in the SROs on the assignment
- Logistics arrangements to support the needed liaison with lead organization.
- Travel ticket and modest per-diem based on FARA revised system for all missions to carry out the assignment.
- FARA will arrange linkages with the SROs and other institution to provide site specific logistic support, for specific assignment

J. Qualification and Experience

The following qualifications are required;

Consultant [Climate Change Associate]:

- A minimum of a PhD degree in Agricultural economics, Agricultural Administration, Agricultural Extension, or Agronomy with at least 15 years post qualification experience working on various agricultural research and development issues in a research institution or a University.
- A good understanding of climate change issues in Africa agriculture, evidenced with publications.
- A proven record of running consultancy services to international agricultural organization on various research and development issues.
- A track record of writing reports evidenced by publication record, such as study reports, books, chapters in books, conference papers and journal articles.
- Ability *to* provide accurate, high quality analysis and documents under pressure.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should send their expression of interest and comprehensive curriculum vitae via email to the address below by close of business on **Wednesday, 20th May 2020**.

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