

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Facilitation of trainings and foresight analysis to foster alignment and partnership for implementation of Agricultural Transformation Initiative (ATI) in Malawi

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A. Background

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) has established the African Foresight Academy (AFA) to strengthen Africa's foresight capacity on how innovation and knowledge can best help surmount the diverse challenges facing agriculture for more responsive agri-food system. The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World (FSFW) launched the Agricultural Transformation Initiative (ATI), which has been implementing program in Malawi including the CAT, DRAM and MWAPATA. ATI recognizes foresight analysis as a mechanism to review its research for development (R4D) efforts to fine-tune's its research agenda and facilitate uptake of 21st century science, technology and innovation (STI) solutions targeted at raising the productivity of Malawian agriculture and to offer gender-responsive viable alternatives to smallholder tobacco farming. The FSFW is in partnership with FARA to undertake a foresight analysis for the ATI in Malawi to gather evidence and tease out innovation needs that support efforts of the ATI toward identifying and promoting viable alternative livelihoods to tobacco smallholder farming in Malawi.

Consequently, FARA is seeking the service of a high-level consultants to facilitate foresight Stakeholder Analysis in Malawi for the Agricultural Transformation Initiative (ATI).

Objectives of assignment

The overall objective of the assignment is to facilitate trainings and foresight analysis to foster alignment and partnership for implementation of Future alternatives for gender-responsive and climate-smart post-tobacco farming systems in Malawi.

B. Scope of Work

- a. Facilitate Preparation of stakeholders' workshops to look at existing challenges, probable future trajectories, and driving forces of a gender-equitable and climate-resilient post-tobacco system in Malawi.
- b. Facilitate a normative foresight process through back-casting to analyze likely pathways to achieving the STI needs within Malawi post-tobacco system
- c. Facilitate the development of gender-responsive and climate-relevant scenario maps through involvement of ATI partners and beneficiaries
- d. Compile workshop report and participate in upfront the field work on foresight
- e. Submission of Draft Report followed by Final Report

C. Expected Output and Deliverables

The consultant is expected to submit an inception report (1 week after contract signing), draft report and a final report on the assigned activities facilitated by FARA by 30th December 2020.

D. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of the assignments will be for 20-man days, which may be spread across the year and will be concluded by 31st December 2020.

E. Location of the Assignment

Depending on the individual task, the assignments will be home-based, at a FARA event or at FARA secretariat.

F. Performance Criteria

The consultant is expected to undertake the services with the highest standards of professional /ethical competence and integrity. He/ she should be able to deliver the listed assignments in a most effective and efficient manner, within the period of assignment stated in Section E.

G. Reporting

The consultant will be reporting to the Executive Director of FARA through the Directorate for Research and Innovation (DRI) and Capacity Development & Agripreneurship research cluster.

H. Facilities to be provided by FARA

FARA will provide the consultant all reports on foresight activities facilitated so far and any other logistical support, as may be agreed, to facilitate execution of the assignment

I. Competencies and Experience

The consultant(s) should be:

- A minimum of a Master's degree in Agricultural economics, Agricultural Administration, Agricultural Extension, or Agronomy with at least 10 years post qualification experience working on various agricultural research and development issues in a research institution or a University.
- Familiar with foresight analysis and modules
- Familiar with foresight capacity activities and S3A
- A seasoned agricultural research and development professional with more than 5 years' experience in leading agricultural research and development issues at the continental and global level.
- Should be highly knowledgeable on the issues affecting African agricultural development, agricultural research, education, science and technology.
- Have good knowledge of foresight in agriculture at the continental level.
- Should have demonstrated capacity to facilitate high level dialogue on agricultural development issues in Africa
- Familiar with FARA's role in African agricultural research and development and should portray virtues of integrity and confidentiality.

Procedures and deadline for submitting detailed CV

FARA will select consultants from among its database of consultants with emphasis on professionals involved in foresight studies. If interested, please send your expression of interest

and comprehensive curriculum vitae via email to the address below by close of business on **Tuesday, 21st July 2020.**

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