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Terms of reference:

Regional Consultation Workshop

**for the official launch and Implementation of the Regional Project for the
Promotion of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in West Africa**

Dates: November 17 to 20, 2020

Venue: Hôtel A9 Agbelouve (around 60 km from Lomé), Togo

November 2020

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1. General Background

As part of its agricultural policy (ECOWAP/PPDAA) adopted in 2005, complemented by its strategic programme on vulnerability reduction and adaptation to climate change, ECOWAS launched a West African Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (CSA) in June 2015. This alliance contributes to the implementation of the continental alliance which aims at the adoption of CSA practices by 25 million households by 2025. Several initiatives are currently being implemented in the ECOWAS region, particularly within the framework of the 11th EDF, which provides for a strengthening of the existing technical and financial mechanism. In the context of the agro-ecological zones of West Africa, the promotion of CSA and ecologically intensive agriculture techniques will make it possible to improve the level of soil carbon and its mitigation, as water retention will make it possible to reduce short-term climatic stresses affecting agro-sylvo-pastoral production.

It is within this framework that ECOWAS benefits from a grant agreement from the BOAD for the implementation of the project for the promotion of climate smart agriculture in West Africa which is an initiative financed by the Adaptation Fund. This initiative is co-constructed in partnership between the ECOWAS Commission and all key actors and stakeholders operating in the West African sub-region. The countries covered are Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo. Delegates from these countries as well as their Designated Authority (DA) of the Adaptation Fund participated in the consultation process on the development of the project and endorsed it. The local populations of the areas planned for the implementation of the project also participated in the consultations and preliminary studies on the formulation of the said project.

1.2. Project Objectives

General objective

The regional project "Promotion of Climate-smart Agriculture in West Africa" aims to reduce the vulnerability of farmers and pastoralists to increased climate risks. These risks hinder food security, income generation and the delivery of ecosystem services in poor communities.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Strengthening technical knowledge and capacity through regional and local interactions to promote agricultural practices that are resilient to the adverse effects of climate change;
- Strengthening best practices for adaptation to climate change in agriculture and pastoralism at both local and regional level
- Sharing knowledge and disseminating lessons learned on the best Three interlinked components have been designed as part of the project:

1.3. Project Components

The implementation of the project will be built on the following 3 components:

Component 1: Improving knowledge and building technical capacity through regional and local interactions to promote agricultural practices that are resilient to the adverse effects of climate change.

Through this component 1, the project will contribute to: (i) the development of regional synergy and complementarity that will strengthen national capacity to produce agro-climatic and meteorological information in order to understand current climate change trends spreading from the regional to the local level; (ii) the improvement of knowledge on resilience technologies, participatory and integrated design and planning of interventions, etc. in the framework of climate-smart agriculture; (iii) the effective prevention of the adverse effects of climate change on agricultural and livestock production and the strengthening of the resilience of vulnerable populations.

Component 2: Strengthening best practices related to climate change adaptation in agriculture and pastoralism at local and regional level

This component aims to promote climate-friendly agricultural techniques and technologies adapted to the project's coverage areas. To this end, the component will promote integrated techniques and activities related to water management, soil rehabilitation and conservation and livestock mobility to improve the resilience of beneficiaries and support the development of fields.

Component 3: Knowledge management on climate-resilient best agricultural practices including climate-smart agriculture.

This component will help develop and operationalize an information system and knowledge sharing for the adoption of resilient good agricultural practices to support food security, overall income, resilience and sustainability.

II. ORGANISATION OF THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

2.1. Objective of the workshop

The workshop aims at the official launch of the regional project for the promotion of climate smart agriculture in West Africa and the organisation of consultations between stakeholders for the effective start of activities.

Specifically, this means:

- Officially launch the project following its acceptance by the Adaptation Fund and the signing of the grant agreement between BOAD and ECOWAS;
- Strengthening the capacities of stakeholders on BOAD grant management procedures and the conditions of the Adaptation Fund (reporting, conditions precedent, etc.);
- Informing stakeholders on how the selection process for the sub-projects planned in the countries will be conducted;
- Preparing the annual budgeted work plan 2020/2021 and the multi-year plan 2020-2023;

- Agree on the institutional arrangements for the management and monitoring of the project at national/regional level and the establishment of national and regional project management units.

2.2. Date and venue of the workshop

The workshop will be held from November 17 to 20, 2020 in Hôtel A9 Agbelouve (around 60 km from Lomé), Togolese Republic. The workshop is planned to be held face-to-face while respecting the ECOWAS distancing measures, in order to enable fruitful exchanges to start the project.

2.3. Participants

The expected participants are as follows:

- Technical and financial partners invited for the launch on November 17: Adaptation Fund, AFD, EU, AECID, SDC, FAO, USAID, GIZ, Expertise France
- At regional level: BOAD, ECOWAS, CILSS/AGRHYMET, UEMOA, WASCAL, CORAF
- At national level: Ministries of Agriculture and Environment, Designated Authorities of the Adaptation Fund;
- Regional producer organisations: ROPPA,
- Provider: Global Lead

2.4. Agenda

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Timetable	Activities	Responsible
Day 1, November 17, 2020: Launch and Presentation of workshop objectives		
09:00am-10:00am	Arrival and registration of participants	ECOWAS
10:00am-11:00 am	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address by the ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources - Address by the Chairman of BOAD - Address by AFD - Address by the Adaptation Fund - Address by the Minister of Environment and Forest Resources of Togo - Opening address and launch of the project by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development of Togo 	ECOWAS/AfDB/Adaptation Fund/Ministries
11:00am-11:10am	- Presentation of the objectives of the meeting and the agenda	ARAA
11:10am-11:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
11:30am-1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Regional Project for the Promotion of Climate- Smart Agriculture (CSA) in West Africa - Discussions 	DADR
1:00pm-2:30pm	- Lunch break	ARAA
2:30pm-3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the expectations of the Adaptation Fund - Discussions 	Adaptation Fund
3:30pm-5:30pm	- Presentation of climate adaptation practices in the countries (agriculture and pastoralism)	Country
5:30pm-5:15pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
5:15pm-6:00 pm	- Exchanges and end of the day	Facilitator
Day 2, November 18, 2020: Presentation of the project implementation procedures		
9:00am-11:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of BOAD disbursement procedures - Discussions 	BOAD
11:00am-11:15am	<i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
11:15am-1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of BOAD procurement procedures - Discussions 	BOAD
1:00pm-2:30pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	ARAA
2.30pm-4.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of environmental and social standards - Discussions 	BOAD
4:30pm-4:45pm	- <i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
4:45pm-6:00 pm	- Exchanges and end of the day	Facilitator
Day 3, November 19, 2020: Discussion on the modalities of conducting the selection process of the sub-projects to be selected following the call for proposals.		
09:00am-10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the annual work plan 2021 and the multi-year plan 2021-2023 - Discussions 	ARAA

10:00am-10.30am am	<i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
10:30am-12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the call for proposals process for ECOWAS projects - Discussions 	ARAA
12:00pm-1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the procedures for implementation, monitoring-evaluation and capitalisation of projects resulting from ECOWAS Calls for Proposals 	ARAA
1:00pm-2:30pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	ARAA
2:30pm-4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of institutional arrangements for the management and monitoring of the project at regional level and the establishment of the regional management unit - Discussions 	ARAA
4:00pm-4:30pm	- <i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
4:30pm	- Synthesis of the work of day 3	Facilitator
Day 4, November 20, 2020: Presentation of the activities programme and perspectives		
09:00am-10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the institutional arrangement model in the implementation of the ECOWAS agro-ecology programme - Discussions 	ARAA
10:00am-10:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>	ARAA
10:30am-1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposals for institutional arrangements for the management and monitoring of the regional project for the promotion of Climate Intelligent Agriculture at regional and national levels. 	Country
1:00pm-2:30pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	ARAA
2:30pm-4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roadmap for the start of the project - Synthesis and closing 	President