



FED/2018/397-877 - Europe Aid/139095/IH/SER/MULTI Technical Assistance to ECOWAS for Improved Regional Fisheries Governance in Western Africa Programme (PESCAO, Component 1)



## Terms of Reference

### FOR A SHORT TERM MISSION FOR A SENIOR SHORT TERM EXPERT (STE) IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE POLICY, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

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## 1. Background

### 1.1 Short summary on the programme “Improved Regional Fisheries Governance in Western Africa (PESCAO)”

The contribution of fisheries to the economic development of West Africa is sub-optimal and the current management of fisheries threatens food security, means of subsistence and marine biodiversity. Climate change is likely to exacerbate this situation. Key problems and issues to be addressed include poor management of fish stocks, the importance of Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing, and lack of coordination and cooperation among regional institutions and national competent authorities.

The PESCAO Programme, funded by the European Union, aims at improving regional fisheries governance in Western Africa through better coordination of national fisheries policies. The programme consists of three components. First, it will support the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in developing a framework for regional fisheries priorities and facilitating cooperation with sub-regional organizations and development partners (Component 1). Second, it will build on the capacities of competent national and regional monitoring, control and surveillance authorities to deter IUU fishing (Component 2). This will be done by setting up a partnership with the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC), the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA). Third, it will support the coordinated approaches for shared fisheries management (Component 3). For more information, see the PESCAO programme Action Document.

### 1.2 The Technical Assistance PESCAO/ ECOWAS

Hosted by the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), in Abuja, Nigeria, the Technical Assistance will support ECOWAS in the achievement of result 1 of the PESCAO programme. This will be accomplished through five expected results, which are:

- ECOWAS developed a solid understanding of the regional fisheries issues
- A ECOWAS level a regional fisheries and aquaculture is drafted and adopted contributing to integration of fisheries issues in regional policies and strategies
- Institutional anchorage between RECs (ECOWAS and WAEMU) and RFBs (FCWC and SRFC) is defined and consolidated and operationalized
- a network of stakeholders is developed at ECOWAS level
- Coordination between fisheries projects and donors in Western Africa is reinforced



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## 2. Specific duties and methodology of the planned mission

### 2.1 Objective

The objective of the mission is to formulate an integrated and coordinated ECOWAS Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy document in complement of ECOWAP (Regional Agriculture Policy of ECOWAS), consistent with the international conventions, agreements and with the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa.

The successful consultant will familiarize him/her-self with the national fisheries and aquaculture policies and strategies of the Western African countries, and other regional policies documents relevant to the fisheries and aquaculture sector in ECOWAS area. He/she will analyse the existing International, Continental and Regional (WAEMU and ECOWAS) Conventions, Agreements and Laws.

### 2.2 Expected Outputs

- An inception report covering the interpretation of the terms of reference, the methodology and the work programme of the mission.
- A Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy for the ECOWAS Commission validated.

### 2.3 Activities

Under the supervision of the Team Leader of the PESCAO programme Component 1 and the Senior Policy Officer of the Fisheries and Aquaculture FIRST Programme at the ECOWAS Commission, the consultant is specifically required to undertake the following tasks:

- Prepare an inception report.
- Review and analyse international, continental and regional Conventions and Agreements relevant to fisheries and aquaculture.
- Review and analyse existing, continental and regional fisheries and aquaculture policies (AU Commission, SADC, COMESA and WAEMU).
- Review and analyse the ECOWAS Agriculture Policy (ECOWAP), the ECOWAS Environmental Policy (ECOWEP) and other ECOWAS Policy documents relevant to fisheries and aquaculture sector (Trade, Water resources, Health, Gender, ECOWAS Integrated Maritime Strategy).
- Prepare a draft regional fisheries and aquaculture policy consistent with international Conventions and Agreements as well as the Pan African Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for fisheries and aquaculture.
- Submit for discussion, the draft regional policy document at a validation workshop and finalise.

## 3. Time schedule

Twenty- one (21) working days



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#### 4. Date of presentation of report(s)

- Inception report: February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Draft formulated document of the ECOWAS Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy: March 27<sup>nd</sup> 2019.
- Validated document of the ECOWAS Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy: April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

#### 5. Qualifications

The candidates will be assessed against the following minimum requirements:

- At least a Master's degree (academic degree) in Fisheries, Aquaculture, Economics, Natural Resources Management or Marine Affairs with a specialization in Fisheries Policy, Management and/or Governance or other fields related to Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- 15 years of relevant experience in fisheries management, aquaculture management, fishery policy analysis, or fishery policy assistance.
- Relevant experience in planning and implementation of programmes in fisheries and aquaculture or related areas, and experience in Western Africa would be an asset.
- In depth understanding of the role of development and international organizations and stakeholders as well as regional institutions with competence in fisheries and aquaculture.

The candidate should be computer literate and have excellent communication and writing skills in English and French.