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### Terms of reference

## TRAINING OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EXPERTS FROM ECOWAS ON FORMULATION OF AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS

### I. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

In January 2005 in Accra, the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government adopted the ECOWAP Regional Agricultural Policy. This regional policy in line with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), resulted from an in-depth dialogue with Member States and the key stakeholders.

With the adoption by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources in Abuja on 12 December 2016 of 1) the framework of strategic guidelines COS-ECOWAP 2025; 2) of PRIA-SAN 2016-2020 and 3) ECOWAP 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, all key stakeholders in the implementation of the ECOWAS Common Agricultural Policy are involved in its operationalization.

Since agricultural investment projects are the key resource mobilization mechanism and the main "tool" of intervention for the realization of concrete activities for the benefit of the populations, it is essential to improve the quality of their formulation for the well implementation of ECOWAP 2025.

However, several officials and experts in charge of agriculture and food security from regional actors and ECOWAS member countries do not have sufficient technical knowledge on the formulation of agricultural investment projects.

to address this challenge the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food of ECOWAS organize a training sessions in the formulation of agricultural investment projects for the national and regional experts from the ECOWAS with technical support Of FAO through the project " Capacity Building for ECOWAP Implementation", funded by the Spanish Cooperation

### II.OBJECTIVES

The objective of this training is to strengthen the technical capacities of experts from ECOWAS member states and ECOWAS regional actors for the implementation of ECOWAP 2025.

The first round of training in line with ECOWAS priorities will be focus on the costing of agricultural investment projects and on the use of COSTAB software.

### III. EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected results are as follows:

- 50 experts involved in the formulation of projects in ministries in charge of agriculture in ECOWAS Member States have the technical knowledge required for the formulation and analysis of agricultural investment projects.

- 20 experts in charge of agriculture of ECOWAS regional organizations and key regional stakeholders of ECOWAP implementation have the technical knowledge required for the formulation and analysis of agricultural investment projects
- Training materials on agricultural investment project formulation are developed and made available to national and regional experts.

#### **IV.METHODOLOGY**

Based on the "Guidelines for the Design of Agricultural Investment Projects" developed by the FAO Investment Center, this training will be organized around two (2) training modules combined with case studies in working group.

##### **Module I: Design of agricultural investment projects**

On the basis of the lessons learned from the ECOWAP 1 process, emphasis will be placed on the strengthening of agricultural value chains and the promotion of instruments (regulatory and financial) in line with ECOWAP 2025.

This module aims to provide participants with the tools and methodological approach for improving the agricultural policies interventions:

1. Examination of options to address development issues and opportunities in the agriculture and food security
2. Definition of objectives and scope of projects to justify the commitment of resources.
3. Identification of the major constraints to be overcome in order to implement the projects.

##### **Module II: costing of agricultural Investment Projects**

This module will familiarize experts with the "costing" of agricultural investment projects through:

1. The budgeting of investment projects to ensure the efficiency of the projects;
2. Introduction to the "COSTAB" software

#### **V. CONDUCT OF TRAININGS AND PARTICIPANTS**

Given the theoretical and practical dimensions of the training, 3 training session will be organizing with a maximum of 25 participants in order to reach the targeted experts. An indicative agenda of training session is presented in Annex.

Two (02) experts involved in the projects formulation from ministries in charge of agriculture in each ECOWAS member state constitute the targeted audience for this training at the national level.

The experts in charge of agriculture of the ECOWAS regional organizations and actors level will also be invited to a dedicated session.

#### **VI. DATE AND PLACE**

Three (03) training sessions will be organized respectively:

**Training 1: from 13 to 17 February 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire**, for the representatives of the Francophone ECOWAS member countries, namely Guinea, Benin, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, including Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde

**Training 2: from 27 to 31 March 2017 in Freetown, Sierra Leone**, for the representatives of the English-speaking ECOWAS member countries, namely The Gambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana

**Training 3: from 04 to 08 April 2017 in Niamey, Niger** for the Experts from regional organizations and regional actors involved in the implementation of ECOWAP, namely the ECOWAS Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, ARAA, EBID, WAEMU, BOAD, CILSS, ROPPA, RBM, APESS, AFAO - WAWA, WILDAF, POSCAO



**ANNEX : INDICATIVE AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>J1</b>	<b>J2</b>	<b>J3</b>	<b>J4</b>	<b>J5</b>
08:30AM	+ 8h30 – 9h00 : Registration of participants + 9h00 – 10H00 : • Introductory remarks by the Representative of FAO • Opening remarks by the Executive Director of ARAA-RAAF, • Presentation of participants and their expectations regarding the training • Training rules to be proposed adopted	Module I: designing of agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break
10:15 AM – 01 PM :	Module I: designing of agricultural investment projects	Module I: Designing of agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)
01 PM – 02PM	Lunch break	Lunch break		Lunch break	Lunch break
02PM – 04PM	Module I: designing of agricultural investment projects	Module I: Designing of agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing budgeting of Agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)
04PM- 04:15 PM	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	
04:15 PM – 06:00 PM	Module I: Designing agricultural investment projects	Module I: Designing agricultural investment projects (Case study and group work)	Module II: costing budgeting of Agricultural investment projects	Module II: costing of Agricultural investment projects (Introduction to COSTAB)	Evaluation of the workshop Closing remarks and Closing Ceremony