



COMITE PERMANENT INTER-ETATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SECHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL
PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL



AGRHYMET Regional Centre

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Women applications are highly encouraged

AGRHYMET Regional Centre, specialised Institution of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), is recruiting a focal point of component 4 of the support Programme to the operationalization of "Regional Integrated Agriculture Information System "- ECOAGRIS

Position: Regional Focal point for the implementation of ECOAGRIS System.

Working place: The candidate will work in ABUJA (Nigeria) at ECOWAS commission's headquarter, with mission possibility in member states countries (CILSS/ECOWAS)

Directorate: Rural Development and Agriculture Directorate (DADR)

Department: Water Resources and Environment Agriculture (DAERE)

Duration of the Contract: The duration of the contract is one (1) year and is renewable (on basis of a satisfactory performance and according to available funding), with three (3) months trial period.

Classification: P4 – level: 01 (ECOWAS grid). The candidate will be recruited according to ECOWAS salary grid (monthly salary and various facilities paid to the professional staff operating at ECOWAS commission, in accordance with the grade and staff regulation).

Recruitment type: Permanent contract

Deadline: May 15th 2015

I. Background

Information has a key role in the implementation of Regional Agriculture policy (ECOWAP), considered as the agriculture development and food security reference framework in West Africa. It is as well relevant for UEMOA 's PAU implementation and the CSSA of the CILSS. It permits namely: (i) to conduct , do the Monitoring and Evaluation of national and Regional Agriculture policies ; (ii) anticipate food and Nutrition crises risks ; power the concertation and coordination between various stakeholders of agriculture Development ,food security and prevention-management of food and nutrition crises

ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS, decided, in Dakar 2009, to focus their action in food and Nutrition Information in a joint regional mechanism, ECOPAGRIS, under ECOWAS leadership, and playing a federator and integrator role of different Information systems of the region. The Regional Information System ECOAGRIS covers ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS member countries. It covers the following thematic domains, in the quantitative information field, namely:

- Agriculture, livestock and fishery productions;
- Environment and Natural Resources;
- The implementation of the cropping season on agro-hydro-meteorological field;
- National, Regional and International markets (price, flow);
- Staple food stocks;
- household vulnerability and livelihood conditions;
- Nutrition situation.

It is however related to knowledge management, namely in the field of Research results, the functioning and performance of majors, techniques and technologies, standards and regulations, etc.

The regional system ECOAGRIS is concerned with the following missions:

- Support to design and development of sustainable, independent, efficient and quality national information systems (on Institutional and financial plan).
- Institutional and Human Capacity-building of national and regional information systems.
- Support to internal and external fundraising to strengthen national (particularly for data collection) and regional systems.
- Harmonisation of collection processing and analysis methods, used by National Information systems in order to assure at regional scale the aggregation of products from national systems.
- Networking of National Information systems and their connexion with the regional focal person.
- Regional data base organisation, maintenance and stocking.
- Data analysis, their layout and availability for (i) decision making support, (ii) information and communication to various publics.
- Quality control of protocols and methodologies implemented and data certification, lying on a regional chart related to information quality.
- Monitoring and Research –Development related to the innovations in Information technologies domain.

ECOAGRIS is under the leadership and responsibility of ECOWAS commission. Through Agriculture, Environment and Water Resource Department (DAERE). Its implementation started with “7 pilot countries” in the framework of “Regional Food facility programme”, initiated by the European Union

as a response to December 2008 crisis .the continuation of it deployment on the entire region countries should be supported by the support project to Food security stocking in West Africa (funding grant EU-ECOWAS n° ROC/FED/24-947 du 13 juin 2014) , through component 4 “ Support to the operationalization of the regional system ECOAGRIS ” implemented in the framework of a grant established between ECOWAS commission and AGRHYMET Regional Centre .

A steering committee, composed of ECOAGRIS system members, guides and coordinates the three main functions of ECOAGRIS system that are namely : regional data base management and ii) analysis and decision –making support and iii) Information and communication . To implement that coordination function, the steering committee lays on a regional focal point (PFR) established near the DAERE/ECOWAS. The PFR constitutes as such the core of the regional Institutional Coordination of ECOAGRIS system, and assures the monitoring of the system.

II RESPONSABILITIES AND DUTIES

Within the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources Department (DADR/DAERE) of ECOWAS Commission, under the direct supervision of Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Regional Focal point (PRF) will namely be responsible of the following tasks:

- Do the Monitoring of Component 4 activities “Support to the operationalization of the Regional system ECOAGRIS “of the support project to Food Security stocking in West Africa implemented in the framework of ECOWAS /AGRIMET grant.
- Assure, in collaboration with Technical management Unit of the Regional Food Security Reserve, that collected and processed information meet the developed actions in the framework of the other components of the project and are diffused in the entire ECOWAS region.
- Assure the Coordination and monitoring of the Institutional framework implementation of the Regional system ECOAGRIS.
- Facilitate communication between member states (National focal persons), Regional technical partners and ECOWAS in the functioning of ECOAGRIS System.
- Contribute in Capacity-building Monitoring of stakeholders in the operationalization of ECOAGRIS system.
- Support Diffusion ,analysis and valorization by ECOWAS decision makers ,information made available through the ECOAGRIS System namely in the implementation of Food Security’s Regional stocking strategy
- Identify major challenges in the deployment of the regional information system ECOAGRIS and develop appropriate solution to meet them.
- Develop new projects and programmes in terms of information collection and processing for the implementation efforts consolidation of ECOWAP/PDDAA
- Participate to the periodical review of performances and results achieved in the implementation of ECOAGRIS at Regional Level and by member states in accordance with existing tools and ongoing assessment frameworks
- Prepare the analysis of the ECOAGRIS system’s situation with regard to DAERE-ECOWAS and technical and Financial partners ,namely for the projects steering committee meetings
- Provide if need be ,appropriate advice to ECOWAS commission leading teams

- Work in close collaboration with directorates of ECOWAS commissions and other technical partners on all the issues related to Agriculture that permits to improve all the information systems permitting to measure and support the implementation of food security regional projects.
- Represent the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development in meetings related to the operationalization of ECOAGRIS Regional System.
- Implement any other task given by the commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources or the Director of Agriculture and Rural Development in the domain of information related to food security, and Crop production.

III PROFILE AND REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

The applicant to Technical Assistant position should have the following profile and qualification

- Have a higher education diploma (Master, Engineer, DESS, or equivalent) in Agronomy or any other related major. Administration, Finance, Agro-economy, socio-economy.
- Capacity to develop complex interventions, provide technical assistance and solve practical problems, interact with a large gamut of partners.
- Have work experience in multidisciplinary and multi-technique team
- Very Good knowledge in Computer science (text processing softwares, spreadsheet, and presentation ,Internet)
- The Regional Focal point should have at least seven (7) professional experiences years in relevant fields of the project. (Information System related to rural Development , food security ,stocking ,food crises prevention and management mechanism , food trade, Regional Integration
- He (she) should have a good knowledge of the West African Institutional Context and confirmed qualities in writing, Summary and Communication.
- Have anterior intervention backgrounds or collaboration in projects funded by EU, as well as a good knowledge /experience of ECOWAP/PDDAA, and ECOWAS procedures will be appreciated.
- He(she) will have to work regularly in French and English (Confirmed bilingual)
- Knowledge of Portuguese will be an additional asset
- Take benefit of his (her) civil rights and have good morality.
- Have the Nationality of one of ECOWAS member states countries or one of the countries that ratified the grant with the CILSS
- Have at least thirty-five (35) years old.
- The applicant should not have above 50 years at the recruitment moment.

APPLICATION FILE

The Application file should be composed of:

- A handwritten application addressed to the Director General of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre.
- A letter of Motivation to the Director General of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre
- An update Resume ,certified sincerely by the applicant
- A certified copy of titles, diplomas and qualification certificates
- A copy of Certificates and attestation of work or Service
- A birth certificate
- Two ID photographs
- A copy of the Nationality Certificate
- A below 3 months Criminal Record
- The contact of Three Reference persons

The Applications can be submitted straight at the Secretary of the Directorate General, by Post office Box or email to the below address, not later than May 15th 2015 including the mention:

**“RECRUITMENT OF: Regional Focal point for the implementation of ECOAGRIS mechanism
“Agriculture Integrated Information System” “ECOAGRIS”**

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