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### Expression of Interest

Selection of an individual consultant

**Program Officer - VETERINARY REGULATIONS for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali**

**Reference** : ARAA/PACBAO/2019/PI/05  
**Date of publication** : 04 FEB 2019  
**Deadline for filing** : 06 MARS 2019  
**Duration de The Mission** : Three (03) months renewable  
**Number of years of experience** : 8 Years

### I- Context

The ECOWAS region has experienced endemic animal diseases, as well as emerging and re-emerging zoonotic disease challenges that have resulted in high morbidity and mortality. It is estimated that over 60% of emerging diseases affecting humans are caused by pathogens of animal origin, and these disease events have resulted in social disruptions and negative economic impact.

In recognition of the need to ensure animal health in the region, the ECOWAS Authority of the Heads of State established the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) with the Supplementary Act A/SA.20/02/12. In line with the Council adoption of the organogram for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC), the ECOWAS Commission intends to further strengthen the human resources capacity at the RAHC to support the implementation of the ECOWAP/CAADP through the improvement of animal health in the region with the support of the Swiss Cooperation under the PACBAO program.

The ECOWAS Commission through the Regional Agency for Agriculture Food (RAAF) seeks qualified and experienced candidates for recruitment as Program Officer – Veterinary Regulations for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali under the PACBAO program.

The Program Officer on Veterinary Regulations will ensure the formulation and implementation of regional and international regulations for good veterinary governance for improved public health and animal welfare that will support the effective and efficient delivery veterinary services to improve food security and nutrition, livelihoods, wealth creation and poverty reduction through the efficient management of animal health in the ECOWAS region in line with the goal of the ECOWAP/CAADP. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Executive Director of the RAHC

## **II- Duties**

Program Officer – Veterinary Regulations shall work closely with ECOWAS Member States to strengthen veterinary governance through regulations.

Formulate and ensure implementation of regional and international veterinary regulations and guidelines such as Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Pharmacy, Veterinary Devices, Food Safety, Animal Welfare, etc

Support increased investments in national and regional veterinary infrastructure to close the gaps in the OIE Gap Analysis in the ECOWAS region.

Formulate, align and implement regional and international veterinary education and training guidelines in the ECOWAS region.

Support capacity building and veterinary continuing education and particularly explore online education and training delivery.

Formulate and implement regional and international regulatory frameworks and guidelines on veterinary information management and risk communication to populations.

Facilitate networking with veterinary regulatory agencies in ECOWAS Member States and other relevant regional and international partners.

Facilitate networking with regional and international academic and scientific community.

Facilitate regular regional publications on veterinary regulation issues.

Support the establishment and/or strengthening of regional socio-economic and risk communication networks.

Support the strengthening of regional animal producer/professional network.

Ensure the alignment of activities with the implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP and related projects.

Perform any other duty assigned by the Executive Director of RAHC.

## **III- Qualifications / Experiences**

- Possess a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and/or a postgraduate degree in Veterinary Sciences, Animal Health Economics or Strategy with good knowledge of veterinary regulation and risk communication.
- At least eight (8) years' experience in Animal Health Economics or Strategy preferably in an international development environment.
- At least five years' experience in formulating regulatory framework and risk communication. A good knowledge of animal health and regulatory processes in the ECOWAS region will be highly recommended.
- Have knowledge of the institutional environment of the ECOWAS Commission and partners working on animal health.
- A sound knowledge of logical framework methodology, result-based management and project-cycle methodology is essential.
- A proven experience in the design and implementation of animal health projects/programs is indispensable.
- Have a strong track record in managing development projects/programs in a multi-stakeholder environment.
- A good knowledge of the context and challenges of Agricultural development in the particular context of ECOWAP/CAADP, MDGs, SDGs and ECOWAS priorities.
- Candidate should not be then 50 years old at the point of recruitment and must be a citizen of an ECOWAS Member States.
- Must be fluent in one of the official languages of the Commission; English, French and Portuguese. A working knowledge of another would be an advantage.

## **IV- Skills**

**Professionalism** – Have proven expertise in veterinary science, policy development, animal health economics, promotion of livestock development with in-depth technical knowledge and analytical skills. Must have excellent computer and ICT skills including word processing, spread sheet applications and the use of the Internet.

**Planning and organization** – Proven skills in planning and organization of work within a project/programs with ability to make timely decisions.

**Communication** – Proven oral, writing and presentation skills, including the ability to present information clearly and succinctly; the ability to build consensus among individuals with diverging views.

**Teamwork – Excellent interpersonal** skills and the ability to work effectively across various levels of the organization; ability to establish and maintain good working relations with people of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds with respect for diversity. Have leadership and facilitation skills.

**Judgment/Decision-making** – Must have a good sense of judgment and initiative, imagination and ingenuity, energy and discernment, ability to provide effective work structure to maximize productivity and achieve the institution's objectives.

**Linguistic Requirements:** Proficiency in two working languages of ECOWAS. Knowledge of the third working language would be an additional asset.

**Other skills:** Have strong computer skills including word processing, spreadsheets and use of New Information and Communication Technologies (NICT); have published in high-level journals in the field of veterinary science; able to work with minimal supervision

## **V- Location and duration and start of the mission**

The consultant will be based in Bamako (Mali), at the headquarters of the **Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC)**. The duration of the mission is three (03) months according to availability of funds and after evaluation. The assignment will start within two weeks after contract notification.

## **VI- Applications**

The application package is made up of:

- A letter of expression of interest, including the period of availability;
- A recent curriculum vitae detailing the work experience and similar assignment;
- Three professional references (names and forenames, current functions, functions at the time of collaboration with the Consultant, email and telephone contacts);
- Certified copy of the highest degree;
- Certificate of employment or assignment completion mentioned in the CV.

## VII-Submission of applications

Interested candidates should send their applications to the following address, not later than .....**06 Mars 2019**..... by 12 h noon:

### **Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF)**

83, Rue de la Pâture, Lomé Togo (sealed envelope « Program Officer - VETERINARY REGULATIONS for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali »)

[procurement@araa.org](mailto:procurement@araa.org)

With object: « Program Officer - VETERINARY REGULATIONS for the Regional Animal Health Center (RAHC) based in Bamako, Mali »

## VIII- Selection method

A Consultant will be selected according to the qualification-based selection method as defined in the ECOWAS procurement Code. An interview session may be organized with a short List of consultants.

**The Executive Director**



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