



The European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development

PROJECT

**REVIEW ACCORDING TO THE SYSTEM PRIORITIES OF CGIAR PROJECTS FUNDED BY
THE EC IN 2010
in ACP, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean Regions
TO BE CARRIED OUT IN 2011
- ACTIVITY 1 -**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

I. Background

Further to the successful Review of the CGIAR projects (as a pilot exercise following the new procedures examined in the Review 2007) co-funded by EC in 2008 for ACP, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean Regions (carried out in 2009), IFAD through the EC/IFAD *Contribution Agreement* would contract ECART-EEIG actual AGRINATURA-EEIG to carry out the Review of the CGIAR projects co-funded by EC in 2010, according to the terms of reference (ToR) appended.

Concerned Centres and projects:

The selected system priority area is :

Priority area 1: Sustaining biodiversity for current and future generations

Priority 1A: Promoting conservation and characterization of staple crops

Priority 1B: Promoting conservation and characterization of underutilized plant genetic resources

Priority 1C: Promoting conservation and characterization of indigenous livestock

Priority 1D: Promoting conservation and characterization of aquatic animal genetic resources

The Sample of projects among those co-funded in 2010 by the EC through the “Food Security Thematic Programme for this particular System Priority, including the additional projects funding for 2010, is the following:

Bioversity International – SGRP: System wide Genetic resources programme

Bioversity 2b (6) BIO4: Conservation and sustainable use of forest and other wild species

CIMMYT (11) CIM15: Knowledge, targeting and strategic assessment: *In situ* genetic resources

CIP (2) CIP17: Genetic Resources Conservation and Characterization

IITA IIT37: Agrobiodiversity; Root and Tuber Systems

CIMMYT CP GCP(64): Genetic diversity of global genetic resources

AGRINATURA-EEIG (former ECART-EEIG) will submit to IFAD up to four Curricula Vitae for each required expert per project, ranked by order of preference. The European Commission will be duly informed.

Experts will have debriefing meetings at the European Commission in Brussels (or IFAD Headquarters in Rome), before and after their mission.

AGRINATURA-EEIG will have to provide, for each selected project, two high level experts:

- One specialised in the scientific area of the project
 - One specialised in the assessment of economic and social impact of agricultural research projects
- In addition, one of the two experts should have knowledge on environmental issues.

In addition, an **overall team leader** for the system priority will be selected and designated among the experts.

Experts assignments:

Selected experts will have to monitor the projects according to the pattern described in the ToR.

For all Centres:

For each project to be reviewed, a short-term mission is foreseen, combining:

- a visit to the CGIAR Centre in charge of its implementation and
- a field visit to a characteristic component of the project on the following basis (location to be proposed by the Contractor):
 - Outside the country of location of the Centre's headquarters,
 - Preferably in one of the priority countries of intervention of the "Food Security / Food aid" budget line, or
 - Possibly in a country where significant EC funded rural development projects, or projects (co-) funded by Member States, FAO or IFAD, related to the CGIAR visited project theme, are implemented.

In each country, a visit to the EC Delegations, to the local NARS and when relevant to the above mentioned development projects will be included during the missions.

All the Experts will be requested to attend:

- one briefing meeting at the European Commission in Brussels or at IFAD in Rome, before the field mission.
- one meeting* at the European Commission in Brussels or IFAD in Rome, immediately after the field missions, related to the Draft report of the System Priority of the CGIAR (coordinated by the overall team leader).
- one debriefing meeting at the European Commission in Brussels or at IFAD in Rome, after the field mission and the drafting of the provisional report. The final report will be written further to the debriefing mission, according to the comments formulated by the EC and IFAD (and additional remarks of the concerned CGIAR Centres).

* The experts who reviewed the projects need to meet together after their field visits, under the direction of the team leader, and/or liaise by email as needed under the direction of the team leader, to address together the questions pertaining to the system priority of the CGIAR under review, discuss together the review criteria as they relate to the system priority, and come to joint conclusions and recommendations. **The team leader should make a separate report regarding the pilot exercise:** the possible value added, constraints encountered and suggestions for improvement of the review process and TOR.

II. Applications

Application procedure

Interested experts are invited to apply, through sending a short CV (required condition of the CV format: up to 4 pages following compulsory the EC format)¹ by the 20th of September 2011 to the AGRINATURA-EEIG Management Unit (secretariat@agrinatura-eeig.eu; nelida.ale@cirad.fr; paolo.sarfatti@iao.florence.it).

CVs clearly highlighting the experts' specific competence according to the selection criteria below and the specific CGIAR project that they wish to evaluate will be given the priority.

Selection criteria:

Criteria for selecting experts are:

- Strong experience in monitoring and evaluation of ARD projects
- Strong background in the socio-economic approaches for assessing the impacts of ARD projects (for the socio-economic expert)
- Significant background in management of scientific projects (for the scientific expert)
- Significant experience in environmental issues.
- Good knowledge of the CGIAR system, without any current commitment in Centres management (e.g. Board member) or projects
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Criteria for selecting the team leader are:

- Having at least one year of experience as reviewer of EC funded CGIAR projects
- Having proven experience with the CGIAR system and its M&E
- Good leadership capabilities and experience of working in a team
- Being familiar with ARD in Europe and in developing countries

Both European Commission and IFAD officers have suggested to add the following additional criteria to the selection of the experts:

- At least one of the two experts should have significant experience regarding the impact in the field (related impact of the projects to the farmers)
- The profile of the experts should be diversified considering the following points: Gender aspect/ diversify the options South-North / diversify the age of the experts / consider the technical oriented profiles

Selection procedures:

A specific Selection Committee, gathering four representatives of AGRINATURA-EEIG will be set up. The Committee will submit three/four Curriculum Vitae for each required expert, ranked by order of preference, for a final choice by the European Commission / IFAD.

¹ European Commission format of the CV is compulsory: :
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+CV.csp>

III. Administrative, financial and time issues

Contracts

AGRINATURA-EEIG will contract the experts, through their institution, according to the current rules in those institutions.

The budget includes:

- **Expert fees:** on the basis of a lump sum of €17, 750 for each expert.
- **Travel costs** (preparatory mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome, mission to the Centres and field projects, debriefing mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome; additional mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome for the meeting with the team leader for the System Priority of the CGIAR report), paid on the basis of real costs with a maximum amount defined in the ECART-EEIG (actual AGRINATURA-EEIG) technical and financial offer to EC and IFAD.
- **Per diem** (preparatory mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome, mission to the Centres and field projects, debriefing mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome; additional mission to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome for the meeting with the team leader for the System Priority of the CGIAR report), paid on the basis of real number of days spent for the missions (at the official EC rates, according to the country and the date of the Budget Breakdown) with a maximum amount defined in the ECART-EEIG (actual AGRINATURA-EEIG) technical and financial offer to EC and IFAD.

Indicative timetable

- September 20th : deadline for applications
- End September: final selection at the AGRINATURA-EEIG level
- Early October: final selection of experts at the EC / IFAD level
- Mid October: briefing meeting to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome
- Mid-October: preliminary contacts with the CGIAR Centres – planning of the missions
- Mid October – Early November: field missions
- Before Mid-November: Draft technical reports (sending of the Drafts to the related CGIAR Center [in order to receive their formal feedback] and Interim Financial reports
- Early December: Meeting of all the experts with the overall team leader for the coordination of the draft of the report of the System Priority of the CGIAR in EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome
- Early December: debriefing meeting to EC/Brussels or IFAD/Rome
- Mid December: Submission of the Draft of the System Priority report by the overall team leader
- Mid December: Submission of the Final Technical (including the Final System Priority report by the overall team leader) and Financial reports

This timetable may be modified according to the contracting process between IFAD and AGRINATURA-EEIG.