



**Republic of Liberia**  
**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP)**  
**Credit No: 4883-LR & TF NO.: 099511-LR**



**Consulting Services for Recruitment of**

**AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STRATEGIC PLANNING EXPERT**

**Request for Expression of Interest**

1. The Government of Liberia *has received* a credit from the *International Development Association (IDA)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Consulting Services for **recruiting an Agricultural Research Strategic Planning Expert**.
  2. **Purpose of the Assignment**

To study the present organization, management, and programs of agricultural research and development in Liberia, and to prepare a comprehensive short, medium, and long-term national agricultural research development strategy plan for the Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI).
  3. **Main Responsibilities**
    - i. To review Liberia government's agriculture development and agricultural research programs and priorities and prepare a coherent national agricultural research development strategy and program;
    - ii. To propose the rationalization of the present network of research institutions and stations and suggest the assignment of responsibilities in accordance with identified research needs and priorities and the national capacity for agricultural research; and
    - iii. To identify and quantify infrastructural support and other requirements necessary for the carrying out the research functions and responsibilities envisaged in the national agricultural research strategy and program.
  4. **Key Qualifications**
    - i. At least two (2) experts will be required to bring together the following aspects of the overall team leadership for development of the strategic plan for CARI;
    - ii. Possess a minimum of Master's degree (Ph.D. degree preferred) in either Agriculture, Animal Science, Agricultural Economics, Economics or closely related field.
    - iii. At least 10 years proven experience in priority setting, designing and managing national agricultural research organization;
    - iv. Hands-on experience in evaluation of institutional frameworks and setting short, medium and long term strategic plans and budget.
    - v. Good understanding of the socio-political policy and government structures under which CARI operates;
    - vi. Ability and experience with respect to cross-sectorial collaboration with special emphasis on ensuring that livestock and fisheries sectors are not left out;
    - vii. Outstanding editorial capacity to ensure that the final strategy plan for CARI is perfect.
  5. The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the required Services as described above. Interested individual must provide
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information indicating that he/she is qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability for the assignment, references to confirm qualification for the assignment, etc.). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted and invited for interviews.

6. Individuals will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004, revised October 2006*). Further information may be obtained at the addresses below from **Monday to Friday** between **8:30 A.M.** and **4:30 P.M.** Information is also available on the following websites: [www.emansion.gov.lr](http://www.emansion.gov.lr) and [www.moaliberia.org](http://www.moaliberia.org)
7. Expression of Interest must be delivered to the physical address or the e-mail addresses by 4:00 P.M. on **March 20, 2014.**

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