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Terms of Reference for the analytical review of the National Action Programs to combat desertification in West Africa and in Chad for purposes of making them fall in line with the ten year UNCCD strategy

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I. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in countries that are seriously affected by drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa and which was adopted on 17 June 1994 was signed and ratified by all of the 17 CILSS and ECOWAS countries.

Most of the countries have formulated their national action program to combat desertification (NAP/LCD) as a demonstration to this commitment and have embarked on the implementation process thereby reflecting a will political will. In 2011, only two of the seventeen CILSS and ECOWAS member States are still without this national reference document on desertification control. These NAPs which were formulated and adopted between 2000 and 2007 have witnesses varying degrees of implementation. With regard to the intensity of the problems of Desertification, land Degradation and Drought (DLDD), the results attained so far fall far below the expectations of the stakeholders. In fact, multi faceted constraints have impeded the optimum implementation of these strategies. This ambivalent assessment of the implementation of the Convention nationally, sub-regionally and regionally was what led the Conference of Parties to its eighth session held in 2007 concluding with the adoption of a Ten Year Strategic Plan-Framework (2008-2018)¹ that was aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Convention. The global vision is to put in place a global partnership designed to curb and prevent desertification and land degradation and reduce the effects of drought in the zones affected so as to bring about poverty reduction and a sustainable inter-action with the environment ».

The ten year strategic plan-framework therefore forms the legal basis for the alignment of the action programs. By virtue of this decision (par. 5), the Conference of Parties forthwith invites the member developing States as well as any other party State concerned within the framework of pertinent annex, to align their program of actions on the Strategy (NAP, SRAP, RAP) and other pertinent activities they are carrying out towards the implementation of the Convention, particularly by setting out to reaching the results associated to the five operational objectives and by reviewing their implementation activities in order to ensure that they fall in line with these results.

In addition, result 2.2 of the Strategy invites the country parties that are affected to revise their national action program (NAP) so as to make it a strategy document based on bio-physical and socio-economic reference data and to incorporate it into the integrated investment framework.

Result 2.3 of the decision invites the countries to integrate the issues linked to sustainable land management and land degradation into their sectoral plans and policies and pertinent sectoral investment.

The alignment and revision of the programs of action are thus shown like two critical processes which contribute to the accomplishment of the new UNCCD vision defined in its 2008-2018 strategy. Their ultimate goal is to improve the conditions and modalities for implementing the programs of actions. The immediate objective of the alignment process is to identify the activities of the programs of action that can lead to the accomplishment of the five operational objectives of the Strategy and accord priority to them. Conversely, the objective of the revision process is to list the key activities which encourage the effective

¹ [Decision 3/COP8](#)

implementation of the action programs whilst at the same time allowing for the healthy evaluation of the results and the impacts.

In view of this alignment exercise of the NAPS, a regional training workshop on the alignment of the NAPs in Africa was organized by the CCD Secretariat with the support of Global Mechanism (GM) of the CCD on 5 and 6 September 2011 in Algiers. During this workshop, a preliminary sketch of a « road map for the alignment of the NAP/LCD in West Africa » was formulated (see annex 1)².

This consultation that was sponsored by CILSS falls in line with the support that the institution, as liaison Centre for the CCD in West Africa and in Chad, wishes to contribute to the countries in the implementation of this road map.

II. Objective of the consultation

The global objective of the consultation is to analyze the implementation of the NAP/LCD adopted in West Africa and in Chad in view of defining the operational orientations and priorities for the alignment to the UNCCD ten year Plan.

Specifically, the study aims at:

- Analyzing the conformity of the NAP/LCD document to the ten year strategy by using the tools proposed in the guidelines for the alignment ;
- Carrying out a horizontal analytical study of the current different programs and processes since the adoption of the NAP/LCD in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses as relative to the operational objectives and results of the Strategy and then identify corrective measures;
- Search for orientations and priorities with regards to the alignment/revision of each NAP/LCD to the ten year Plan;

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDY

3.1 Zone covered by the study

The study covers 15³ CILSS and ECOWAS countries that have adopted their NAP : Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Cape verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Chad, Togo.

3.2 Organization of the study

The analysis of the NAP will be supported by five consultants. A member of the team will ensure the coordination of the team (consultant coordinator). In addition, he will supervise group¹.

² The consultation will be in support to stages 3 and 4 of the road map.

³ The two countries Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia are not concerned. These two countries must formulate NAPs directly aligned to the strategy

Each consultant will carry out the study in a certain number of countries according to the proposal spelt out as follows:

- Group 1a : Countries that have finalized the SLM/CSI process (Mali, Niger,)
- Group 1b : Countries that have finalized the SLM/CSI process (Ghana, Togo, Benin)
- Group 2 : Countries now engaged in the SLM/CSI process (Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Senegal)
- Group 3 : Countries not yet engaged in the SLM/CSI process (Cape Verde, Chad,
- Group 4 : English speaking countries that have not yet engaged the TerrAfrica process (Gambia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria).
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3.3. Orientation documents for the study

- The National Action Program to combat desertification NAP/LCD
- The National Program on Adaptation to climate change (PANA)
- The UNCCD ten year strategy (2008-2018)
- The guidelines for the alignment (ICCD/COP(9)/2/Add.1)
- Tools proposed on the annex of the document (ICCD/COP(9)/2/Add.1)
- The alignment documents of the Algeria NAP
- The strategic documents of the Countries (CSI, NAIP., poverty reduction)
- The Investment Programs of the rural sector (Agriculture, Forestry, Water, Livestock);
- Etc.

IV. MANDATE / TASKS OF THE TEAM OF CONSULTANTS

Under the direct supervision of the UNCCD National Focal Points and the general supervision of CILSS and Global Mechanism, the team of consultants will carry out the following tasks:

- Confront the activities and results of the NAP to the five operational objectives and then to each activity linked to the corresponding operational objective for purposes of identification;
: (i) the operational objectives and results defined by the Ten Year Plan which are adequately considered in the NAP/LCD and (ii) the shortcomings of the NAP as relative to the operational objectives and results of the ten year Plan;
- Identify the corrective measures which stand out so as to harmonize the NAP and the activities identified for the five operational objectives;
- List and analyze the current or planned institutional, political and financial opportunities (CSIN-SLM, CAADP process/NAIP etc... .) that can contribute to the implementation of the NAP /LCD;
- Evaluate the institutional, scientific, financial strengths and weaknesses of these current processes and propose corrective measures such that SLM (sustainable land management) will be better taken into account;
- Propose priority areas of intervention in order to reinforce the alignment of the strategies and processes relative to SLM in the countries by pointing out for each

area identified the principal objective, the results expected and the activities proposed (preliminary logical framework)⁴

- Analyze the integration of the strategic objectives and the effects looked out for in the Ten Year Plan into the strategies and processes relative to SLM and UNCCD in the countries;
- Propose a road map for the follow up to the process of alignment/revision of each NAP/LCD;
- Present the results to the National Coordination Organ (NCO);
- Finalize the report by taking into account the commentaries of the members of the NCO.

V. PROFILE OF THE TEAM OF CONSULTANTS

Consultants that can apply to this study are those with:

- A University degree in areas such as rural development in agronomic and environmental science, agro economist with a recognized experiences supported by concrete references;
- Sound knowledge with respect to the Conventions of the Rio generation and particularly the UNCCD convention and the UNCCD ten year strategy;
- Possess sound knowledge of the national and sub-regional agricultural and environmental policies;
- Perfect understanding of analyses on sectoral policies and on the institutional frameworks.

The consultant coordinator of the team should in addition:

- Propose a detailed methodology and a work plan on how to conduct the study;
- Propose a distribution of roles and responsibilities for each member of the team;
- Play the role of interface between the team, CILSS and Global Mechanism;
- Elaborate the summary document of the different national studies and the presentation in power point of the summary.

VI. TO BE DELIVERED BY THE CONSULTATION

For the consultant coordinator:

- A concept and methodological paper describing the manner in which the work will be carried out and a detailed work plan after the signing of the contract);
- Two succinct reports of the mid-term state of advancement each 30 days after the start of the studies;
- A summary for the 15 countries in french;
- A Power Point presentation of the summary.

For the associated consultants:

- A first sketch of the national report three weeks after the signing of the contract;

⁴ The logical framework will be used for the preparation of stage 5 of the road map for the alignment of the NAP/CCD in West Africa, « mobilization of financial resources ».

- A final national report taking account of the comments of the members of the NCO, one week after reporting back to the NCO.

VII. DURATION AND REMUNERATION

The duration of the consultation is 20 days for each country. The consultant coordinator will be contracted for 15 additional days in order to propose a regional summary document. The CILSS team will be associated in the formulation of this regional summary. The study should be done in its integrality within a period of 90 days (3 months).

Consultants will be paid honoraria according to the current CILSS applicable rate.

VIII. PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE TENDER:

The tenderer will provide a technical offer as well as a financial offer:

- The technical offer will include the methodology proposed and the references of the tenderer.
- The financial offer will indicate the unit costs and the total cost of the services worded in FCFA.

The tenderer will prepare a sealed envelope clearly stating the mention: « CALL FOR OFFER FOR THE CONDUCT of a study» for the analytical review of the National Action Programs to combat desertification in West Africa and in Chad in view of their revision / Alignment to the UNCCD ten year strategy; TO BE OPENED AT THE SHORTLISTING SESSION » and addressed to the CILSS Executive Secretary, 03 BP 7049 Ouagadougou 03, BURKINA FASO.

*The deadline date for sending offers is fixed at **2nd march** 2012 at 15H30, hours GMT*