

Expert in charge of Monitoring & Evaluation for AfDB Regional Project Component

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Duty station Banjul, The Gambia, with travel to sites in the other project countries

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The **International Trypanotolerance Centre** (ITC) is recruiting an **Expert in charge of internal monitoring and evaluation** for a six-year, multi-country Project entitled: "*Sustainable Management of Endemic Ruminant Livestock in West Africa / Gestion Durable du Bétail Endémique en Afrique de l'Ouest*", whose aims are community-based conservation and management of endemic ruminant livestock; better understanding of existing genetic diversity and the potential; development of strategies for improved utilization in evolving production systems; policies that affect the livestock and livestock products targeted, especially those related to market access and marketing channels to facilitate commercialization by smallholder livestock keepers; and strengthening capacities of relevant actors to promote sustainable management of livestock resources. The project will be executed by UNOPS for the Global Environment Facility (GEF/FEM) and by ITC for the African Development Bank (AfDB) in **Gambia, Guinea, Mali and Senegal**.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Expert in charge of the internal monitoring and evaluation of the AfDB component of the project will work under the authority of the Regional Coordinator of the AfDB component. He will establish and maintain close linkages to the different national project implementing units, in particular to the persons in charge of M&E.

- Responsible for the internal monitoring-evaluation of the project in all technical, economic and organizational aspects;
- Collection of basic data, acts and legal organization of the rural sector, land use/tenure, rural credit, decentralization, etc.;
- Formulation of the logical framework of the project and definition of relevant indicators;
- Preparation of a consultation package for establishing of the reference situation for the project and set up a computerized monitoring system;
- Establishment of the reference situation of the project; establishment of the pre-project situation and of monitoring indicators;
- Development of the planning and data collection tools;
- Establishment of a monitoring mechanism for the implementation of the project based on annual activity plans and periodic performance evaluation;
- Establish the means to collect and process the information;
- Preparation for regular monitoring activities;
- Establishment of gender-specific data and analysis;
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of the groups and structures being established;
- Assisting the coordinator in monitoring the sectoral interventions;
- Keep close contacts with the various partners, regional services and NGOs involved in the implementation of the project;
- Exchange of experiences and formalisation of collaboration including the organisation of workshops;
- Editorial co-ordination of periodic reports, writing of activity reports (quarterly, yearly); assistance to the external communication of the project;
- Representation of the Coordinator in case of need.

Profile and experience required

- Agro-economist or zoo-economist or equivalent qualification with experience in M&E in rural development;
- Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in project planning, programming and M&E, with at least 3 years of significant assignments in M&E;
- Good knowledge of M&E methodology, tools and techniques, as well as of relevant information technology tools and software;
- Extensive experience in a project funded by multilateral international donors or the African Development Fund (ADF);
- Fluency in French and/or English, with at least a sound working knowledge of the other language;
- Strong interpersonal skills; proven experience in working as both a leader and a member of a team;
- Good physical condition and aptitude to frequently travel in the field;
- Valid driver's licence (B)

Terms of appointment

This is a part-time position for 6 months per year. The initial appointment will be for 1 year, with a 6-month probation period. Based on performance, the appointment can be extended on a one-year basis through to the completion of the project (6 years). The Expert will be based in Banjul and will travel within the region and internationally in accordance with project needs and funding availability. The successful applicant should be available at short notice. ITC offers a competitive remuneration.

Applications

Applicants should send a cover letter quoting Ref: ITC_AfDB Proj. 05, indicating the interest and availability; a curriculum vitae; and the names and addresses (including telephone, fax and e-mail) of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience, to the Director General, ITC, PMB 14, Banjul, The Gambia, via e-mail: itc@itc.gm.

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Qualified women and professionals from developing countries, especially West Africa, are particularly encouraged to apply.