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Request For Expression Of Interest (REOI)

For

Call for synthesis of existing research on livelihood opportunities, status of diversification and livestock political economy in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands of the IGAD region

1. Background

The IGAD region constitutes eight countries in the greater Horn of Africa namely Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. The region is home to over 532 million heads of livestock out of which about 336 million are ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats and camels). Livestock plays instrumental roles in achieving the 2030 United Nations' Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) number 2, 3 and 13, given the many multiplier effects of the value chain despite a myriad of challenges it faces attributed to climate change and its impact.

IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), in partnership and financial support of AFD would like to conduct: i) study that looks into the political economy of IGAD's livestock sector; and iii) research in market dynamics and behaviors of the actors of the livestock value chains.

2. Objective and scope of the assignment

The main objective of the study is to analyze the exiting political decision-making processes and power play amongst various actors and identify key constraints and challenges across the livestock value chain in the IGAD member countries.

Scope of the assignment:

- i. Desk review of
 - a. political economy of livestock production in the IGAD member States including historical and contemporary policy and policy formation and implication on the sector, and key policy review,
 - b. livestock value chain analysis in the IGAD member States (selected livestock products/services), including research on how past and current interventions in agricultural markets through trade policy reforms or fiscal policies such as subsidies and taxes on inputs and outputs open up or distort trade in agricultural commodities, specifically in livestock and livestock products markets,
- ii. Identify key actors, institutions and processes that surround formal and informal policy-making relevant to livestock production and marketing of live animals, meat, milk, hides and skins.
- iii. Research on how the nature and effectiveness of existing regulatory and institutional framework influence investment in livestock sector, market structure, access and price transmission to value chain actors from livestock producers to final consumers.
- iv. Research into complementary and conflicting interests among producers, traders, consumers and policy makers impact therein (production costs and the costs of doing business, etc)

- v. Provide at least two case studies/ good practices, lessons, challenges and scenarios from the member States on how agricultural sector development support programmes and policies that aim to contribute to transformation of livestock production into commercially oriented enterprises/ investments to ensure sustainable food and nutrition security in the region have either succeeded or failed. Draw lessons for future.
- vi. Review level of implementation of livestock policies and regulations in the member States including key bottlenecks affecting implementation as well as how current regulations/ policies reflect technological advancements and changes in governance systems in member states and region,
- vii. Undertake country missions to gather primary and secondary data relevant to this assignment as depicted in this scope of the study.
- viii. Participate, make presentation and compile report and inputs at a regional workshop to validate the draft report findings (to be organized by IGAD/ICPALD)
- ix. Prepare Draft report based on subsequent comments and inputs from the clients (AFD and ICPALD),
- x. Draft at least two research papers (need well organized data collection for analysis) and two policy briefs
- xi. Undertake any other task relevant to the assignment

3. Qualification and experience required

Any research institution or a firm interested to apply have to provide three core staff members with the following fields of expertise

Profession	Field of expertise
Agricultural/ livestock specialist,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Research and Extension Services • Agricultural and/or livestock Economics • Agricultural Value Chains • Production and Marketing systems • Epidemiologists / Disease control and surveillance specialist • Animal Sciences • Livestock production and marketing systems • Public Health / One Health, including zoonoses • Livestock Value Chains or other related fields
Policy specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy analysis • Economics • Law • Political science, • Foreign affairs, • International relations, or • Public administration
Trade specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International trade

Specific qualifications and experience (as per the linked /attached [Terms of Reference](#))

4. Duration of the assignment

The assignment will be spread over 8 months.

Language Requirements: Reporting language will be English.

ICPALD now invites eligible Consulting firms with the requisite experience to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, and submit CVs copies of both academic and professional certificates and testimonials, names and addresses of three reputable referees, contact details (e-mail, telephone) should be sent by email of the three core consultants. For further information see attached the Terms of Reference (TOR).

PLEASE NOTE: NO TECHNICAL OR FINANCIAL PROPOSALS REQUIRED IN THIS STAGE

5. How to apply

The consultants should submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) to: beverlyne.nyanchera@igad.int with Copies to procurement@igad.int, not later than 23rd March, 2022.

Please note that only shortlisted firms will be contacted.