

IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD),

Consultancy to Conduct a Training of Trainers (ToT) on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements

Terms of Reference (ToR)

Background

The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) was established in July 2012 as an IGAD Specialized Institution mandated to "promote and facilitate sustainable and equitable drylands and livestock development in the IGAD region." ICPALD provides a platform for regional cooperation and coordination in drylands, pastoralism, and livestock development to fulfil its mandate. ICPALD thrusts in the improvement of animal health, production and marketing, enhanced dryland production and pastoralism, including value-added alternative livelihood products from non-wood rangeland products (NWRP) and artisanal minerals (in areas of production) with the aim of bringing positive impacts on food and economic security, especially in rural pastoral populations. Regional cooperation and coordination of actions based on evidence of risks to shared resources, animal feed security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, animal health, and the evaluation of other factors of production and consumption remain the principal means of achieving these benefits.

Project Overview

The Program to Build Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in the Horn of Africa (BREFONS) is a continuation of the Multinational Drought Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Program – DRSLP. The technical endorsement to pursue the program's second phase was prompted by a program identification mission jointly undertaken by the African Development Bank and IGAD in June 2019. A key outcome of the mission was the determination of a second phase of the program, titled; "Program to build resilience for food and nutrition security in the Horn of Africa".

This Regional Component is part of the regional investment operation which will be implemented in five countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, and South Sudan, which have a Global Appraisal Report, Regional Component Report, and 4 Country Component Reports. The global Program is expected to (i) increase the productivity of agropastoral production systems, (ii) increase incomes from agropastoral value chains, and (iii) enhance the adaptive capacity of the people to better prepare for and manage climate change risks and variation. The Project will provide a regional approach in order to bring an integrated package of interventions to build resilience in target communities within the five beneficiary countries. The Regional Component' will be wholly financed by the ADF Regional Operations (RO) Grant through contributions



from the participating member countries. This Regional Component's Executing Agency is IGAD IDRRISI and will be largely implemented by the IGAD Agencies and partner organisations such as IITA/TAAT, and CIAT, over a period of four calendar years.

The objective of the Program is to build resilience for food and nutrition security whilst contributing to improved living conditions - particularly for women and youth, increasing resilience to the effects of climate change. Under Outcome 1, Increased Resilience of Agro-pastoral Production System, ICPALD will undertake three main actions that will result in the promotion of Sustainable Management of Agro-pastoral Lands: 1) Operationalization of the IGAD Regional rangeland management strategic framework 2) Operationalisation of cross-border MOU signed by Ministers to enhance TADs and Zoonosis control in cross-border areas 3) Enhancing the competitiveness of livestock value chains in the IGAD Region through compliance with SPS measures and market research under AfCFTA.

Purpose of the ToT

ICPALD has prepared a regional SPS strategy in consultation with public and private sectors of member states (MS) and was validated. It has also supported MS in developing and validate or update the national SPS strategy aligned with the regional strategy and the WTO SPS measures. The strategies are at different stages of implementation in MS. Another important intervention was to support MS t national and regional SPS committees where good practises and lessons are shared and interventions areas identified for actions; in spite of such efforts, there are some observations of rejections of live animal and meat exports due to limited SPS compliance and knowledge in the areas

The following are the proposed actions under BREFONS to enhance the competitiveness of livestock and livestock trade: The key results from this main action will be compliance to SPS enhanced and interventions to reduce non-Tariff Barriers supported; market demand for livestock and livestock products compiled and shared to help countries negotiate and benefit from the AfCFTA

To achieve the above results one of the actions is to prepare a training manual and undertake regional training of trainers on risk analysis, transparency, equivalence, and other key provisions of the SPS agreements.

Scope of Work for the Consultant

The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is seeking a highly qualified consultant under the BREFONS, to conduct a Training of Trainers (ToT) on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements. This task will require the development of, a detailed training of trainers (ToT) manual on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements to be used for the training.



The target participants for the training will be drawn from the geographic interest area of the IGAD clusters formed by cross-border areas shared between South Sudan-Sudan and cross-border areas shared between Ethiopia and Somalia and Djibouti - Ethiopia.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities

- a. Development of a detailed training of trainers (ToT) manual on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements;
- b. The manual shall also cover a review of the current status of SPS management capacity in IGAD member states and key good practices and lessons achieved elsewhere relevant to IGD region Development of a logical training programme;
- c. physical training of trainers (ToT) on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements.
- d. Review the existing regional SPS strategy and update it
- e. Assist the livestock division in related areas

Deliverables

- a. An inception report detailing the facilitation methods, mode of delivery, materials to be used, and training programme;
- Detailed training of trainers (ToT) manual on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements to be used for the training;
- c. Final training report to be shared with ICPALD.
- d. Revised regional SPS strategy

Qualifications, Competence, Skills and Knowledge

Academic Qualifications

 At least a Master's degree in Veterinary Science, or Animal health, or Public Health or food safety from a recognised university.

Work Experience and Competencies

- At least ten years experience and knowledge of SPS agreement and implementation of SPS strategy.
- Proven experience at the programming and policy level
- Experience in conducting and facilitating dialogue with national, regional and international organisations
- Knowledge and experience in regional and international trade
- Comprehensive understanding of economic, political, institutional, and technical issues related to SPS.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.



Other Experience/ Knowledge / Abilities

- Self-starter with the ability to strategically plan information and knowledge management work;
- Experience working with a regional and international organisation(s), including INGOs, bilateral or multilateral agencies, and UN agencies is desirable;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to deal with technical and people management challenges.
- Verbal and written communication skills in English. French will be added advantage.

Consultancy Duration and Fees

•The consultancy is fixed at a maximum of 50 person-day spread over 4 months.

Equipment

The consultant will use his/her office accommodation and facilities. During the visit, the consultant will access photocopying, telephone and Internet facilities from ICPALD.

Reporting and Management of the Assignment

The Consultant will work under the direct supervision and guidance of the ICPALD Head of Livestock and Fisheries and the Technical Team comprising Livestock/ rangeland specialists. The outputs indicated above and adherence to the time schedule will be approved by the Project Coordinator (PC), and any payment will be subject to this approval. The reports referenced herein will conform to a format approved by ICPALD. All paper copies of the deliverables must be accompanied by electronic versions in the respective Microsoft Office application format (e.g., MS Word for documents and MS Excel for spreadsheets). All images shall be provided in an editable digital format (e.g., high-quality JPG or PNG), and all software submitted with source code.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria are relevant education background; relevant work experience (as described above); good track record in delivering similar assignments; experience working in the IGAD region; familiarity with SPS measures; trade policies and mechanisms.

Consultancy Duration and Payment Schedule

Output/ activity	Payment in percent of	Estimated date of
completed.	the contract amount	completion



The signing of the contract and approval of the inception report;	-	Ten days after the signing of the contract
Detailed training of trainers (ToT) manual on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements to be used for the training;	50%	ToT manual and revised draft SPS strategy within 460 days of signing the contract
Conducting Training of Trainers (ToT) on Risk Analysis, Transparency, Equivalence and other key provisions of the SPS agreements	30%	two months after the contract
Draft report to be shared with ICPALD;		One week after ToT is concluded.
Submission of final manual; revised SPS strategy and training Report	20%	Three months after the contract

Insurance cover

The consultant will be responsible for his/her own medical and life insurance coverage for the duration of the assignment.

Taxes

The consultant will be responsible for remitting his/her taxes.

Report will be submitted to IGAD Centre for Pastoral Area and Livestock Development (ICPALD), Kabete Vet Lab, Kapenguria Road, P. O. Box 47824-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

How To Apply

Interested candidates should submit their applications accompanied by a detailed CV, copies of both academic and professional certificates and testimonials, names and addresses of three reputable referees, contact details (e-mail, telephone) by email to: beverlyne.nyanchera@igad.int

All applications should be received not later than 14th May 2023



IGAD shall only respond to shortlisted candidates