

Terms of Reference

Support to the implementation of the joint NPCA-German support programme related activities of the CAADP Agenda

Junior Expert

1. BACKGROUND

CAADP is at the heart of efforts by African governments under the AU/NEPAD initiative to accelerate growth and eliminate poverty and hunger among African countries. The main goal of CAADP is to help African countries reach a higher path of economic growth through agriculturally-led development which eliminates hunger, reduces poverty and food insecurity, and enables expansion of exports. As a program of African Union, it emanates from and is fully owned and led by African governments. Although continental in scope, it is an integral part of national efforts to promote agricultural sector growth and economic development. It is not a set of supranational programs to be implemented by individual countries. It is rather to be understood as a common framework, reflected in a set of key principles and targets that have been defined by the Heads of State and Government, in order to: (a) guide country strategies and investment programs, (b) allow regional peer learning and review, and (c) facilitate greater alignment and harmonization of development efforts.

The German Support program “Pan-African Reform Processes in the Field of Agri-business Promotion” supports AU/NEPAD member-states and selected regional economic communities to pursue coherent, regionally coordinated agri-business policies. The political partner for the project is the AU Commission, Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA). Project executing agency and implementing partner is the NEPAD Agency CAADP Unit in South Africa. Recipient institutions include selected regional economic communities (RECs), CSOs, Farmers organisations and other relevant CAADP Stakeholders. The German support program started in 2008 and is currently scheduled until 12/2012.

The program supports the strategic development of the CAADP Agenda together with the NEPAD Agency and implements activities as agreed in the Joint NEPAD-German Work Program. Due to the fast development of the CAADP Agenda continent- wide, the GIZ programme seeks a junior expert support to help in the implementation of CAADP agenda.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Working within the Terms and operational arrangements of the NEPAD Agency Agriculture Unit and mainly the CAADP Implementation Support Team, the junior expert will support the implementation of the joint NPCA-German support work plan and other CAADP related activities. Specifically, the junior expert will:

- 2.1 In liaison with the CAADP Implementation Team (the Head of CAADP) and the GIZ seconded expert to CAADP, support implementation of the CAADP process and flagship programmes
- 2.2 Support activities related to Non State Actors participation in CAADP implementation at national and regional level
- 2.3 Support the preparation and organisation of the regional and Panafrican CAADP Africa Forum
- 2.4 Organise Data collection and update of CAADP related events, implementation status at country and regional level
- 2.5 Organise and coordinate with relevant service providers (where necessary) in ensuring timeliness and quality in delivery of the capacity development interventions and programmes
- 2.6 Organise and manage regular follow-up activities to the REC and country CAADP teams
- 2.7 Continually up-date capacity development needs for the various teams and institutions at all levels in CAADP implementation

The position will be posted at the NEPAD Agency in Midrand, South Africa.

3. Qualifications and experience

- 3.1 An MA in Economics, social sciences, MBA, or any other relevant qualifications
- 3.2 Experience in international development politics and working in/with international organizations, preferably with working experience in SSA
- 3.3 Team player and strong analytical skills
- 3.4 Experience with GIZ systems, as well as pan African reform agenda an asset
- 3.5 English and French
- 3.6 The position requires extensive travel across Africa

4. Duration

The junior expert will be engaged initially for the duration of the Project support. Start date mid-March 2011 – December 2011