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Terms of References

Expertise to consolidate African Farmers Organizations independent dialogues for UN Food Systems Summit.

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INTRODUCTION

The Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) as a higher body representing farmers in Africa along with its regional networks are taking lead to conduct the consultation process to insure the views of African farmers are significantly considered for the coming UN Food Systems Summit.

Food systems is a complex aspect that involves all process that food passes through, from producer to the last consumer. Every human being is part of the process in one way or the other and the health of the food systems affects everyone.

The United Nations is planning to convene the Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit in July 2021 to deliver the latest evidence-based and scientific approaches to food systems transformation from around the world, to bring together the efforts and contributions of a global engagement process to shape ambition to transform food systems and launch a set of new commitments through coalitions of action and mobilize new financing and partnerships.

Whereas the UN Summit is planned in September 2021, aiming to deliver progress on all 17 of the SDGs through a food systems approach, leveraging the interconnectedness of food systems to global challenges such as hunger, climate change, poverty and inequality. The summit will focus on five priority areas (1) ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all, (2) shifting to sustainable consumption patterns, (3) boosting nature-positive production at scale, (4) advancing equitable livelihoods and (5) building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress.

Farmers are key actors in the food systems, thus they joined other actors to engage in the summit processes to bring their contribution towards a health food systems and they are willing to meaningful participate in the summit by sharing their views and leading the needed change.

PAFO and its regional networks visions to conduct the consultation process to collect the views of farmers across the continent by organizing the independent dialogues at National, Regional and continental level to insure the voices of farmers across the continent are equally heard and represented at the Food Systems Summit.

In course of this process, PAFO will consolidation the dialogues outcomes and recommendations by convening a Pan African dialogue and by producing a consolidate continental position document for the global independent dialogue.

Overview of PAFO

PAFO is recognized as the representative body of African farmers' organizations at the highest continental level with Headquarters' in Kigali-Rwanda. PAFO is currently composed of five regional African farmers' networks representing more than 70 farmers' organizations in nearly 49 African countries. PAFO's mission is to represent the interests of African farmers and to promote "A vibrant, prosperous and sustainable African agriculture that ensures food security and sovereignty, including socio-economic and cultural development".

1. OBJECTIVES OF AFRICAN FARMERS COMMON POSITION FOR FSS

1.1. Main Objective

The overall objective of the Pan African dialogue is to validate the Farmers the consolidate of ideas and to discuss on the follow-up for the post Summit's action tracks. The continental common position objective is is to compile the views of African farmers and to insure they are taken into consideration in both UN Pre-Summit and the Summit.

1.2. Specific objectives

- Compiling the outcomes from Regional Independent dialogues.
- Structuring the views of farmers to fit into the UNFSS framework
- Adopt a set of recommendations and to develop a common Pan African position for the UNFSS
- Define the African farmers needs to effectively engage in post Summit's action tracks leading to equitable and sustainable food systems
- Submission of the dialogues outcomes to the UNFSS secretariat via the Feedback form of UNFSS gateway

2. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following are the expected outcomes from the expertise and the Pan African dialogue

- All views of African farmers collected in national and regional independent dialogues are consolidated in one documents
- Validation of the common position documents by the farmers
- The consolidation document is submitted to the FSS secretariat to be considered at the summit
- The independent Pan African dialogue is registered to the FSS dialogues gateway ,to enable the consideration of African Farmers Organisations independent dialogues outcomes

3. SCOPE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION AND EXPERTISE

3.1. Duties and Responsibilities

The expertise is under the direct supervision of the PAFO Programs Officer. The expected duties and responsibilities, among others, will comprise:

- Compiling the outcomes from all regional independent dialogues into one common continental position paper
- Work with the PAFO team to prepare the Pan African independent dialogue
- Moderating the Pan African independent dialogue
- Summarizing the dialogue outcome and completing the Official Dialogue Feedback form

3.2. Qualification

Core values

Integrity, professionalism, respect of diversity.

Qualifications and essential skills

- Nationality: African.
- Education: Post Graduate Degree in Development Studies, Human/Social Sciences, Agricultural Economics, Law or Policy Studies and other related studies.
- Knowledge and Skills:
A good understanding of African food systems,
Proven experience in presiding over and/or moderation of dialogues
Outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Language: Fluent in English and/or French.

3.3. Scope of Work

Expertise

From the reports of the regional independent dialogues, a common continental position paper for advocacy will be produced in English and French language, consolidating the views and recommendations of African farmers from the national and regional independent dialogues.

Pan African Dialogue

Two hours virtual Pan African dialogue will be convened by PAFO with participation of technical team involved in the consultation process at national and regional level as well as other relevant stakeholders. The dialogue invitation and other meeting details will be prepared. The Pan African dialogue is meant to validate the continental common position document and to be discussed on the expected takeaway from the summit. The feedback form will be filled and submitted to the FSS dialogues gateway. The Simultaneous interpretation service will be provided

3.4. Deliverables and timeline

| Deliverables | Dates |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Pan-African Independent Dialogue | 17th June 2021 |
| Completing the feedback form | 21st June 2021 |
| FSS continental common position | 25 June 2021 |

3.5. Conduct of the mission

The mission is divided into two parts:

- The first part is to develop the FSS continental common position
- The second part is the Pan-African Independent Dialogue

The service will be subject of an order letter based on the price offer submitted and the terms of reference for the assignment. It will be issued in duplicate signed by both parties.

The working languages will be French and English depending on the country and the regional organization concerned.

3.6. Proposal submissions

Interested consultants must submit the information demonstrating that they are qualified and experienced to carry out this assignment and will justify that they have the same similar service references. As such, they are invited to submit for the achievement of this mission:

- A Curriculum Vitae containing the references of the declared experiences
- Their understanding of the mission
- Technical proposal indicating the detailed methodology and a provisional implementation schedule
- A financial proposal

At the email : ceo@pafo-africa.org, with a copy to program@pafo-africa.org and info@pafo-africa.org. Subject "Recruitment of expertise to consolidate FOs independent dialogues for FSS".

Applications will be received not later than **7th June 2021**.

3.7. Copyright

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted!