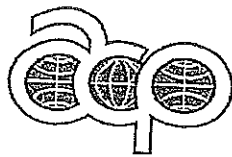


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## **SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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ON THE DRAFT FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT TO ESTABLISH AN OACPS  
FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION MECHANISM**

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influenced by the ongoing global crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. Current food production systems place enormous pressure on natural resources and natural systems, leading to land degradation, pollution, deforestation, and in the case of "blue food", overfishing. Furthermore, external forcings such as the current global food, fertiliser and energy crises continue to disrupt current food production systems. For OACPS countries, who are all vulnerable developing countries the effects can precipitate tensions in societies, fuel community conflict, and political instability.

Over the last three years, successive shocks have further contributed to the deteriorating food insecurity situation. They have reversed decades of progress made by Member States of the OACPS. These shocks have revealed the interconnectedness and fragility of global food systems. For example, the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic pushed millions of people into extreme poverty, and many more faced food insecurity and malnutrition. The outbreaks of desert locust swarms in the Horn of Africa, documented as the worst in 70 years, coupled with successive droughts have deepened the food insecurity situation. The Russia-Ukraine war has further revealed the fragility of global food systems having curtailed food, fertilizer and energy supplies. All of these have had disproportionate and adverse impacts on food security and nutrition outcomes in Member States of the OACPS.

Calls for urgent and adaptable policy interventions to deliver on the intended objectives of reducing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, and ensuring inclusive development and a healthy environment – catalysed a robust global discourse under the auspices of the inaugural UN Food Systems Summit, convened in 2021. It inspired robust, inclusive and multi-stakeholder engagements to catalyse and embrace actions that will transform food systems, to meet the current challenges of food insecurity and malnutrition – and to build sustainability and resilience into the food system.

At the UN Food Systems Summit, Member States of the OACPS committed to transforming their food systems, to address some of these pressing challenges. The 10th OACPS Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Luanda, Angola in December 2022 called for "support to implement the nationally-led food systems transformation pathways, by enhancing capacity-building support for its members to build an enabling environment to facilitate a transformation of food systems, ensuring sustainability, inclusiveness, and resilience". Strong global partnerships, science-policy-practice linkages, coordinated actions at all levels including between governments, civil society and the private sector, and interdisciplinary approaches to respond to and address the factors that contribute to the fragility of both green and blue food systems in the OACPS.

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), which operated within the institutional architecture of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreements, until the end of the Cotonou Agreement, was the primary OACPS institution which provided critical capacity-building support to OACPS Members in agriculture and rural development. The CTA implemented concrete policy actions which contributed to poverty reduction and promoted food security. The CTA was closed in November 2021.

Notwithstanding, the closure of the CTA, Members of the OACPS continue to emphasise the importance and priority of food systems transformation to achieve food security, reduce poverty, and sustain the lives and livelihoods of millions in the OACPS, Decision no. 6 of the 112th Session of Council of Ministers mandated the Secretariat to explore options for establishing an OACPS Food Systems Transformation Mechanism. A draft feasibility study on the OACPS Food Systems Transformation Mechanism has been prepared. The Secretariat

- Revised draft feasibility study report OACPS Food Systems Transformation Mechanism
- Final Report

## 2.5 Language

All draft reports and documents must be in English. They shall be officially translated into French once approved.

## 3. EXPERTS

### 3.1 Number of Experts

One senior expert

### 3.2 Profile of Principal Expert

#### Qualifications and skills

- At least a master's degree or equivalent in Agricultural studies, agricultural economics, economic, or related fields.
- An excellent verbal and written command of English or French.

#### General professional experience

- At least 12 years' work experience, with increasing levels of responsibility, in the field of agricultural policy and development.
- Proven report writing skills.
- Project management skills is an asset.

#### Specific professional experience

- At least 10 years work experience in the field of agricultural development, policy and project management.
- At least 10 years of work experience in OACPS countries and good experience with OACPS agricultural development, policy institutions, and agricultural knowledge networks.
- Experience in working with OACPS regional organisations, experience managing EU-funded development cooperation programmes, experience with outreach and public engagements with Government, civil society, international organizations and donors, in the agricultural context is an asset.
- Demonstrated understanding of current policy issues related to different food system transformation.

All experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities they take on.

Working languages: Fluency in both English and French would be an advantage.

Having the following skills will be an added advantage: Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; good computer skills.

## 4. LOCATION AND DURATION

The normal place of posting of the specific assignment will be the Contractor's premises. Virtual conferencing and online messaging will be used to consult other important stakeholders.

	Submission of Final Report		10 May 2023	1	Virtual Platform
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## 5. REPORTING

### 5.1 Content

The Contractor will deliver an electronic copy and two paper copies of the Final Report to the Contracting Authority (the Secretariat of the OACPS for the attention of the Assistant Secretary-General for Department of Environment and Climate Action by emailing [Cristelle.Pratt@acp.int](mailto:Cristelle.Pratt@acp.int) with a copy to [Peter.Nyongesa@acp.int](mailto:Peter.Nyongesa@acp.int)). The same number of copies (electronic and paper) shall be submitted in respect of the Inception Report.

- **Inception Report:** It will include an implementation work plan and a methodology with sufficient details describing how the specified tasks will be accomplished. (up to 7 pages in English or French).
- The Following reports will also be submitted to the Secretariat:
  - i. Report on stakeholder mapping of regional agricultural institutions and networks
  - ii. Draft Consultation Plan
  - iii. Report on the stakeholder consultations with key recommendations
  - iv. Revised draft feasibility study report OACPS Food Systems Transformation Mechanism
- **Final report:** The final report will include an executive summary (up to 5 pages) outlining the key findings, policy options, and recommendations for an OACPS Food Systems Transformation Mechanism.

### 5.2 Language

All draft reports and documents may be in English or French. They shall be officially translated by the Secretariat of the OACPS.

### 5.3 Submission /Comments and timing

The reports referred to in section 5.1 of this terms of reference must be submitted to the Project Manager identified in the contract. The Secretariat of the OACPS is responsible for approving the reports.

#### *Approval*

The Contractor will deliver an electronic copy of the report to the Secretariat of the OACPS. The OACPS Secretariat is responsible for approving the reports within 10 working days of their submission by the Consultant.

## 6. INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURE ( NOT APPLICABLE)

## 7. MONITORING AND EVALUATION (NOT APPLICABLE)