



Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY SERVICES – (FIRM SELECTION)

Consultancy Services for External Audit of ASARECA Financial Statements for Finance Year 2024, Statement of Expenditure (SOE) for IFAD-EU CAADP XP4 Programme and Financial Report for AICCRA Project (Accelerating Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa)

REFERENCE NO: ASAR/CONS/2025/00001

1. The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) is a non-profit sub-regional organization of the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of 15 countries: Burundi, Cameroon; Central African Republic; Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. The core function of the Association is coordinating and convening human, physical, financial and institutional capital to implement Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) initiatives in the Eastern and Central Africa.
 2. ASARECA has received financing from the European Union (EU) managed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (“IFAD”) and the World Bank and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under this contract, for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued.
 3. The consulting services (the Services) include concurrently carrying out three sets of annual audit reviews for: (1) the ASARECA organization wide covering the financial year ended December 2024, (2) specific audit of the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) of the IFAD-EU funded CAADP XP4 Project and (3) specific audit of Financial report for AICCRA project covering the same reporting period.
 4. ASARECA now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the above consultancy Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria for the firm are:
 - a) A member of a National Registered Supervisory body and commits to follow International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) standard of Auditing and Reporting.
 - b) At least 10 years’ experience in conducting Audit of programmes and projects that are donor funded by National and/or International Donors and Institutions.
 - c) Experience of conducting audits in ASARECA region with sufficient knowledge of relevant laws, regulations and rules in Uganda.
 - d) Evidence of at least 5 previous assignments of similar nature and scope in the last 7 years.
 - e) Availability of qualified and skilled personnel in Public Audit and Public Accounting
 5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The type of association whether a joint venture or a sub consultancy should be clearly indicated in the Expression of interest.
 6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Selection (LCS) procedure for selection of consultants contained in ASARECA Operational Manual (Section Six).
 7. Interested Providers may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Local time). The detailed Terms of Reference can be accessed at <https://www.asareca.org/announcements>
 8. Expressions of interest must be sent by email or hand delivered to the address below (in person) by 11:00 hours, **21st February 2025**. The packages must be clearly marked:

“Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for External Audit of ASARECA Financial Statements, Statement of Expenditure (SOE) for IFAD-EU CAADP XP4 Project and Financial Report for AICCRA Project”
- To: The Executive Director
Attn: Procurement and Contracting Consultant
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