CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : NATIONAL LEGAL CONSULTANT

Context. On the 26 May 2016, the Republic of Mauritius represented by the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security (“MAIFS”) signed with IFAD a Reimbursable Technical Assistance (RTA) Agreement No. 2000001086 which aimed at providing a Technical Assistance to the Government of Mauritius to setup an operational framework for the development of its seed sector and to prepare the related necessary legal framework. The time to perform this Technical Assistance is 30 months, starting from the date of the Agreement.

Objectives of the mission. Between 04 August 2016 and 31 January 2017, under the joint coordination of IFAD Programme Officer, and the Senior Technical Advisor, and in close collaboration with the Seed Sector Legal Expert, you will participate in an IFAD mission, the purpose of which is to provide advisory services to the Government of Mauritius for the Development of Subsidiary Regulations under its Seeds Act 2013. Your specific terms of reference will be as follows:

- Carry out a legal review of the existing Seed Act 2013 and related legal documents to identify gaps; this review should also take account of harmonization objectives arising from the participation of Mauritius in regional economic groupings;
- With the seed sector legal expert and in close collaboration with the RTA National Technical Team (NTT), organize and facilitate a consultation process with seed sector stakeholders to discuss and validate the list of priority regulations to be drafted or revised;
- Draft or review the agreed priority regulations and submit them through the appropriate channels together with explanatory notes to facilitate the review process;
- With the seed sector legal expert and in close collaboration with the RTA NTT, facilitate a stakeholder workshop to review the draft regulations prepared;
- With the seed sector legal expert, prepare and submit the final regulations incorporating recommendations from the stakeholder workshop and the Government of Mauritius.

Organization of the mission. It is envisaged that he mission will be organized in two steps:

- Step 1 (Between 04 August and 23 October 2016): Legal review of the existing regulations and drafting of new regulations where required. This step will be executed through 15 days consultancy work with inputs from the seed sector legal consultant.
- Step 2: (Between 01 and 31 January 2017): Preparation and facilitation of the final stakeholder’s workshop and finalization of the regulation for submission to government. This step will require 17 days consultancy work.

Qualification.

- At least a Master degree in law with at least 8 years of professional experience in the legal field, preferably in public law with proven contributions in drafting regulations. Knowledge of the Mauritius agriculture sector legislation and a good understanding of the standards/systems under SADC/COMESA for quality seed production and trade at national and regional levels will be an advantage;
- Demonstrate excellent legal research, analytical and legal writing skills (examples of previous works are requested) with high proficiency in English (both oral and written)

Applications
Interested candidates are requested to apply by sending a CV and cover letter in English by email to: v.achancho@ifad.org. The email should have as subject line the following reference: Application for IFAD RTA National Legal consultant – Mauritius.

As a supplement and NOT as substitute to the CV, separate samples of publications or reports should be attached to demonstrate legal writing skills and proven experience.

Deadline for application: Saturday 23 July 2016 at 05 PM Nairobi time.

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