

Terms of Reference for conducting Policy Research into issues affecting EAC interregional Trade in Rice

1.0 Introduction

In partnership with the EAC Secretariat, Kilimo Trust is implementing a three-year project (2019 - 2022) commissioned by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). The central aim of CARI project is to enable locally produced rice in East Africa to competitively substitute the current over 300 million US\$ worth of rice imports to the East Africa Common Market. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to inclusive transformation of the rice sector in East Africa for sustainable increase in incomes of 220,000 women, men and young people employed in the value chain of locally produced rice in the East Africa Community.

The Project has three specific objectives:

- a) Increase productivity, commercialization, profitability and resilience for enterprises of smallholder producers of rice.
- b) Strengthen and expand access and competitiveness in the national and regional markets for the locally produced rice.
- c) Strengthen local, national and regional enabling policy and institutional environment for optimal commercialization of the rice sector.

2.0 Background

The EAC Secretariat in collaboration with Kilimo Trust with the support from the Alliance of a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) under the framework of CARI EA project, have made progress in promoting rice sub sector in the region. Specifically, the Secretariat would like to undertake policy research to better understand issues that affect rice trade in the region so as to boost its trade.

The Assignment:

The consultant will support the research into current issues that are affecting intra-regional trade in rice with an aim of making practical recommendations to the EAC Secretariat and Kilimo Trust on how to address the identified issues.

The Consultant will be expected to:

- a) Conduct policy research to analyze current issues affecting intra-regional rice trade
- b) Consult rice value chain stakeholders to identify the most pressing issues currently affecting rice trade in EAC
- c) Make recommendations to the EAC secretariat and Kilimo Trust on the most strategic pathways to take to address the identified to promote regional rice trade.

Deliverables:

- 1) Inception report that elaborates an understanding of the consultancy requirements, methodological approach and work-plan for performing the assignment.
- 2) Comprehensive report and slide deck on identified issues affecting interregional rice trade





- 3) At least three (3) Policy briefs from the issues identified and practical recommendations
- 4) Raw data on evidence gathered to support identified issues
- 5) List of stakeholders consulted during the research

Time:

40 working days starting from 3rd August 2020

Degree of Expertise and Qualifications of the Consultant:

- a) Preferably master's degree in Agricultural Policy, Rural Development and Agricultural Economics or related fields. A PhD will be an added advantage.
- b) At least 5 years experience in Agricultural policy research, formulation, and implementation in the EAC region. Experience in rice sector will be an added advantage.
- c) Evidence of successful accomplishment of a similar or related assignment;
- d) Experience in working closely with public and private sector in the East African Community and understanding of the regional integration.
- e) Networks enabling you to establish partnership with the private and public stakeholders to gather pertinent information that is not in the public arena
- f) Ability to publish Agricultural policy matters in peer reviewed journals
- g) Excellent Research, Analytical, Presentation and Communication skills.

Mode of Application

The selection will be based on ability to meet minimum relevant requirements, and proven relevance of experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment. Interested and qualified consultants are invited to submit the following:

- a) A Technical and Financial Proposal plus cover letter stating why you consider yourself suitable for the assignment,
- b) CV of the consultant (s) proposed for this assignment highlighting qualifications and experience in similar projects evidence of previous contracts should be submitted); and
- c) Work references - contact details (e-mail addresses) of referees (firms for whom you have produced similar assignments).

The proposals should be submitted to **Human Resource and Administration Manager, Kilimo Trust** via email: recruitment@kilimotrust.org by **July 17th, 2020, at 5.00 pm EAT** quoting the consultancy title on the subject of the email.

