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**CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF
EFARD CO-MANAGER
OF THE EC-FUNDED PROJECT¹**

**Support to the “Platform for African – European Partnership on
Agricultural Research for Development-Phase 2” (PAEPARD II)**

1. BACKGROUND

The European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD) and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) have developed a **Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD)**. The launching phase of PAEPARD (April 2007 – September 2008) was supported by the European Commission through its FP6 Programme “Integrating and Strengthening the European Research Area, Specific Measures in Support of International Cooperation”. For more information on this PAEPARD I, please refer to: www.fara-africa.org/networking-support-projects/paepard/

Considering the positive and promising results obtained by PAEPARD I, the EC indicated that it will favourably consider supporting a larger project through its Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP). The PAEPARD II proposal has been designed through consultations involving the different categories of stakeholders from both Africa and Europe.

The overall objective of PAEPARD II is to build joint African-European multi-stakeholder partnerships in ARD contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The specific objective is “*Enhanced, more equitable, more demand-driven and mutually beneficial collaboration of Africa and Europe on agricultural research for development with the aim of attaining the MDGs*”. Building on the main lessons learned from PAEPARD I, the major challenge for PAEPARD II is to redress two imbalances in the current African-European ARD collaboration. One is that most collaborative projects are initiated and led by European partners; the challenge is thus to achieve ARD partnerships in which Africans and Europeans have equal influence based on mutual interest. The other imbalance is that most collaborative projects are implemented by R&D institutes and universities with limited or no

¹ Conditional call subject to the signature of the project contract between EC and FARA

involvement of other stakeholders; the challenge is thus to achieve ARD partnerships in which farmer organisations, NGOs and the private sector from both Europe and Africa play an active role. PAEPARD II aims therefore to move from the currently largely supply-driven approach in ARD towards a demand-responsive and inclusive approach. ARD initiatives of high quality will be implemented by multi-stakeholder African-European partnerships. PAEPARD II will nurture partnerships to increase the quantity and quality of joint proposals leading to more funded initiatives. PAEPARD II will not only focus on FP7, but will include other EC (EDF, EC Budget through the FSTP) and European bilateral funding instruments supporting ARD that might be mobilized for emerging ARD partnerships.

2. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS AND MODE OF OPERATION

PAEPARD II is planned for a duration of 36 months with a total budget of 6.85 M € including an EC contribution of 5.5 M € the difference being provided by the Consortium partners implementing the project.

PAEPARD II will be implemented by a Consortium composed of partners and associates representing the different categories of stakeholders from both Africa and Europe. FARA will lead the consortium and will sign the contract with the EC and account for its implementation.

The Consortium will appoint a Steering Committee and two co-managers (one African and one European) to manage the project. The project will be implemented through 6 Work Packages, each under the responsibility of two co-leaders.

The location for the European co-manager of PAEPARD II is left “open” for discussion with the selected candidate. However, considering that the key functions are to mobilize the different European stakeholders, to coordinate their participation and facilitate their interaction during project implementation, the European co-manager should be based in an environment facilitating interaction with some major stakeholders. Among the locations currently considered are: Brussels (Belgium), Montpellier (France) and Wageningen (The Netherlands).

As the project is scheduled to start in September – October 2009, applicants are expected to be available from these dates.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The European co-manager of PAEPARD II will work and share the responsibility of the implementation of the project with the African co-manager who will be based at the FARA premises in Accra, Ghana.

Both co-managers will work under the supervision of and report to the PAEPARD II Steering Committee appointed by the Consortium partners.

The co-managers, in consultation with the Work Package co-Leaders, will be in charge of developing the annual workplans and budgets submitted for validation to the Steering Committee and will supervise and coordinate their implementation by the respective “Work Package co-leaders”. They will also develop an “internal control system” in conformity with the EC grant contract provisions (manual of procedures and implementing rules for the project) to ensure adequate and timely financial and technical reporting.

The European co-manager will be more specifically responsible for:

- ✓ Mobilizing the European partners, with special emphasis on non-research partners.
- ✓ Ensuring timely and coordinated activities of the European partners with the African partners.
- ✓ Monitoring, drawing and documenting lessons and reporting on the activities led by or involving European stakeholders.

The European co-manager will also liaise with the other European ARD coordination mechanisms and initiatives and support the EFARD Secretariat, especially for activities related to the project.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION

EFARD is seeking applications for a full-time European co-manager of PAEPARD II. He/She should have the following credentials:

- ✓ A higher degree in agricultural or social sciences with strong and relevant experience in ARD, either in Europe or in Africa.
- ✓ A good knowledge of the ARD “landscape” at the European, African and international levels and of the working relationships between the different categories of ARD stakeholders.
- ✓ A demonstrated ability as “facilitator” with some experience of “ARD partnership building”.
- ✓ Good knowledge of EC funding mechanisms such as FP7, FSTP and EDF9 & 10.
- ✓ Managerial experience, in particular in managing EC-funded projects.
- ✓ Capacity to translate development issues into researchable questions and to identify the most appropriate scientific resources to address them.
- ✓ Experience of working in a multicultural environment.
- ✓ Fluency in English or French, with a good working knowledge of the other language. An additional European language will be an advantage.

5. WORKING CONDITIONS

Employment conditions of applicants are negotiable and will be agreed during the recruitment process. Applicants can be:

- ✓ Seconded from their organization (which will then be reimbursed the costs related to the secondment)
- ✓ Independent consultants
- ✓ Appointed by one of the consortium partners.

The first option is preferred.

Frequent travel is required.

Applications with CV (EC format²) and names and contacts of up to 3 referees should be sent to: secretariat@ecart-eeig.org, which has been requested by EFARD to facilitate the process.

Deadline for application: 31 May 2009

Provisional decision: mid-June 2009 (to be confirmed when the contract is signed between EC and FARA).

Expected starting date: September – October 2009 (assuming that the contract with the EC will be signed in June – July 2009)

² see : <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europasss+Documents/Europass+CV.csp>