TERMS OF REFERENCE

Agricultural Economics Expert

Purpose of the Position

These Terms of Reference define the duties, responsibilities and required competencies of the Agricultural Economics Expert.

The Expert contributes to the design, economic analysis, planning and monitoring of OMVG's agro-sylvo-pastoral and rural development programmes and projects.

He/she provides technical expertise in agro-economic analysis, value chain structuring, economic viability of projects and regional integration, in line with the Organisation's strategic orientations.

Duties and Responsibilities

Strategic Planning and Programming

- Contributes to the preparation and updating of agro-sylvo-pastoral and rural development master plans;
- Participates in the definition and structuring of integrated programmes and projects;
- Supports the identification of priority areas for intervention, in alignment with the national policies of Member States and OMVG's strategic directions.

Technical Coordination and Studies

- Contributes to the coordination of agricultural economics studies at the level of basins under OMVG jurisdiction;
- Supports the formulation and evaluation of agricultural projects;
- Participates in the monitoring and analysis of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), incorporating agronomic aspects, impacts on livelihoods and socio-economic dynamics;
- Provides agro-economic expertise to assess the viability, profitability and sustainability of proposed projects and interventions.

Project Implementation and Supervision

- Contributes to the establishment of programme and project management bodies;
- Supports the supervision of the implementation of interventions;
- Participates in budget preparation;
- Contributes to the monitoring and evaluation of the technical and socio-economic performance of projects.

Communication and Stakeholder Mobilisation

- Contributes to the implementation of the communication, information and awareness-raising strategy relating to programmes and projects;
- Promotes the involvement of public and private stakeholders in the implementation of interventions;
- Participates in technical consultations with partners and stakeholders.

Integrated Natural Resources Management

- Supports the implementation of the integrated and concerted natural resource management policy;
- Integrates economic, social and environmental dimensions into interventions;
- Contributes to the promotion of sustainable and inclusive approaches.

Compliance and Observance of Procedures

- Ensures compliance with applicable administrative, financial and technical procedures;
- Reports to his/her hierarchy any difficulty or risk likely to affect the implementation of projects/programmes.

Profile and Qualifications

Education

A degree in Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Rural Economics or an equivalent discipline.

Additional training in project management, financial analysis or agricultural value chain management would be an asset.

Experience

- Minimum of eight (8) years of professional experience in agricultural and rural development;
- Proven experience in the formulation, analysis and monitoring of agro-sylvo-pastoral programmes and projects;
- Experience in a regional, international or multi-country environment would be an asset.

Technical skills

- Strong knowledge of agro-economic and socio-economic analysis methods;
- Good knowledge of project planning and management mechanisms;
- Expertise in value chain analysis and structuring;
- Ability to integrate market dynamics and international trends;
- Knowledge of the agricultural policies of OMVG Member States;
- Proficiency in monitoring and evaluation tools.

Behavioural Skills

- Strong methodological rigour and in-depth analytical capacity;
- Strong organisational skills and autonomy;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multicultural environment;
- integrity and sense of responsibility;
- Ability to work under pressure.

Language skills
Excellent command of at least one of the official languages of the OMVG (French, English or Portuguese).
Proficiency in a second official language would be an asset.

Reporting Line
The Agricultural Economist shall report to the Director of Environment and Sustainable Development and shall be under the supervision of the Head of the Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral and Rural Development Division.

Duty Station
OMVG High Commission in Dakar (Senegal)
Frequent travel within the Member States as required by programme and project needs.