

# Consultancy services contract

## Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

### Adapted Procedure

Pursuant to Article R2123-1 of the French Public Procurement Code

### Subject

« Development of a conceptual and methodological framework for the assessment of GHG emissions from irrigated agricultural systems and mitigation pathways through an agroecological transition »

### Deadline for Submission of Expressions of Interest

Date: 06/03/2026

Time: 12:00 (Paris time)

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EAT is responsible for the project management of the Scientific and Technical Water-Agriculture Committee (COSTEA) within the framework of financing from AFD (Agence Française de Développement, financing agreement CZZ3577 01 K).

EAT intends to use a portion of this funding to hire a service provider **to develop a conceptual and methodological framework for the assessment of GHG emissions from irrigated agricultural systems and the identification of mitigation pathways through an agroecological transition.**

The study will identify the major sources of emissions characterizing irrigated agricultural systems, accounting for different potential sources such as the use of inputs, field-level agricultural practices, energy consumption and infrastructure, and the processing and valorization of agricultural products. The results obtained will allow identifying the potential that an agroecological transition can offer in terms of mitigating these emissions.

To this end, the Service Provider will carry out, among others, the following tasks:

- Develop a typology of irrigated agricultural systems, differentiated according to the magnitude and nature of their emissions;
- Assess the relative contribution of different sources of emission for each of the ideal-types identified, and drawing from a given case study;
- Assess the relative contribution of each ideal-type to global GHG emissions associated to irrigated agriculture;
- Identify relevant and credible agroecological transition scenarios for each ideal-type, together with key indicators in terms of irrigation management and agroecological transition;
- Quantify the mitigation potential related to the above-mentioned agroecological transition scenarios, as well as the emissions that would occur under "counterfactual" (non-irrigated) scenarios in each of the ideal-type situations;
- Consolidate and synthesize the results and present the final findings at an international conference.

Maximum duration of the assignment: 8 months

Expected start date: 1 May 2026

Place of performance: France

EAT invites service providers to express their interest in providing the Services described above.

Interested service providers may submit only one application, either on their own behalf or as part of a consortium. If a Candidate (including any member of a consortium) submits or participates in multiple applications, all such applications will be disqualified. However, the same subcontractor may participate in multiple applications.

If the service provider is part of a consortium, the form required by the Client is a joint consortium with a lead member fully liable. The expression of interest must include:

- A copy of the consortium agreement concluded by all its members, or
- A letter of intent to form a consortium in the event that their proposal is selected, signed by all members and accompanied by a copy of the proposed consortium agreement.

Interested service providers must provide information demonstrating that they are qualified and experienced to carry out the Services described herein. In this regard, they should provide evidence of recent and similar references for completed assignments.

The **expected competencies** of the team must include, at a minimum, expertise in the areas relevant to the assignment, and in particular:

- An expert in environmental assessment and carbon accounting applied to agriculture;
- An expert in climate change, mitigation, and adaptation;
- An expert specialized in agronomy of irrigated systems.

The similarity of past experiences will also be evaluated based on:

- The scale of the contracts;
- The nature of the services (documentary analysis, diagnostics, organization and facilitation of workshops);
- The diversity of the proposed team, combining different institutional backgrounds (research, consulting firms, NGOs) and geographic expertise (Africa, Asia, Latin America).

Interested service providers may obtain additional information via the e-procurement platform:  
<https://www.e-marchesppublics.fr/>

Based on the received and compliant applications, EAT will establish a **Shortlist of 4 to 6 bidders** and will provide them with the **Tender Dossier** for the execution of the required Services.

Expressions of interest must be submitted **no later than Friday, 6 March 2026 at 12:00 (Paris time)** via the e-procurement platform: <https://www.e-marchesppublics.fr/>. Expressions of interests may be submitted **in English or French**, at the applicant's discretion.

**APPENDIX TO THE CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**(MUST BE SUBMITTED SIGNED WITH THE APPLICATION, WITHOUT ANY  
MODIFICATION TO THE TEXT)**

**Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility**

Reference name of the Bid/Proposal/Contract signed<sup>1</sup>: Development of a conceptual and methodological framework for the assessment of GHG emissions from irrigated agricultural systems and mitigation pathways through the agroecological transition (the “Contract”)

To: Eau, Agriculture et Territoires (the “**Contracting Authority**”)

1. We recognize and accept that Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”) only finances the projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions, as set out in the Financing Agreement that directly or indirectly binds it to the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the Contract. Consequently, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture, and our subcontractors. The Contracting Authority may also mean the Client, Employer or Purchaser, as the case may be, for the procurement of works, goods, plants, equipment, consulting services, or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any person acting on our behalf<sup>2</sup>, nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are in any of the following situations:
  1. Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
  2. Having been, within the past five years, subject to a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other non-court resolution<sup>3</sup> having notably an extinctive effect on public action, either (i) in the country where we are constituted, (ii) in the country of performance of the Contract, (iii) in the context of the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed Contract, (iv) pronounced by a European Union institution, or (v) pronounced by a competent authority in France, for:
    - i. Prohibited Practices, as defined in Article 6.1 below, or for any other offence committed in the context of the procurement or performance of a Contract (in the event of such sanction, conviction or non-court resolution, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity, such as a compliance program, showing that we (or the person acting on our behalf, the member of our joint venture, or our subcontractor) consider that this sanction, conviction or non-court resolution is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
    - ii. Participation in a criminal organization, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labor, or other offences related to human trafficking;
    - iii. Having created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intention of avoiding tax or social obligations, or any other legal obligation applicable in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business, or for being an entity created with the intention of avoiding such obligations;

<sup>1</sup> In the case of a Contract already signed to be refinanced.

<sup>2</sup> Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees, or agents (be them declared or not).

<sup>3</sup> Including the Judicial Public Interest Agreement (CJIP), a decision following an Appearance on Prior Recognition of Guilt (CPRC), a negotiated resolution agreement, or any other similar form of transaction terminating criminal proceedings.

3. Having been subject within the past five years to a Contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent breach of our contractual obligations during the performance of the Contract, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;
4. Having been declared ineligible by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement of 9 April 2010<sup>4</sup> (in the event of such ineligibility, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity showing that we consider that such ineligibility is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
5. Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations relating to the payments of our taxes or social contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of our country of incorporation or of the country of the Contracting Authority;
6. Having created falsified documents or committed misrepresentation when providing the information requested by the Contracting Authority in the context of the procurement and award process for this Contract.

3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf<sup>5</sup>, nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, nor any of our direct or indirect shareholders, nor any of our subsidiaries acting with our knowledge or consent:
  1. Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to individual sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
  2. Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to sectoral sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
  3. Are ineligible for the implementation of the Project owing to any other international sanctions measures pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
4. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,<sup>2</sup> nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are [nor have been (in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded)] in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
  1. Being a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority or a subsidiary controlled by the Contracting Authority, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction.
  2. Having business or family relations with a member of the Contracting Authority's services involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
  3. Controlling or being controlled by another applicant, bidder or consultant, or being under common with another applicant, bidder or consultant, receiving subsidies from another applicant, bidder or consultant, or granting subsidies to another applicant, bidder or consultant, directly or indirectly, having the same legal representative as another applicant, bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another applicant, bidder or consultant allowing us to (i) have given and/or give access to information contained in our respective applications, bids or proposals likely to distort competition (ii) influence them, or (iii) influence the decisions of the Contracting Authority;
  4. Being engaged for a consulting services mission which, by its nature, is or may be in conflict with the mission envisaged for the Contracting Authority;
  5. Having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has prepared, specifications, terms of reference or other documents that have been used for the procurement process in question, and that contain provisions likely to favor an application, bid or proposal;
  6. Having or having had access to, having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has or has had access to or prepared,

<sup>4</sup> World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

<sup>5</sup> Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees or agents (be them declared or not).

specifications, plans, calculations, studies, or other documents that have not been communicated to all the applicants, bidders or consultants in the context of the present procurement procedure, and which thereby confer us an unfair competitive advantage;

7. In the case of a procurement procedure for works, plants, equipment or goods, having been selected ourselves or proposed to be selected (or any of our subsidiary companies having been or being proposed to be selected) to carry out supervision or inspection of the services in the context of this Contract.
5. If we are a state-owned entity or a public enterprise, to participate in a competitive procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
6. In the context of the procurement and performance of the Contract:
  1. Neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,<sup>2</sup> nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, have committed or shall commit a Prohibited Practice as defined in the document entitled "AFD Group's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices" available on AFD's Website<sup>6</sup>;
  2. Neither we, nor or any party acting on our behalf,<sup>2</sup> nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, shall acquire or provide [have acquired or provided (in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded)] equipment nor to operate [nor have operated (in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded)] in sectors subject to an embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
7. We hereby undertake to, and we undertake to ensure that any party acting on our behalf,<sup>2</sup> any members of our joint venture, and any of our subcontractors undertake to:
  1. Comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including the international conventions for the protection of the environment and, in particular, take all reasonable steps to avoid or limit negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on persons and property resulting from pollution, noise, vibration, traffic and other effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract.
  2. Implement measures to mitigate environmental and social risks when they are indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that the emissions, surface discharge and effluents produced by our activities respect the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.
  3. Respect the rights of workers related to wages, working hours, rest periods and vacations, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits, in accordance with the standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and made available to the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate the rights of workers to organize themselves and set up a complaints management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.
  4. Implement practices for non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.
  5. Keep a record for each member of the local staff recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, the wages paid and the training undertaken, and ensure that these records are available at all times to be inspected by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representatives of the government, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country of performance of the Contract.
8. We, any party acting on our behalf,<sup>2</sup> the members of our joint venture, our subcontractors, our direct or indirect shareholders, and our subsidiaries, authorize AFD to conduct investigations and, in particular, inspect the documents and accounting records relating to the procurement and

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<sup>6</sup> For informational purposes, this policy can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.afd.fr/en/combating-corruption>.

performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, our internal processes and rules related to the respect of international sanctions pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, and to have them verified auditors appointed by AFD.

9. We declare that we have paid, or that we shall pay, the commissions, benefits, fees, gratuities or charges relating to the procurement procedure or the performance of the Contract to the following third party/parties (for example, an intermediary/agent)(\*):

Name of beneficiary	Contact details	Purpose	Amount (indicate the currency)

(\*): If no amount has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "None".

10. We undertake to promptly inform the Contracting Authority, which shall inform AFD, of any change of circumstance regarding the sections above, including in case of any sanctions or embargo measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, after we have signed the present Statement.

Name:	
In the capacity of:	
Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of <sup>7</sup> :	
Dated:	
Signature:	

<sup>7</sup> In the case of a joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person signing the bid, proposal or application on behalf of the bidder, consultant or applicant, shall attach a power of attorney from such bidder, consultant or applicant.