

## Expression of Interest: Consultant Roster – Subject Matter Expert CGIAR Advisory Services

### What we are seeking:

The CGIAR Advisory Services (CAS) through its Shared Secretariat (CAS Secretariat) seeks to establish a pre-approved roster of subject matter experts (SMEs). CAS is looking for highly skilled and respected SMEs to work with the CAS to deliver Reviews and Assessment.

We seek expertise in the following areas aligned with the CGIAR 2030 Research and Innovation Strategy in particular Strategic Action Areas, Impact Areas, and Ways of Working:

- Three interlinked strategic Action Areas: Systems Transformation, Resilient Agri-Food Systems, Genetic Innovation. This may include crop/system specific experts.
- Five impact areas: (1) Nutrition, health and food security; (2) Poverty reduction, livelihoods and jobs; (3) Gender equality, youth and social inclusion; (4) Climate adaptation and mitigation; and (5) Environmental health and biodiversity.
- Seven ways of working: (1) Embracing a systems transformation approach, seeking multiple benefits across Impact Areas; (2) Leveraging ambitious partnerships for change; (3) Positioning regions, countries, and landscapes as central dimensions; (4) Generating scientific evidence on multiple transformation pathways; (5) Targeting risk-management and resilience as critical qualities; (6) Harnessing innovative finance; and, (7) Making the digital revolution central to our way of working.

SMEs can expect to work on creating and reviewing evaluative and assessment materials in response to research proposals and programs, producing associated products.

### Deliverables and timeline:

Qualified consultants will be placed on the roster for one year with a potential for two additional renewal years. Work assigned to roster-based consultants will not exceed 30 days a year and will be contracted through the CGIAR System Organization based in Montpellier, France. There is no guarantee of work for consultants placed on the roster.

---

Expression of Interest

CGIAR System Organization, Issued: 15-Feb-21 amended 1-Mar-21

## Role description

Subject Matter Expert	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and evaluate ongoing programs and projects</li> <li>• Review and assess proposed programs and projects</li> <li>• Contribute expertise to syntheses and meta-reviews</li> <li>• Limited travel to countries where CGIAR works may be required</li> <li>• Peer review and expert opinion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thought-leader in domains relevant to CGIAR Research and Innovation Strategy, with recognized scholarly or strategic contributions to the field</li> <li>• Detailed knowledge of the issues relating to agricultural research for development, agri-food systems and CGIAR</li> <li>• Good knowledge of the main international institutions and mechanisms involved in the areas of agriculture research for development</li> <li>• PhD in relevant disciplines (Economics, Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security, and related fields) with at least 10 years of relevant experience.</li> <li>• Excellent writing skills in English and good verbal communication skills</li> <li>• Ability to comply with the <u>conflict of interest</u> policy of CGIAR Advisory Services</li> </ul>

## Evaluation Criteria:

Roster applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevant academic and professional experience
- Publications record
- Satisfactory references

## Who we are:

CAS Secretariat provides operational support to the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC), the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) and carries out the external Evaluation Function for CGIAR. From time to time, the CAS Secretariat engages external subject matter experts to support specific tasks of the three functions.

CGIAR is a global research partnership for a food-secure future. CGIAR science is dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources and ecosystem services. Its research is carried out by 13 CGIAR Centers and Alliances in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations, and the private sector. These 13 Centers and Alliances have more than 10,000 staff based in over 50 countries.

Please find more information about CAS at <https://cas.cgiar.org/> and the CGIAR at [www.cgiar.org](http://www.cgiar.org)

## How to submit an expression of interest:

Please submit the following as separate documents:

- 1) A brief statement of no more than two (2) pages of text expressing interest and presenting your candidature by e.g., (i) explaining your motivation and relevant past experience, (ii) supplying two professional references and (iii) presenting your daily rate in USD. These rates will be applied for the full 12 months that the consultant is on the roster (rates can be renegotiated if the roster membership is extended).
- 2) A CV including full publications record.

Please submit documents to [CAS-Secretariat@cgiar.org](mailto:CAS-Secretariat@cgiar.org).

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be reviewed and included in the roster on a rolling basis through the stated deadline. Only electronically-submitted proposals will be considered. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. Please note: these consultancies are not designed for work of a continuing nature, or to lead to a staff position and as such, there should be no expectation of continued employment at the end of the contract.

All EOIs must be received no later than June 30, 2021. Only electronically-submitted proposals will be considered. Late proposals will not be considered.