



## **VACANCY NOTICE – CONSULTANT ON HARMONIZATION OF PROTOCOLS FOR MOVEMENT OF PLANT GERMPLASM ACROSS THE REGION**

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), an autonomous institute funded by member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for the position of consultant on harmonization of protocols for movement of plant germplasm across the region. The candidate will be responsible for harmonizing of plant trade protocols within CARIFORUM countries as part of the EU ACP funded Agricultural Policy Programme (APP).

### **OBJECTIVE**

The main objectives of this consultancy are:

- 1) To develop harmonized protocols for movement of plant germplasm across the Region. Plant commodities for which protocols need to be developed include, but are not limited to, Sweet potato, Cassava, Hot pepper, Corn, Beans, Peas.
- 2) Review existing protocols for the production of clean, disease-free planting material as well as the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) pertaining to the movement of planting material.
- 3) Draft a possible protocol (or protocols) and mechanisms for the production and safe movement of clean planting material in the Region.
- 4) Obtain endorsement of protocols by the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum for consideration as Regional standards recognised by member countries.

### **JOB SUMMARY**

The APP's objective is the improvement of the regional food and nutrition security. It aims to achieve this by contributing to reduction of poverty and the sustainable economic growth of small producers/entrepreneurs of CARIFORUM member states. One of the approaches to achieving this goal is the facilitation of trade among CARIFORUM countries for the acquisition of the best genetic material for agricultural production. The consultant on harmonization of protocols for movement of plant germplasm across the region would be required to modernize existing rules and regulations concerning trade in plant material for easier movement while at the same time maintaining the lowest level of risk with respect to the transfer of plant pests and diseases.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICE**

Tasks Will Include:

- Determination of commodities earmarked for trade within the Caribbean Region based on the APP Project's work plans.
- Review of existing local, regional and international trade protocols related to the targeted commodities.
- Draft new protocols that would consider modern technologies for production and safe movement of clean plant material.
- Consult with key stakeholders in agricultural production and trade including primary producers, traders and regulatory/government agencies for input on protocols.
- Prepare and submit protocol proposals to the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum for their endorsement.

## **REPORTING AND DELIVERABLES**

- Protocol(s) for the safe movement of clean planting material in the region.
- Protocol(s) proposals for endorsement by the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum.

## **KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

The successful candidate must possess extensive knowledge in Agricultural Science, Crop Protection, Plant Pathology, Entomology or related fields. He should be familiar with the activities of the International Plant Protection Convention. He must also possess skills in the reviewing of scientific literature. The candidate must be computer literate.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduate qualifications/expertise in Agricultural Science, Crop Protection, Plant Pathology, Entomology or related fields.
- 2 years' experience working in the areas of Crop Protection, Plant Quarantine, International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, drafting of protocols for movement of plant material locally, regionally or internationally or related experience.
- Experience in reviewing scientific literature.
- Knowledge of the International Plant Protection Convention.
- Good oral and written communication skills in order to relate to agricultural traders, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders in the field of agricultural trade.
- Computer literacy is required.

**Applicants should reach the Institute no later than Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and should be addressed as follows:**

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**Unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.**