



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**HIRING AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

**SUPPORT, COORDINATE AND FACILITATE THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEST  
AFRICAN INTEGRATED VECTOR MANAGEMENT (WAIVM)  
INITIATIVE**

**April 2019**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Vector-borne diseases have substantive effects on lives and economies of developing countries where several diseases occur concurrently in the same geographical location. Malaria is the most important vector-borne disease in Africa. According to WHO, Integrated Vector Management (IVM) is a “rational decision making process for the optimal use of resources for vector control. The need for IVM is more critical now than ever before as a result of an increase in vector-borne diseases and their threat to economic development. There is therefore, a need for renewed focus on human capacity development at national and regional levels and an increased call for inter and intra-sectoral collaboration where environmental management and health education are both linked to proactive strategies for controlling new and emerging threats. In this regards, NPCA (NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency), in collaboration with WAHO are establishing an integrated vector control program in the West African region, whose secretariat will be based in Bobo Dioulasso.

## **ROLE OVERVIEW:**

This terms of reference intends to facilitate the recruitment of a qualified individual consultant as an Officer who will be located in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso and will effectively support the WAHO malaria and communicable diseases prevention unit.

According to the terms of the Grant Agreement, the Officer shall, support, coordinate and facilitate the development and implementation of the West African Integrated Vector Management (WAIVM) initiative, working in conjunction with WAHO.

## **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

In particular, the consultant shall carry out the following tasks:

1. Coordinate the establishment of a regional inter-sectoral regulatory platform for IVM in the West African Region;
2. Support implementation of regulatory capacity strengthening programmes on emerging health technologies with focus on vector control technologies;
3. Contribute to the establishment of regional structures for regulating vector control technologies;
4. Facilitate implementation of harmonized regulatory systems for emerging technologies of public health relevance in the West African Region;
5. Facilitate and support the functioning, alignment of programmes and information sharing between health regulators, agriculture and environmental regulators and other relevant stakeholders across countries in the West African region through development and implementation of harmonized guidelines and other technical requirements and documents;
6. Support and conduct joint scientific assessment of applications, information and work sharing with ultimate reliance of regulatory decisions based on the outcome of joint work;
7. Support the coordination of study tours for key stakeholders at political, regulatory, scientific and community levels;
8. Support engagement of communities, stakeholders and the public through outreach and education;

9. Facilitate assessment of regulatory capacity and monitoring and evaluation of regulatory interventions in the West African Region;
10. Perform other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS; EXPERIENCE & SKILLS:**

### **Education**

University degree in medicine or advanced degree in professions allied to Medicine, Postgraduate degree in public health, global health or related areas from an accredited institution.

### **Experience**

Essential:

At least 7 years of relevant experience, at the national and international levels, in public health and infectious diseases;

Proven experience in managing similar public health programs;

Knowledge of vector control strategies with regards to malaria in developing countries.

### **Skills**

- Proven ability to coordinate, manage projects and build partnerships with multiple partners in the context of health and regulatory agencies.
- Proven ability to multitask across various planning and implementation processes within a highly demanding environment.
- Sound knowledge and skills in public health risk assessment.

## **LANGUAGES:**

Required: Excellent knowledge of one of the three community languages of the region, English, French, and Portuguese. A working knowledge of any other language of the region will be an advantage.

## **DURATION, DUTY STATION & NATURE OF APPOINTMENT:**

This is a consultancy contract position within the WAHO integrated Vector Management Program and will be financed by NPCA (NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency). The appointment will be for 6 months. The consultant will be based at WAHO Headquarters in Bobo-Bioulasso, Burkina Faso. He or she will travel across the ECOWAS region as required.

Persons interested in this notice are invited to express their interest. Applicants should provide information showing the required qualifications and relevant skills needed to deliver on the job, (Cover letter indicating the position applied for, detailed Curriculum Vitae, and copies of supporting documents).

The desired consultant will be selected in accordance with the ECOWAS tender code procedures in accordance with the agreement between WAHO and NPCA (NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency).

Interested and qualified applicants should express their interest by submitting a detailed application in person, by poste, or email to the address below:

**Prof Stanley OKOLO**  
**Director General**  
**West African Health Organisation**

**01 BP 153 Bobo-Dioulasso 01**  
**BURKINA FASO**

**Email:** [offres@wahooas.org](mailto:offres@wahooas.org) cc: [wahooas@wahooas.org](mailto:wahooas@wahooas.org)

The top right corner of the envelope or the subject of the email must indicate the position applied for. The deadline for receipt of applications is **25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 by midday GMT**.

Neither WAHO nor NPCA (NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency) will be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the applicant in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI.