

Template for a Request for Concept Notes
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Request for Concept Notes under The Project Entitled:

[Enter Project Title]

Request For Concept Notes Issued:

[Enter Date]

Expiration Date:

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I. BACKGROUND

Founded in 2006, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is an African-led African-based organization that seeks to catalyze Agriculture Transformation in Africa. AGRA is focused on putting smallholder farmers at the center of the continent's growing economy by transforming agriculture from a solitary struggle to survive into farming as a business that thrives. As the sector that employs the majority of Africa's people, nearly all small-scale farmers, AGRA recognizes that developing smallholder agriculture into a productive, efficient, and sustainable system is essential to ensuring food security, lifting millions out of poverty, and driving equitable growth across the continent.

To support this strategic partnership, AGRA is seeking to strengthen the impact on the entire value chain of selected agricultural products, which requires close collaboration with partners and stakeholders along the value chain. To achieve this, AGRA is requesting for proposals from implementation partners/consortia within its countries of operation.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Institutions/organisations contemplating submission of applications in response to this request for concept notes (RFCN) must determine whether they meet the following requirements to be eligible for AGRA financial assistance:

- Unless specifically stated otherwise in this section, must be registered in the national country with valid registration documents.
- Organisation's primary business activity must be in the stated focal countries
- Organisation must be in a sound financial condition
- Organisation must have sufficient existing capability/capacity to perform new work. AGRA may consider limited financial assistance to fund capacity building only if the proposal is determined to be of interest to AGRA.
- Organisation must have demonstrated favorable past performance record
- Organisation must have acceptable to AGRA accounting systems and corporate integrity/ethics.
- Organization must not be excluded from the eligibility to receive AGRA's donor-provided funds.

If an institution/organization meets the above eligibility criteria, AGRA will request additional documentation to be submitted as part of the pre-award process. Organisations are advised that any funds made available are subject to AGRA's and its donor (KfW) strict accountability and audit test.

III. ACTIVITIES ENVISIONED FOR FUNDING

The sub-grants to consortium partners will cater production of breeder and foundation seed and fertilizer and then linking this research directly to private companies who multiply, package, and distribute the new technologies (i.e. kits of optimized seed and fertilizer) to farmers via networks of private, village-based agro-dealers and government agencies. The sub-grants awarded to agro-dealers will strengthen their capacity to conduct mass demonstration of improved crop varieties and fertilizers and delivery of inputs to smallholder farmers.

IV. E&S MANAGEMENT

Institutions/organisations considered for funding under this RFCN must provide an Environmental and Social (E&S) Action Plan. The purpose of the ESAP is to identify E&S impacts and associated mitigation measures of the project to minimize negative effects and enhance positive effects, as identified during the internal AGRA E&S Screening and as listed below:

- *Provide list of Main E&S risks as identified during the E&S Pre-Screening and description of how these will be addressed*
- *Provide any climate related risks as identified during the Climate Adaptation Pre-Screening*
- *Provide a description of the project Area of Influence, based on the risks identified*

V. PERIOD PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED

This RFCNs remains open for a period of 15 days (from Date Issued to Expiration Date, shown above). Interested Institutions/organisations may submit their Applications any time up to the submission deadline. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

- Institutions/organisations/firms must follow the instructions mentioned below and must submit their applications using the proposal concept note template that can be downloaded in the AGRA website at the link: [To be completed by AGRA]
- Only those Institutions/organisations/firms whose applications AGRA determined to be of interest will be conducted for further details on the project implementation modalities.
- AGRA will not return any applications submitted.
- The projects that will be supported under this call for proposals will start between [To be completed by AGRA]
- The submission deadline is at [To be completed by AGRA]. Applications made after this deadline will not be considered.