



Consultancy for Review and Completion of Draft ASARECA Regional Intellectual Property & Data Sharing Policy

REFERENCE NO: ASAR/CONS/2025/00006

1. The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) is a not-for-profit sub-regional organization of the National Agriculture Research Institutions of fifteen countries namely: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. ASARECA is mandated to coordinate and convene human, physical, financial and institutional capital to implement Agricultural Research for Development initiatives in Eastern and Central Africa (ECA).

2. ASARECA stakeholders including scientists, private sector, policy makers from the Ministries of Agriculture and Directors General of the National Agricultural Research Institutions have continuously expressed security concerns over the transfer of agricultural technologies, innovations and data across national borders and institutions. In response, the ASARECA Board of Directors recommended the formulation of a regional Intellectual Property (IP) Policy to facilitate development and transfer of agricultural technologies, innovations and data across the ASARECA member countries. The IP and data sharing policy will provide a framework that guides effective management of IP among ASARECA member countries.

3. The objective of this assignment is to review and complete the draft ASARECA regional IP and data sharing policy.

4. ASARECA now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested individual consultants are requested to submit Expression of Interest for this consultancy based on the Education and Eligibility Criteria stated here-below:

- Master's Degree in any of the following fields – Intellectual Property/Intellectual Property Law/ Public Policy/Agricultural Sciences/Environmental Sciences.
- Experience in development of Intellectual Property Policies within the agriculture sector in ASARECA member countries.
- At least 10 years' experience working in the agriculture sector in ASARECA member countries.

Detailed Terms of Reference can be accessed on ASARECA Website: www.asareca.org

Consultants will be selected in accordance with procedure for selection of Individual Consultants contained in ASARECA Operational Manual (Section Six). The selection will be based on the Consultants' qualification, experience and capability to perform the assignment to be assessed as follows :

Academic qualification as per ToRs - 20%

Experience as stated above - 80%

Expressions of Interest must be sent by email to the address below by 17.00 hours on 27th June 2025 clearly Marked: “ Consultancy for Review and Completion of Draft ASARECA Regional Intellectual Property & Data Sharing Policy.”



To:

The Interim Executive Director

Attn: Procurement and Contracting Consultant

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