



COMITE PERMANENT INTER-ETATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SECHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL
PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL
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اللجنة الدائمة المشتركة لمحاربة التصحر في الساحل



Centre Régional AGRHYMET

Vacancy *poste*

The Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), through the AGRHYMET Regional Centre, is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the SERVIR West Africa program (SERVIR/WA). The launch took place on July 14, 2016 at the AGRHYMET Regional Centre in the Republic of Niger in presence of senior authorities from CILSS, NASA, USAID and the West African sub-region. West Africa thus becomes a member of the SERVIR Global Network, after the other regions, namely Hindu-Kush Himalayas, East and South Africa, and the Mekong River Basin. SERVIR/WA is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the American Space Agency (NASA). It will be implemented through a consortium coordinated by the AGRHYMET Regional Centre and composed of the Centre de Suivi Ecologique, the Centre for Remote Sensing and GIS (CERSGIS) of Ghana, the International Research Centre on Crops in Semi-Arid Tropical Areas (ICRISAT) of Bamako, Mali, the African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) in Niamey, Niger, the African Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology (AFRIGIST) in ILE IFE, Nigeria. The SERVIR West Africa program covers four themes:

- Food security and agriculture;
- Water resources and hydro-climatic disasters
- Weather and climate; and
- Land Use/Land Cover and Ecosystem Management.

For the implementation of this program, the AGRHYMET Regional Centre (ARC), a specialized Institution of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), is recruiting a **User Engagement Expert** on behalf of the Information and Research Department (DIR).

- **Job title:** Users engagement expert
- **Place of assignment:** AGRHYMET Regional Centre in Niamey-Niger with movements in the project area
- **Duration of the contract:** The contract is a 20 months contract depending on the performance with a trial period of six months.
- **Classification:** The position is classified in category P5 of the salary grid of CILSS
- **Type of recruitment:** Interstate
- **Closing Date:** april, 5th 2019.

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I. Responsibilities and tasks

The incumbent of the position performs his/her duties under the authority of the Head of the Information and Research Department (DIR) and hierarchically under the technical supervision of the Project Coordinator and Head of Mission. He/she will organize and carry out his/her tasks on the basis of SERVIR WA's annual work plan.

He/she will have the main task of establishing the conditions for effective stakeholder engagement in the SERVIR WA program, including ensuring that user consultation and participation are integrated into all SERVIR/WA activities. He/she will work closely with his/her Tetra Tech technical expert advisor counterpart, with the team of Science and Data experts, as well as with other staff members on products, tools, and events. He/she must ensure that all activities are well planned and that all the necessary skills are in place to effectively and sustainably engage stakeholders, including end users and beneficiaries. More specifically, the expert shall:

1. Federate the efforts of partners in identifying services, generating products/innovations and transferring them to end users.
2. Support the development of studies, evaluations and training of stakeholders in the field of geospatial data and earth observation services, tools and applications including sectoral studies specific to the SERVIR/WA project's priority areas of sustainable development;
3. Work closely with Science and Data experts to train partners on the SERVIR/WA service delivery process, tools and products, and the development of modules for users such as decision-makers;
4. Ensure and develop strong working relationships with regional institutions and other partners involved in service delivery and the use of earth observation data;
5. Facilitate dialogue and exchange activities at the regional level in order to provide staff of consortium member institutions with the means to learn and build the technical capacity of the consortium;
6. Facilitate participatory sessions with consortium members to identify target audiences for SERVIR/WA's communication and awareness efforts;
7. Support the development and implementation of a communication strategy for the hub as well as the communication plans of each organization in collaboration with the communication manager;
8. Support the monitoring of the use of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre services and feedback from users;
9. Maintain positive and constructive relationships with various stakeholder groups outside the consortium, including government and other users of geospatial tools and applications;
10. Perform any other tasks assigned by the Coordinator, the Project Head of Mission, the Head of Information and Research Department (DIR) within the scope of his or her responsibilities during the implementation of the project.
11. Support the networking of partners (designer and users of products and/or innovations).

II. Profile and experience required

The candidate for the position of User Engagement Expert must have the following profile and qualifications:

- ✓ Be at least 18 years old and at most 50 years old;
- ✓ Have a higher diploma of BAC+5 level in Environmental Sciences;
- ✓ Strong knowledge in the field of environmental reporting;
- ✓ Have a good knowledge of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), such as UNCCD, UNFCCC, UNCBD, etc...
- ✓ Have at least 5 years' experience in project management and formulation

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- ✓ Have a good experience in the field of partnership and public relations
- ✓ Have a good knowledge of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ✓ Have a good command of French and English;
- ✓ Ability to work in a multidisciplinary, multicultural and pressurized team;
- ✓ Good written and oral communication skills;
- ✓ Be of good character.
- ✓ Have a good experience in the development of user partnerships in the field of technical and/or socio-economic innovations;
- ✓ Have a good knowledge of Knowledge Generation and Management chain.

III. Application form

Candidates will send

- A CV
- A cover letter.

Please indicate the reference "Application Users engagement expert " in the subject of your application email.

Applicants interested in this opportunity are invited to submit their application as soon as possible before the closing date.

Applications should be sent to AGRHYMET REGIONAL CENTER by email - email: administration.agrhymet@cilss.int and at recrutements@cilss.int no later than **april, 5th 2019**.

The process of selecting applications will be done in two stages:

- As a first step, a short list will be freely established by CILSS on the basis of the CV and the cover letter;
- In a second step, the selected candidates will be invited to complete their files and an interview.
- The addresses of three (3) reference persons.

Niamey, **05 MAR 2019**

The Acting Director General

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