



COMITE PERMANENT INTER-ETATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SECHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL
PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL
COMITÉ PERMANENTE INTER-ESTADOS DE LUTA CONTRA A SECA NO SAHEL
اللجنة الدائمة المشتركة لمحاربة التصحر في الساحل



Centre Régional AGRHYMET

Recruitment Notice *Salim*

Applications from women and those from member countries under represented in CILSS staff are strongly encouraged

JOB TITLE : Technical Advisor Consultant Responsible For National and Information Systems in English-Speaking Countries

Job Station : Centre Régional AGRHYMET (CRA), Niamey, Niger

Terms of employment : 1 year with possibility of renewal depending on performance evaluation results. Renewable contract with a three (3) month trial period.

Terms of recruitment: Prestataire

Application deadline : **May 5, 2025**

I. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the European Union signed a grant agreement in December 2024 for the implementation of a project to strengthen and innovate information systems for food and nutrition security in the Sahel, West Africa and Cameroon (PRISISAN-AOS). This project aims to strengthen the resilience of food systems by improving the quality and effectiveness of monitoring, alert and intervention tools for food and nutrition security in 17 countries in the Sahel and West Africa and Cameroon. This will be achieved through the improvement of National Food and Nutrition Crisis Prevention and Management Systems (DN-PGCAN) and information systems on food and nutrition security.

An assessment carried out in 2019 by CILSS, with the support of partners, specifically the European Union (EU) through the Project for Improving Governance of Resilience, Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture in West Africa (PAGR-SANAD), made it possible to take stock of the current state of FNS information systems and mechanisms in all countries of the Sahel and West Africa.

The results of the study revealed disparities in food and nutrition security information systems. As a result, the countries were categorized into three groups. The countries in group 3 (Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Liberia) essentially lack national institutional coordination structures responsible for collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information in the field of food and nutrition security. They also lack early warning systems governed by all technical functions to ensure the coordination of information for decision-making. In general, the various data collection functions are carried out in a scattered manner by certain technical services that struggle to establish tools and methods, like the countries on the Sahel front, which have had the privilege of benefiting from more than 20 years of support in the establishment of National Mechanisms on food and nutrition security through several projects.

Cameroon, not being covered by the study, will be covered by this activity to enable CILSS to better understand their information system on Food and Nutrition Security.

It is therefore necessary to support this group of countries and Cameroon so that they can integrate into the regional approach governing the management and coordination of Food and Nutrition information system. This is why, CILSS, through the EU-funded PRISISAN project, plans to recruit a technical advisor consultant to support national systems and information systems in English-speaking countries. In this perspective, priority is given to these countries to be supported in order to improve the effectiveness of inclusive consultation mechanisms and, above all, the consistency, quality of data, reliability and consensual nature of analyses.

II. JOB DESCRIPTION

The technical advisor responsible for national systems and information systems in English-speaking countries will be expected to:

- Identify, in collaboration with the Project team, countries whose FNS-SI are not functioning and update existing roadmaps and support their development in countries where they do not exist.
- Prepare the CILSS food crisis management and prevention calendar and ensure proper implementation with the countries (PREGEC, CH, food balance sheets, cereals, pastoral, agricultural surveys, vulnerability surveys, nutritional

surveys, NRP, anticipatory actions, joint market and harvest assessment missions, etc.)

- Support these countries in the institutionalization of the main organs of a national system as recommended by the CILSS and support its operation in collaboration with the State and partners;
- Support the establishment of FNS information systems in countries that are not functional.
- Support the creation of national frameworks for inclusive consultation and coordination of FNS-SI;
- Support the establishment of different FNS clusters in the countries;
- Support the establishment of decentralized relay structures in the animation of FNS in the countries;
- Create a framework for monitoring and questioning civil society on FNS around a national sustainable system;
- Strengthening the leadership of States in the governance of national sustainable system

III. PROFILE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISOR

a. General qualifications and skills (minimum requirements):

- Holder of a higher education diploma in Agronomy, agro-economics or socio-economics, statistics or related disciplines,
- Have the skills to communicate, conduct meetings and facilitate workshops and training seminars. He must be able to work under pressure ;
- Have a perfect knowledge of English (oral and written), knowledge of French would be an asset.

b. General professional experience (minimum requirements) :

- Have at least 10 years of professional experience in the field of rural development, food and nutritional security, national crisis and disaster prevention systems, resilience;
- Experience at the regional level would be an asset;

c. Specific professional experience (minimum conditions):

- Have a good knowledge of the issues and challenges of food and nutritional security, crisis and disaster prevention, early warning, resilience and sustainable agriculture in the Sahel and West Africa;
- Have knowledge of food and nutrition security policies and strategies, preferably acquired in the Sahel and West Africa region;
- Have good knowledge of the sectoral policies implemented in Sahelian Africa and in the English-speaking countries covered by CILSS, and an excellent capacity for analyzing information on all themes related to resilience (agriculture/livestock and food, health, education, water and sanitation, social protection, etc.);
- Good knowledge of Sahelian and West African policies and strategies relating to resilience, in terms of agricultural investment, food and nutrition security (FNS), health, education, social protection, market development, etc.
- Have a good knowledge of early warning and disaster prevention system tools;
- Having experience in intersectoral approaches to the resilience issues of vulnerable populations will be an asset;
- Have very good experience in analyses with the “Cadre Harmonisé” tools
- Have a good capacity to mobilize stakeholders around the FNS issue
- Having already coordinated an Early Warning System (EWS) at the national level will be an asset.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

The application must include the following:

- An application addressed to the Director General of the AGRHYMET Regional Center;
- A cover letter addressed to the Director General of the AGRHYMET Regional Center;
- An updated and authentic CV certified by the candidate;
- A certified copy of titles, diplomas, and qualification certificates;
- A copy of work or service certificates and attestations;

Applications must be received by May 5, 2025 at the latest by email to the address : agrhyment.recruit@cilss.int with a copy to recrutements@cilss.int with the subject line « Technical Advisor Consultant Responsible For National and Information Systems in English-Speaking Countries ».

The vacation notice is available on the CILSS websites:

- CILSS: cilss.int
- Centre Régional AGRHYMET : <http://agrhyment.cilss.int>
- Institut du Sahel : <http://insah.cilss.int>.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further consideration in the recruitment process.

Niamey, 15 AVR 2025

The General Director/pi



Dr Issoufou BAOUA

