

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO UNDERTAKE END OF PROJECT EVALUATION FOR COOL LION PROJECT IN COTE D'IVOIRE, WEST AFRICA

1. Background

Accelerating Inclusive Green Growth through Digital Innovations (AGriDI) project is 4-year intervention implemented in 5 countries in West Africa namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Nigeria. It is expected to lead to: (i) increased uptake of agri-based digital technologies by farmers and SMEs, especially women and youth; (ii) strengthened linkages between research communities, industry, and policy actors in digital innovations; and (iii) strengthened policy environment for scaling agri-business digital innovations.

AGriDI is implemented as a competitive grant scheme that awards grants to academic and research institutions, government ministries, departments, and agencies responsible for ICT or science, technology and innovation, farmer cooperatives, SMEs and civil society groups. The project started in February 2021. The project provides technical assistance and know-how to grantees on development and scaling up use of digital technologies in agriculture. AGriDI is jointly implemented by the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) as the Lead and the University of Abomey Calavi, Benin, Agropolis Foundation, France and Gearbox Pan African Network, Kenya as partners. AGriDI is one of the 12 innovation projects financed under the [ACP innovation Fund](#), OACPS Research and Innovation Programme, a programme implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), with the financial contribution of the European Union.

So far, AGriDI has provided grants to 13 projects team in West Africa. Some of these projects are finalizing their implementation. It is in this regard that *icipe*, with support of individual consultant, is conducting end of project evaluation for projects that have ended or nearing their closure.

2. Assignment

This assignment is to conduct an end of project evaluation for the Cool Lion Project (implemented in Cote d'Ivoire), which is one of the 13 AGriDI funded projects. Cool Lion is focusing on increased uptake of agri-based digital technologies by farmers and SMEs, especially women and youth. The project provides small-scale cold chain solutions for preservation of fresh products (fruits and vegetables, domestic food crops, fisheries) for local traders and vendors in Cote d'Ivoire. This would increase shelf lives of perishable commodities and increase incomes for farmers and families using the solution. The innovation solution provided by Cool Lion project is cooling-as-a-service involving a solar-powered refrigerated container (20 feet and 40 feet). The containers were fitted with a remote-door-lock system to enforce regular payments, especially through mobile money.

3. Objective

The objective of the assignment is to carry out an end of project evaluation for the Cool Lion Project in Cote d'Ivoire. The Evaluation includes an assessment of the performance and results of the project against the objectives that were set in the project design, and to draw lessons and recommendations.

4. Scope of Work

The evaluation will seek to answer the following questions:

- Whether the actions were adequately designed to respond to the needs of the intended project beneficiaries.
- Whether the targets set by the project were realistic.
- Extent to which the actions were relevant for improving the livelihoods of the intended beneficiaries especially of women and youths.
- Extent to which the expected results were achieved, and if they were achieved in a timely manner.
- The major challenges/obstacles faced by the project to achieving the expected results.
- Whether the project was managed in a cost-efficient manner (in terms of human, financial and other resources).
- The key lessons learnt from implementing the project.

5. Methodology

The evaluation will be conducted through:

- 5.1 **Desk review** of the project proposal, results matrix, monitoring and evaluation plan, annual work plans, activity and narrative reports submitted to icipe, publications and any other relevant materials prepared by the project team.
- 5.2 **Interviews** with project staff, and key partners as well as AGriDI and *icipe* staff, and other key stakeholders, where necessary.

6. Logistics

The AGriDI team at icipe will support the consultant with the necessary logistics for the evaluation process.

7. Time and Duration

The evaluation is expected to be accomplished within a period of 10 days spread over 1 month period.

8. Deliverables

The deliverables are presented below:

Serial no.	Deliverable	Estimated no. of days	Expected delivery timelines
a.	Inception report including agreed evaluation approach, outline of the report, timeline, and work plan	2 days	17/06/2024
b.	Activity report of desk review and interviews.	4 days	1/07/2024
c.	Draft evaluation report	2 days	8/07/2024
d.	Final evaluation report (not more than 15 pages including references)	2 days	17/07/2024

9. Budget

The consultant will develop a detailed budget and work plan based on the deliverables outlined above.

10. Selection Criteria

The proposals will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- a. Technical Proposal (40%).
- b. Demonstrated experience with contactable references in evaluation of digital innovation in agriculture or related field (40%),
- c. Financial Proposal (20%).

11. Special Terms & Conditions / Specific Criteria

- The consultant should have at least a Master's degree in agriculture science, environmental science, climate change, social science or other relevant academic discipline related to the assignment with excellent skill in research, monitoring and evaluation of sustainable agriculture projects. A PhD will be an added advantage.
- Proven experience of at least 8 years in interdisciplinary approaches and data collection and analysis skills as well as evaluation of development projects.
- Strong analytical and conceptual skills to clearly synthesize and present findings, draw practical conclusions, make recommendations and to prepare well-written reports in a timely manner.
- Excellent facilitation skills, coordination, negotiation skills and oral and written communication skills in English (particularly report writing). Knowledge of French for a better communication with stakeholders on the ground will be an added advantage.
- The consultant should be based in Cote d'Ivoire for the duration of the assignment.

12. Resources to be provided by *icipe*.

- *icipe* will provide the consultants/ facilitators with project documents: project proposal, logical framework, workplan, budget, quarterly reports.
- Zoom or Teams links for all online meetings, where necessary.
- Local transport and communication costs.