



African Climate Action Partnership

Terms of Reference

Core Group of Experts - Rice Community of Practice

About SouthSouthNorth:

SouthSouthNorth (SSN) supports national and regional responses to climate change through policy and knowledge interventions, partnerships and deep collaboration. We do this by connecting people and information, enhancing capability and mobilising resources to respond innovatively to the challenges and opportunities that climate change presents. Being positioned in the Global South affords SSN a deeper understanding of, and connection to, the climate and development challenges facing the region. We enhance developing countries' access to climate information by brokering climate knowledge through formalised exchanges among various stakeholders. We assist decision-makers in delivering climate compatible development by informing policy formulation and implementation. We bring good governance to the management of donor funds, technical assistance and project management.

Full details of the projects that SSN currently implements are available at www.southsouthnorth.org.

About the African Climate Action Partnership (AfCAP):

The [African Climate Action Partnership](#), formerly known as Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP), brings together representatives from governments, civil society and the private sector working to advance low emission development strategies across the continent.



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Under the umbrella of the [Global Climate Action Partnership \(GCAP\)](#) and alongside the other regional platforms in [Asia](#) and [Latin America & the Caribbean](#). AfCAP works to address LEDS priorities and challenges specific to Africa through peer-to-peer learning and engagement.

With a broad membership from over 40 countries across Africa, AfCAP works towards a prosperous climate-resilient Africa, with inclusive growth, for the welfare of current and future generations. It aims to promote low-carbon, climate-resilient development to support poverty alleviation, job creation and environmental management in Africa.

The Secretariat, Based at SouthSouthNorth, provides a platform for individuals and organisations from public, private and non-governmental sectors to share experiences, knowledge, lessons learned and best practices, and to collaborate/coordinate on LEDS design and implementation. It also endeavours to facilitate engagement linkages across networks and initiatives, thus contributing to the achievement of the Partnership's objectives. The Secretariat coordinates the programme's overall operations, with a Steering Committee providing overall strategic guidance and oversight to the Secretariat.

Context on the Rice Community of Practice (CoP):

Rice production is a key component of Africa's agriculture sector and is a staple crop in many African countries, particularly in West Africa. As demand for rice is projected to increase, many African countries are aiming to increase their rice production. However, Paddy rice is a key source of GHG emissions, particularly methane emission. To support low emission and climate resilient paddy rice production in Africa, having a collaborative network for key players to interact and share learning is vital. Peer-to-peer learning can



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support greater understanding of the contribution of rice emissions in the continent and to support shared efforts in developing sustainable production practices.

AfCAP aims to convene a platform for peer-to-peer learning and collaboration amongst key African players within the paddy rice sector. The CoP will complement the broader AfCAP goal of advancing low emission and climate smart development through the following objectives:

- 1. Promoting knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer exchanges among key players, programmes and country institutions within paddy rice sector**
- 2. Cultivate and support African climate champions and best practice within the paddy rice sector**
- 3. Support capacity development for the design and implementation of low emission and climate resilient rice production in Africa**

A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people who share a common concern or interest in a topic and who come together to fulfil both group and individual goals. The CoP on rice in Africa, will revolve around different objectives such as:

- 1. Creating network of key African countries engaged in paddy rice production**
- 2. Providing a platform and opportunities for peer-to-peer knowledge sharing through regional engagements, annual meetings and other knowledge sharing events**
- 3. Supporting the generation of new knowledge and data to support mitigation and other climate action within the paddy rice sector**
- 4. Sharing and providing policy and technical support through technical exchange visits and technical assistance**



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Core Group of Experts Roles and Responsibilities:

The core group of experts will work with the AfCAP Secretariat to contribute to the Rice Community of Practice through technical and research support, report writing and stakeholder engagement. The core group should consist of 4-5 members. Each expert will be paid from resources made available from the AfCAP budget.

This consultancy is proposed to run for a period of **February 2024 to December 2024**, with the option for renewal. For this period, we propose a remuneration of **USD450 per day for 14 days of work in total**.

During this period the core group of experts will support AfCAP through the following ways:

1. Support in developing a work plan, including identifying opportunities for synergies.
2. Supporting and facilitating engagements with key stakeholders/institutions/governments to create new partnerships.
3. Preparation, review and/or writing time for developing knowledge products and/or reports
4. Supporting the AfCAP Secretariat in organising and coordination of events related to the Rice Community of Practice, including supporting development of agenda, identifying speakers and co-facilitating events
5. Attend monthly meetings with the AfCAP Secretariat
6. Represent AfCAP at key Rice events within Africa
7. Support the AfCAP Secretariat in the area of governance, including input to the AfCAP Steering Committee



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Technical Requirements

Experts should have considerable experience on the topic of low emission rice development.

Evaluation and selection process

Candidates will be assessed based on their experience and qualification. Ideally the core group should be representative across the continent and different sectors, organisations.

Submission of Application

Kindly complete the Expression of interest form to register your interest in joining the Core group [over here](#).