

# Enhancing Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Resilient Agri-food Systems in Côte d'Ivoire (LARACI) Funding Proposal

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The AE, the CGIAR System Organization, is not the Executing Entity (EE) for the project. In the case of procurement by the CGIAR System Organization for the implementation of the project, the CGIAR System Organization will follow its own procurement guidelines.

For the implementation of the project, when awarding contracts for supplies/goods and services (including consultancy services) to be financed in full or in part from the GCF Proceeds under the relevant Subsidiary Agreement, each Executing Entity will be required to observe its own institutional procurement policies in a manner compliant with the CGIAR System Organization Procurement Guidelines and the project's procurement plan. Procurement activities will be reported by EEs as part of their financial reporting.

The EEs shall conduct all procurement in accordance with the policies and procedures of the AE. Where the EE's own procurement policies and procedures are more stringent than those of the AE, the EE shall apply its own policies. In all cases, procurement must comply with the principles of economy, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, fairness, integrity, and accountability, and be consistent with applicable GCF policies and guidelines.

For AfricaRice, integrity risk due diligence is a standard practice in selection of third-party vendors per the AfricaRice Procurement Manual. A due diligence review is carried out before vendors are registered in the system including information on the Principal and Key partners. Similarly, FIRCA applies AML/CFT regulations and anti-corruption measures across all its operations. As part of its AML/CFT measures, FIRCA reviews its business relationships during the acquisition of goods and services. Individuals or legal entities selected to enter into a business relationship are required to complete a KYC (Know Your Customer) form. Their profile is then established to identify and assess their level of risk. Furthermore, as part of its fraud-prevention efforts, FIRCA systematically requires all persons involved in the procurement process to sign confidentiality and conflict-of-interest declarations.

To mitigate any elevated risks associated with certain activities in the project, the project will implement multiple controls, including: (i) rigorous due diligence and risk assessment of all contractors, suppliers, and financial intermediaries; (ii) adherence to the CGIAR System Organization procurement policies and environmental and social safeguards; (iii) continuous monitoring through the PMU and the PSC; (iv) capacity building of service providers on compliance, anti-fraud, and transparency measures; and (v) integration of robust reporting, verification, and stakeholder engagement mechanisms to ensure accountability, traceability, and compliance with GCF fiduciary standards.

The project's procurement plan for the first 18 months of the project is available in Annex 10.

Project procurement will be transparently documented, as per the procurement plan in Annex 10.