



ADAPTATION FUND

**Request for Assistance in Compliance with the Fund's Environmental, Social and Gender Policy**

Submission Date: August  
31<sup>st</sup>, Monday, 2020

Adaptation Fund Grant ID:

Country: COTE D'IVOIRE

Implementing Entity: Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA)

**A. Timeframe of Activity**

Expected start date of activity	January, 2021
Completion date of activity	August, 2021

**B. Type of support requested**

Please, find below the description of the activities to be undertaken with the support in compliance with the NIE Fund's Environmental, Social and Gender Policy:

The Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA), under the provisions of Law No. 2001-635 dated 9th October, 2001 and the establishment of the Agricultural Development Fund ratified by Decree No. 2002-520 dated 11th December, 2002, and legally constituted on the 28th of October, 2003, is a legal entity of private law of a particular type recognized as being of public utility, sui generis status.

The objective of the FIRCA is aimed at ensuring the financing of agricultural services programs for farmers in the following areas:

- (i) Applied Agronomic and Forestry Research
- (ii) Agricultural council/extension
- (iii) Training in trades
- (iv) Capacity building for professional agricultural organizations.

FIRCA has two essential missions:

- (i) to mobilize financial resources from the agricultural sectors, the state and development partners and
- (ii) to ensure the sustainable financing of programs for the provision of services to the agricultural sectors.

In light of the new provisions by the Fund's Policy, the FIRCA has decided to update and develop its Environmental, Social and Gender Policy to make them more consistent with the current development (and as part of the accreditation process) of the Adaptation Fund.

This support, however, will be used to audit the implementation of these two policies (ESS and Gender) within the institution in order to assess the level of implementation and make recommendations for better integration into the institution's developmental policies.

At the end of this consultation, the following results are expected:

- The audit of the implementation of the ESS is carried out and an action plan is drawn up with a view to better integrating the ESS into the FIRCA's development policies.
- An updated manual integrating the principles of the fund is available within the FIRCA.
- The FIRCA has a gender mainstreaming manual.
- The complaint management mechanism is updated taking into account the Fund's principles and a reporting template is made available.

<b>Types of Support Activities</b>	<b>Support requested (please provide short description)</b>	<b>Type/name of provider for the requested support<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Requested budget (USD)</b>
<b>Updating of procedures/manuals/guidelines for screening projects for environmental and social risks as well as gender-related risks.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Carry out the audit of the ESS and develop an action plan.</li><li>- Organize a workshop to present the results of the audit.</li><li>- Review of the FIRCA's Environmental</li></ul>		15 000


<sup>1</sup> Specify if it is an institution, consulting firm or individual consultant. When possible, provide the name of the institution, firm or individual identified or selected.



	<p>and Social Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of E&amp;S and gender risk selection tools for all projects implemented by the FIRCA.</li> <li>- Develop a manual for gender mainstreaming at the institutional level based on the project and program.</li> </ul>		
<b>Development of a policy or an avenue for public disclosure and gender-responsive consultation.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up external communication channels that allow the entity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i). receive and record external communications from the public ;</li> <li>(ii). review and assess issues raised and determine how to resolve them ;</li> <li>(iii). Provide, track and document responses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		2 000
<b>Development of transparent, accessible, fair and effective mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints about environmental or social harms and complaints related to gender inequalities and other adverse gender impacts caused by projects/programs during implementation.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the FIRCA's complaint management mechanism.</li> <li>-Develop a complaint reporting model.</li> </ul>		2 000
<b>Audits Fees</b>			3 875
<b>Management Fees</b>	Monitoring and reporting of activities.		2 125
<b>Total Grant Requested (USD)</b>			<b>25 000</b>

### C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's Procedures.

Head of Implementing Entity	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Implementing Entity Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
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### D. Record of Endorsement on behalf of the Government

Provide the name and position of the government official, Designated Authority (DA) of the Adaptation Fund, and indicate date of endorsement. The DA endorsement letter must be attached as an annex to the request.

(Enter Name, Position, Ministry) AKOSSI Oreste Santoni Adaptation Fund National Designated Authority, Côte d'Ivoire	Date: (Month, day, year) August 31 <sup>th</sup> , Monday, 2020
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**Letter of Endorsement by Government of Côte d'Ivoire**

To: The Adaptation Fund Board  
c/o Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat  
Email: [afbsec@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:afbsec@adaptation-fund.org)  
Fax: 202 522 3240/5

Subject: Endorsement for TA-ESGP for the project "*Request for assistance in complying with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy*"

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Côte d'Ivoire, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in Côte d'Ivoire.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy (TA-ESGP) with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA).

Sincerely,



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