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## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

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NAMIBIA AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION AND SEED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NAMSIP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REoI)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON DISTINCTNESS UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY (DUS) AND VALUE FOR CULTIVATION AND USE (VCU) TESTING TRAINING UNDER NAMSIP (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

### Public Sector

Loan No: 2000200001951

Project ID No.: P-NA-AA0-005

Procurement Reference Number: NAMSIP/37/CS/IC/05/2023

The Government of Namibia has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the NAMSIP and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services on Distinctness Uniformity and Stability (DUS) and Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) Testing Training under NAMSIP**. The Project is being implemented in all the 14 Regions in Namibia and the training will be delivered in Tsumeb, Namibia. The number of participants may go up to 40 people and will be conducted during quarter of 2024/2025 Financial Year.

The objective of the training is to provide participants with essential knowledge and skills for establishing and maintaining trials, data collection, data analysis and reporting on DUS and VCU tests and the scope of the training includes the preparation of training materials and delivering training on the following:

- i. Overview and objectives of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) and Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) Testing; Methodology of DUS (Lay-out of test plots, data recording, trait identification); DUS Characters to be measured for Pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*), Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*), Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*), Maize (*Zea mays*), Bambara groundnut (*Vigna subterranea*) and Groundnut (*Arachis hypogea*).
- ii. DUS Character Measurement and Data Recording, DUS Field Practical; Practical analysis and presentation of DUS Data, Methodology of VCU Evaluation (Experimental Design, Layout of test plots, data recording, trait identification); Definition of key VCU traits to be measured for Pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*), Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*), Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*), Maize (*Zea mays*), Bambara groundnut (*Vigna subterranea*) and Groundnut (*Arachis hypogea*), VCU Character Measurement and Data Recording, VCU Field Practical; Practical analysis and presentation of VCU Data; Preparation of Variety Release proposals, Preparation for Application for SADC Variety Release.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures and or curriculum vitae, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "**Procurement Policy of Bank Group Funded Operations 2015**", which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:00 to 17:00 (local time).

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below or submitted electronically to the emails listed above by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 10:30 hours (**local time**) and **clearly marked**: “*Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services on Distinctness Uniformity and Stability (DUS) and Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) Testing Training under NAMSIP*”.

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