**TEMPLATE TO BE USED BY RESPONDERS TO THE CALL FOR INTENDED INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF RMRN CONSORTIUM IN THE SADC REGION**

**Each Consortium Member must fill in Part I as an organisation (one form per consortium member). Part II is the submission form for the joint concept note of the consortium.**

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| **PART II: PROPOSED/INTENDED RESEARCH WORK** |
| **A. Composition of the Consortium** (list all members below; make sure every member filled in Part I) |
| ***Name Consortium member*** | ***Role in consortium*** |
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| **B. Background (400 Words)***Describe the background to the main issues, context analysis & justification of the intended work.* |
| **C. Lessons learned as it related to Agroecology investments, successes, and failures (400 Words)***Provide a summary of the main lessons learnt from previous work on Agroecology in the region, the success factors as well as factors that have hindered expected outcomes of previous work.*  |
| **D. Goal and objectives (200 Words)***Define the overall goal and objectives of the intended work.*  |
| **E. Target country(ies) and target group(s) (200 Words)***Describe the target groups.* |
| **F. Description of components, outputs, and outcomes (500 Words)***Describe the components and expected outputs and outcomes of the intended work.* |
| **G. Theory of Change (Transitioning) (500 Words)***Describe the causality between the proposed components and the aspired outputs and outcomes.*  |
| **H. Linkages with national and regional agroecology initiatives (250 Words)***Describe briefly how the consortium will make linkages with other agroecology initiatives.* |
| **I. Knowledge management, innovation scaling up**  |
| ***I.1 Knowledge Management******(250 words)****Describe the approach to capture/document, store and share knowledge generated.* |
| ***I.2 Innovation (250 words)****Describe key innovations and innovative approaches to be piloted or promoted.* |
| ***I.3 Scaling up/uptake and sustainability (300 words)****Describe the prospects for scaling up the results achieved by the consortium after completion.* |

**APPENDIX 1 TO PART II: NOTES TO GUIDE POTENTIAL RMRN MEMBERS TO RESPOND TO THE CALL.**

Responders to this call are expected to devote time under this part considering its importance.

Part II should be filled in by the proposed consortium, and all consortium members need to agree to it.

It is expected that the duration of the RMRN Consortium is a maximum of 48 months and will have a maximum budget of 4 million Euro. The exact budget and duration will be determined during the final proposal development phase. The intended work should reflect this.

1. **COMPOSITION OF THE CONSORTIUM**

List all members of the proposed consortium. Each listed member should fill in the Part I form separately.

1. **BACKGROUND**

This section covers background to main agroecology issues, context analysis & justification; A well described problem analysis; the difficulties, concerns, problems that consortium propose to solve. Maximum 400 words.

1. **LESSONS LEARNED AS IT RELATED TO AGROECOLOGY INVESTMENTS SUCCESSES AND FAILURES**

This section provides a summary of the main lessons learnt from previous work on Agroecology in the region, the success factors as well as factors that have hindered expected outcomes of previous work. Maximum 200 words.

1. **GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

Define the project’s overall goal and specific objectives.

1. **TARGET COUNTRY(IES) AND TARGET GROUP(S)**

Describe both direct and indirect target groups (including students to be trained)*.* Which countries are involved and the rationale for selection?

1. **DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS, OUTPUTS, AND OUTCOMES**

Under this section, develop clear components and expected outputs and outcomes. **THEORY OF CHANGE (TRANSITIONING)**

Describes the causality between the proposed components and the aspired outputs and outcomes. The narrative under ToC presented could be presented as a result chain and clear how the different components fit together to achieve the outputs and lead to the expected outcomes.

1. **LINKAGES WITH ON-GOING AGROECOLOGICAL INITIATIVES IN SADC REGION**

This is to be covered under two areas.

* Specific DeSIRA Initiatives in the SADC Region
* Other non DeSIRA agroecology projects or initiatives (can include other sectors, such as private sector, civil society, national or regional initiatives)
1. **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, INNOVATION SCALING UP**
2. **Knowledge Management**

Response to the Call to incorporate methodologies and approaches to capture/document, store and share knowledge generated.

1. **Innovation**

Under the section describe key innovations and innovative approaches to be piloted or promoted and include a discussion on why they are considered innovative from the Consortium perspective.

1. **Scaling up/uptake and sustainability**

A description of prospects for scaling up the results achieved by the project after completion, including through the uptake of the innovations/results generated by the consortium. Explain how the sustainability of activities and benefits would be ensured after completion, to ensure that long-term impacts are reached. Provide some indications on the exit strategy, and explain how sustainability and exit strategy, and the underlying assumptions, will be validated and revised, as needed, during implementation.

**APPENDIX 1: 13 PRINCIPLES OF AGROECOLOGY**

**Improve the efficiency of resource use:**

1. Recycling: Focus on local renewable resources and close, to the extent possible, the cycles of nutrient and biomass resources.
2. Reduction of inputs: Reduce or eliminate the screw-in dependence on purchased inputs and enhance self-reliance.

**Building resilience:**

1. Soil health: Guarantee and improve the health and functioning of the soil to promote plant growth, in particular through the management of organic matter and the intensification of the biological activity of the soil.
2. Animal health: Improve the health and welfare of animals.
3. Biodiversity: Preserve and increase species diversity, functional diversity, and genetic resources to maintain the overall biodiversity of agroecosystems over time and space at field, farm, and landscape levels.
4. Synergies: Foster positive ecological interactions, synergies, integration, and complementarity among the elements of agroecosystems (animals, crops, trees, soil, and water).
5. Economic diversification: Diversify farm incomes by ensuring that small farmers enjoy greater financial independence and can create added value while enabling them to meet consumer demand.

**Ensure equity / social responsibility:**

1. Co-creation of knowledge: Strengthen the co-creation and horizontal sharing of knowledge, including local and scientific innovation, in particular through exchanges between farmers.
2. Social values and types of diet: Create food systems that are based on the culture, identity, tradition, social equity, and gender equality of local communities, and that ensure healthy, diverse, seasonally, and culturally appropriate diets.
3. Fairness: Ensure dignified and reliable livelihoods for all stakeholders involved in food systems, especially smallholder farmers, through fair trade, fair working conditions and fair treatment of intellectual property rights.
4. Connectivity: Guarantee proximity and trust between producers and consumers through the promotion of fair and short distribution channels and the reintegration of food systems into local economies.
5. Governance of land and natural resources: Strengthen institutional structures to improve the recognition and support provided to family farms, small farmers and peasant who ensure sustainable management of natural and genetic resources.
6. Participation: Encourage social organization and the increased participation of food producers and consumers in decision-making to promote decentralized governance and local adaptive management of agricultural and food systems.