



## **SADC/EU LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT APPLIED RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMME (PROJECT No.8 ACP RAU 018)**

# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **REGIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IMPROVEMENT IN LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

The SADC Secretariat is pleased to announce regional training opportunities for Research and Development (R&D) personnel in the SADC region through the SADC Land and Water Management Applied Research and Training Programme with financing from the European Union.

#### **Introduction**

Achieving sustainable access to safe and adequate food at all times by all people in SADC for an active and healthy life is a wider development goal of cooperation in Food Security under the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan of SADC, and “strengthening agricultural and natural resources research and extension” is one of major components of this development goal.

The SADC/EU Land and Water Management Applied Research and Training Programme is one of several regional agricultural research programmes operating under the auspices of the Agricultural Research and Training Unit of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Directorate of the SADC Secretariat. Land and water management issues are identified by SADC Member States as being of major regional significance. Food security is intimately linked with water availability for agricultural production. Sustainability of soil and water resources is a major concern, especially so with the increasing population pressure and the need for intensification of production. SADC Member States are interested in building research and training capacity through the Land and Water Management Programme.

#### **SADC Land & Water Management Programme Objective**

The objective is to increase the availability of improved and appropriate land and water management technologies to R&D institutions in the SADC region for subsequent dissemination to farmers, particularly small-holder farmers.

The Programme encourages close liaison between different institutions and integration of research, extension services and farmer requirements. It strives to bring together government agencies, parastatals, universities, farmers’ groups, NGOs and the private sector thereby increasing the profile of land and water management issues in their activities and cross-sectoral and cross-country learning.

## **Purpose of training**

Hosting regional short courses on identified priorities is one of the activities in improving regional professional skills in land and water management. The purpose is to improve the knowledge and skills of R&D personnel in both the bio-physical and socio-economic issues regarding environmentally sound and water efficient agricultural practices.

## **Expected output**

The duration for each regional course is two weeks. For each course, the Programme will support 20 R&D personnel from all participating Member States, except South Africa comprising, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The trained R&D personnel will be able to apply the skills gained in their day-to-day work in order to improve the farming practices of small scale farmers in the SADC region.

## **Call for nominations**

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## **Target Groups**

Each regional training course will, separately, target:

1. Certificate and diploma holders in research and development (extension).
2. University degree holders that are research and development personnel, including middle level managers.

In both instances, nominations are invited from government, parastatal, non-governmental (NGOs) and community-based (CBOs) organisations, farmer/commodity groups and/or unions, the private sector. SADC promotes gender equality and female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

## **Eligibility to participate**

1. The SADC Secretariat, with support from the European Union, will support 20 participants (at least two participants from each of the following SADC Member States: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The support includes, a return economy airfare from home country, full board, tuition, training materials and €20 (or its equivalent) daily allowances for incidentals.
2. South Africa, other SADC Member States and institutions who wish to sponsor participants to the courses should directly contact the training institutions who may receive 5 additional participants with own funding towards board, tuition, travel and incidentals. (for contact info, see accompanying training schedule)
3. Participants to the course will be required to be nominated by their institutions.
4. The Participant's nominating institution will, in turn, submit to the Country's National Coordinator, a letter of recommendation/nomination and in the letter stating the institution's responsibility for the candidate's in-country travel up to port of departure

and his/her health insurance cover during course duration. (*For participants in the country where the course is being conducted, travel support must be interpreted as being round trip travel from participant's work place to course venue*).

5. Candidates without institution's letter of support, and without institution's financial support towards in-country and health insurance will not be considered.
6. Eligibility of participants to the "**Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing (RS) applications**" courses will require nominating institutions submitting their nominations to National Coordinators, Under Flying Seal (ufs), the SADC FANR Contact Point who, in a Member State, is the Permanent Secretary or Principal Secretary (whichever the case may be). This condition is a requirement as nominating institutions will constitute the national nodes for the SADC Integrated Agricultural Information Management System which has been initiated, at SADC FANR, on recommendation by the SADC Council of Ministers meeting in Windhoek. In this regard, nominating institutions must have national mandate in GIS and Remote Sensing data analysis and dissemination. For further information on SADC AIMS, please contact the following:
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