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CALL FOR PROPOSALS ABOUT EXPERIENCES ON GOOD PRACTICES TO BE CAPITALIZED IN THE FACE OF THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

This call for proposals is launched as part of the project for the study and capitalization of good practices in the face of the challenges of climate change and local governance in sub-Saharan Africa

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1. – Brief presentation of the project for the study and capitalization of good practices on the challenges of climate change and local governance in sub-Saharan Africa

Climate change refers to climatic variations, especially in the sense of increasing temperatures linked to the activities of human societies - the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, agriculture and more particularly cattle breeding. This phenomenon leads to major damages: increased extreme weather events (droughts, floods, cyclones, etc.), threats to freshwater resources, agricultural difficulties, desertification, reduction of biodiversity, famine, spread of tropical diseases, etc.

Africa shares with other developing countries "a particular vulnerability to climate change owing to its ecological realities, poverty and high dependence on climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture"¹ and livestock. According to the 2015 Climate Change Vulnerability Index, seven of the ten countries most threatened by climate change are located in Africa.²

It is in this context that this project focused on the identification of actors with good practices in African countries in (i) resilience to climate change and (ii) local inclusive governance and territorial development, with a particular focus on the experiences of rural women, was born. The next step will consist in helping these actors to become learners and proposers through the recomposition of their experiences (knowledge and practices), the improvement of the action-reflection relationship and the stimulation of an exchange dynamics among actors. This will allow the transformation of these experiences into shareable knowledge, the valorization of exemplary actions, emulation and scaling up in African countries. The products (written and audiovisual materials) will be disseminated through the organization of public events (meetings, workshops), including a meeting in the Basque Country, exhibitions and distribution in forums organized by partners, digitization, online and promotion through radio and television programs.

The project is funded by the Basque Government, through the Basque Agency for Cooperation and Development (ABCD) and implemented by Inades-Formation (www.inadesfo.net).

¹ Nicholas Stern 2007, *The Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change* was released for the British government by Nicholas Stern, Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics (LSE).

²<https://www.maplecroft.com/portfolio/new-analysis/2014/10/29/climate-change-and-lack-food-security-multiply-risks-conflict-and-civil-unrest-32-countries-maplecroft/>

2. – Objectives of the call for proposals

The call for proposals has the following objectives:

- i. Identify at least 25 experiences that can be capitalized in each of the following areas:
 - Experiences of practices relating to the adaptation of populations to climate change and/or the mitigation of its effects;
 - Experiences of inclusive local governance enabling people's resilience to climate change;
- ii. Support the capitalization of the selected experiences through the following means:
 - The financing of capitalization work up to a maximum of 500,000 CFA francs per experience;
 - Technical support for stakeholders with experience in the capitalization process;
 - The publication and dissemination of the capitalized experiences;
 - The participation of stakeholders in the exchange platform to be set up;
 - The production and distribution of videos on the 10 best experiences capitalized.

3. – Experiences eligible for capitalization

3.1. – Experiences/practices in climate change adaptation and/or mitigation

These are associated practices and knowledge that are developed by local communities either to adapt their production patterns, consumption patterns or lifestyles in general to the rate of climate change or to mitigate its effects on people's lives and environments.

Examples may include practices related to ecological agriculture, agroforestry, natural plant treatments, organic fertilizers, community management of natural resources, marsh management, rainwater or irrigation management, erosion control, use of equipment that uses less wood energy, rainfall monitoring practices by farmers, etc. A non-exhaustive list is provided in **Appendix 1**.

3.2. – Experiences in local governance for the development of mechanisms for people's resilience to climate change

These are the various initiatives that can focus on people's organizational systems, the types of collaboration between the governments and the governed, the adoption and

implementation of consensual rules, local conventions, so that populations in their diversity adopt behavior and habits in response to global warming and its consequences. A list of sample examples is provided in **Appendix 2**.

4. – Lead actors/coaches³ eligible to apply for this call for proposals

- The lead actors/coaches eligible for this capitalization exercise are NGOs / development associations, research institutes, farmers' organizations, agricultural cooperatives, craftsmen's cooperatives, schools/academic institutions and individuals promoting local development;
- Countries concerned by the project are as follows: Burkina Faso, Benin, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Chad, Cameroon, DR Congo, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Burundi and Tanzania;
- These are exemplary experiences developed and which have already produced changes that can be documented and shared.

5. – Brief description of the experience proposed for capitalization (2 pages max).

5.1. – Introduction of the lead actor, coach of the experience

- Identity of the lead actor, coach (name, date of creation, zones of activities in the field, number of female, male, young and/or staff members; mission),
- Brief description of its activities (field of activities, main achievements over the last three years, list of partners over the last three years and nature of the partnership).

5.2. – Brief description of the proposed experience

- Name or title of the experience,
- Brief description of the experience
- Innovation brought with experience (how did the experience bring something new to the environment?)
- Area of implementation, geographical location in the country,

³ A lead actor is any actor who implements an experience: grassroots organizations, a support structure that is also operational in the implementation of the initiative on the ground while a **coach** can stimulate an initiative led by a group of practitioners and provide necessary support but not necessarily on the ground.

- The main effects/changes generated by the experience in the environment and their scope (areas covered by the experience, number of beneficiaries of the experience, level of consideration of the participation and specific responses for women and youth, contribution to the peaceful coexistence of communities where this has been the case);
- Reproducibility of the experience (how easy is it to replicate the experiment elsewhere?)

6. – How to submit your proposal

For any interested lead actor /coach, send the experience presentation form (see point 5 above), along with the following administrative documents:

- A letter of expression of interest for the call for proposals (1/2 page max), with details of the field of experience/experiences to be capitalized,
- A document attesting the identity of the organization (approval or other document in lieu) or a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for individual applicants.

The file should be sent by e-mail to the following address:

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Appendixes

Appendix 1: List of cases of eligible experiences in climate change adaptation practices, mitigation of its effects

- Experiences relating to the promotion of agroecology, in particular through agroforestry, sustainable management and/or regeneration systems for local agro-resources, rainwater harvesting and conservation practices, soil moisture conservation practices, irrigation practices, protection and/or rehabilitation of rivers, small lakes, catchment areas, lowlands, erosion control, etc.;
- Practices that promote the recycling of organic wastes;
- Cultivation practices and knowledge of plant and animal species resilient to climate variability;
- Breeding practices and knowledge of animals of breeds resilient to climate variability;
- The promotion of renewable energies;
- Promotion of technologies that can be adapted to the context of the environment;
- The adoption of models that save on the massive use of firewood;
- Environmental education (environmental clubs) in primary and secondary schools;
- The manufacture and use of local materials for monitoring rainfall and soil moisture;
- Practices/techniques for protecting plants/fields, habitats against high winds;
- Cultural association systems adapted to climate change;
- Etc.

Appendix 2: List of cases of eligible experiences in local governance to promote people's resilience to climate change

These are the various initiatives that can involve the adoption of consensual rules, local conventions, behaviors for the respect of environmental resources, including:

- Any local community dynamics to regulate the collective engagement of rules (*what can be done, what cannot be done*) to environmental protection including erosion control, preservation or restoration of local ecosystems, etc.;
- Consensual rule-based initiatives (*what can be done, what cannot be done*) for the collective promotion of bushfire control at the family and territorial level; monitoring and reporting of bushfire cases;
- Initiatives to set up community organizations and consensual rules to protect or rehabilitate local resources/assets of common interest such as forests, afforestation, water points, nurseries, watersheds, marsh irrigation infrastructure management or hydro-agricultural infrastructure/developments, preservation of local biodiversity;

- Initiatives to regulate locally the coexistence of areas intended for agriculture, microforestry and livestock, fishing, with a view to promoting integrated production systems;
- Any initiative put in place to monitor the regulation of timber exploitation, trees in the village in general to avoid abuse;
- Regulation of fishing activities;
- Local solidarity mechanisms in the event of climate problems;
- Early warning mechanisms to prevent climate disasters;
- Early warning mechanisms to assist disaster victims (massive destruction following floods, high winds, famine in some households, etc.) and to prevent weather-related disasters;
- Local measures (rules, advocacy) supported by communities and local authorities to promote the preservation of local plant and animal species capable of withstanding climatic constraints;
- Any event organized periodically for the protection of the environment and populations against climate change in particular.