



Recruitment of an individual consultant Project Coordinator CG7 Strategic Initiative for the Strengthening of Integrated Laboratory Systems Regional Initiative – West Africa (WARIL) on behalf of the Institut Pasteur de Dakar

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Introduction:

The Institut Pasteur de Dakar (IPD) is a private non-profit foundation of public utility in West Africa. It is at the forefront of the fight against infectious diseases.

Among its main missions, the IPD is responsible for, among other things: scientific research; health protection and promotion; providing expertise in public health; provide high-quality services ranging from clinical diagnosis; to human vaccination, food safety testing and the production of human vaccines.

The West African Health Organization (WAHO) is the specialized institution of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in charge of population health. Article III, the Protocol establishing WAHO of 9 July 1987 aims to provide the highest level of health care provision to the populations of the sub-region on the basis of harmonization of Member States' policies, pooling of resources and cooperation between Member States and third countries with a view to finding collective and strategic solutions to the needs of the Member States. health problems in the subregion.

The Institut Pasteur de Dakar has signed a Framework Financing Agreement No. (FA) 202400455 with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to implement the CG7 Strategic Initiative for the Strengthening of Integrated Laboratory Systems Regional Initiative – West Africa (WARIL).

As part of the implementation of the project, the Institut Pasteur de Dakar has signed a collaboration agreement with the West African Health Organization (WAHO) to ensure the coordination at the regional level of the strengthening of policies and regional data-sharing platforms for ECOWAS member countries.

In connection with this initiative, a regional digital platform is being designed (WALIP, West African Laboratory Informatized Platform) to strengthen interactions between Member States and promote the sharing of surveillance data.

To facilitate the coordination of the implementation of this initiative and in application of the collaboration agreement signed, it has been agreed between WAHO and the Institut Pasteur de Dakar that WAHO will provide WAHO with an individual consultant as Coordinator.

Main objective of the mission:

The mission aims to coordinate the implementation of the Global Fund project within the region

ECOWAS.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Coordinating Consultant will be responsible for improving communication between ECOWAS member countries and will ensure coordination between the public health authorities of ECOWAS Member States, the WAHO platform and the Institut Pasteur de Dakar (IPD) in the context of surveillance and sharing of surveillance data. To this end, he will have to:

- Provide support for the construction and deployment of the IPD/WALIP platform

- Organize country visits, webinar series, and workshops to build capacity and bring together key stakeholders, policymakers, and technical experts to address specific issues related to syndromic surveillance.
- Organize coordination meetings (annual coordination meetings for the Regional Surveillance)
- Organize the annual meetings of the Technical Committee and the Steering Committee.
- Write technical and supervisory reports
- Promoting and strengthening local public health capacities through training and workshops
- To ensure scientific and technological monitoring in order to identify new approaches and Innovations in public health.

Consultant Profile

Qualifications:

Diploma:

Master's degree in public health or community health: Master I (BAC+4) or Master II (BAC+5) with communication skills

Experiment:

- At least 10 years of professional experience (for the holder of a Master's degree) or 15 years (for the holder of a Master's degree) of professional experience in the field of public health, in particular in epidemiological surveillance or health communication, or surveillance of laboratory data, preferably in a project context funded by TFPs and/or international or regional cooperation;
- In-depth knowledge of health systems and public health policies in South Africa the West;
- Proven experience in managing public health projects, including planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- Excellent clinical and biological data analysis skills with technical report writing abilities;
- Ability to work in a team and collaborate with various partners;
- Communication and interpersonal management skills;
- Fluency in French and English (written and oral); knowledge of the third language of ECOWAS would be an asset;
- Experience working at WAHO would be an asset.

Duration, duty station and nature of the contract

The contract is for a period of one (01) year, renewable for a period not exceeding 31/12/2026 and on the basis of satisfactory performance evaluations.

To this end, clear performance evaluation indicators will be defined and annexed to the contract. The Institut Pasteur and WAHO reserve the right to terminate the contract if the consultant's annual evaluation is not deemed satisfactory. However, the decision to continue or terminate the contract must be subject to the non-objection of the Global Fund.

The contract is a fixed-rate remuneration contract.

The consultant will be based at WAHO headquarters and his contract will be signed by the Institut Pasteur in Dakar.
The consultant's remuneration will be paid by the Institut Pasteur in Dakar.