

USAID-CCAFS Rwanda Climate Services Project

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

CIAT – International Center for Tropical Agriculture

and

The Rwanda Meteorology Agency

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between The International Center for Tropical Agriculture-CIAT and The Rwanda Meteorology Agency (Meteo Rwanda) to work collectively on the implementation of the USAID-CCAFS Rwanda Climate Services Project (The Project).

Background

The primary purpose of Climate Service for Agriculture is to increase the resilience of farmers to the changing climate in Rwanda through improved climate risk management leading to increase agricultural productivity for Rwandan farmers.

USAID/Rwanda, given its commitment to supporting economic growth in the country and addressing climate change, seeks to invest in supporting Rwanda's national institutions to undergo the important transition to a climate informed society, and support these institutions to learn to work together to transform the lives of farmers and rural population struggling to confront changes imposed by a changing climate and risks associated with climate variability. As a global leader in research and applications for climate services, CCAFS-CIAT has been tasked by USAID/Rwanda to work in collaboration with national and international partners to significantly increase the use of climate information on-farm, as well as other agricultural and food security decision processes.

The Project's overall aim is to develop a fully functional climate service, providing a range of services and information, that will inform and support the various technical offices, policy and decision-makers within the Government of Rwanda (GOR), farmers and others working in the agricultural sector in Rwanda to make informed decisions in the face of a changing climate and improve climate risk management. Instrumental to achieving this goal will be the development of a coherent institutional framework that includes clear roles and responsibilities for various divisions of the GOR related to the service, private sector, cooperatives and end users of the service, and a mechanism for coordination among them that will sustain delivery of these services.

Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to outline a partnership between CIAT and Meteo Rwanda in order to obtain the above goals. As the official agency responsible for national meteorological in the



Republic of Rwanda, Meteo Rwanda is an essential partner and will serve as co-leader with CIAT on two of the project outcomes:

- **Climate Information Provision.** Meteo-Rwanda is designing, delivering, and incorporating user feedback into a growing suite of weather and climate information products (historic, monitored, forecast, etc.) and services tailored to the needs of agricultural and food security decision-makers.
- **Climate Services Governance.** A national climate services governance structure ensures sustained co-production, assessment and improvement of climate service for agriculture and food security; and facilitates a formal interface and effective dialog between the key agencies¹ involved.

Activities:

The above Outcomes will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- 1) *Training of Meteo Rwanda staff:* CIAT will support the training of Meteo Rwanda staff in agrometeorology, seasonal forecasting, historical analysis, mapping techniques, and the provision of demand driven climate services.
- 2) *Support for advanced education:* Upon approval from a CIAT-CCAFS-Meteo Rwanda panel and acceptance into a selected degree programs, CIAT will provide financial and technical support for MS students towards achieving their degrees in areas specific to project outcomes.
- 3) *Support for needs assessment workshop:* CIAT will provide technical support for a desk review as well as support a needs assessment workshop at the start of the project to identify key areas of opportunity and specific requirements for capacity building related to the provision of climate services.
- 4) *Support for South-South learning:* CIAT will provide opportunities and financial support for Meteo Rwanda staff to share results with counterparts in other CCAFS countries with climate service projects
- 5) *Support for presentation of results at international fora:* CIAT will provide opportunities and financial support for Meteo Rwanda staff to present results from the project at international conferences and/or workshops.
- 6) *Support for Climate Service Governance meetings:* CIAT will provide financial support for quarterly meetings of the new climate service governance body, of which Meteo Rwanda will be a member.

Reporting

CIAT will be responsible for final reporting to USAID on project activities. On the activities noted above, Meteo Rwanda is responsible to contribute to the necessary reporting in a timely manner.

Funding

CIAT will be the administrator of funds for this project and will fund the above activities directly subject to availability of such funds from USAID. Note that all activities are subject to the

¹ Expected to include at least: Meteo-Rwanda (climate information provider), the Ministry of Agriculture (decision-makers) and the Rwanda Agriculture Board (research and extension service)



approval of USAID and will begin upon approval of the specifically activity within the project work plan.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from CIAT and Meteo Rwanda. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the CIAT and Meteo Rwanda and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from CIAT and Meteo Rwanda this MOU shall end on 1st December 2019.

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