

# ANNEX I

## CONSULTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE (STDF 171 – African Phytosanitary of Excellence)

### **Background**

In March 2007, the STDF Working Group reviewed and discussed an application for funding submitted by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat and the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International (CABI) ([Appendix 1](#)). The overall objective of the proposal was to deliver phytosanitary capacity building in Africa through the establishment of an African Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Nairobi, Kenya. Other collaborating agencies in the project included the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) and the University of Nairobi (UoN).

Prior the meeting of the Working Group, the application was reviewed by the STDF Secretariat ([Appendix 2](#)) and evaluated independently by Wageningen University and Research Centre ([Appendix 3](#)).

The STDF Working Group expressed concerns in relation to the application's perceived lack of ownership by the beneficiary and the Phytosanitary Centre's potential long-term financial sustainability. These issues had also been recognized by the Secretariat and in the independent evaluation of the proposal. Other drawbacks noted included the budgetary contribution from the beneficiary and the limited implementation time-frame (i.e. only one year). The Working Group also considered that the project needed to clarify its position vis-à-vis the Inter African Phytosanitary Council (IAPC), other donor initiatives, such as a Norwegian project with the African Union, and other potential African centres of excellence.

Nevertheless, the Working Group underlined the potential positive impact of the project, in particular with respect to other projects approved by the STDF, e.g. in Rwanda. The Working Group therefore decided to grant funding for a project preparation grant (PPG) in order to improve the proposal and establish contacts with donors who might be interested to fund the resultant project.

### **Selected consultants**

Following the decision of the Working Group, and in close collaboration with the project applicants and collaborating agencies, Mr Ralf Lopian was selected by the beneficiaries and IPPC as the consultant to perform the work for this PPG.

### **Description of tasks**

Under the overall supervision of the STDF Secretariat, and in close collaboration with the project applicants, collaborating agencies, and other relevant stakeholders as identified in the original funding application, the consultant will:

- conduct a field mission to Kenya (minimum of 5 working days) in the period from 14 to 25 May 2007 – including a stop-over on return in The Netherlands (minimum of 1 working day);
- review country specific information and literature (FAO and World Bank data) and dialogue with other STDF partners (FAO, OIE, WHO and World Bank);
- conduct desk and field research on, and document, past, present and planned multilateral (FAO, World Bank, UNDP, etc.) and/or bilateral (EU, USAID, Norway, etc.) technical cooperation activities in Africa aimed at establishing similar phytosanitary centres of

excellence - for instance initiatives on biosecurity being planned by the University of Pretoria  
- in order to ensure full synergy with these activities;

- identify and visit key public and private sector stakeholders and establish a programme of in-country contacts with these stakeholders; this includes Mr Jeffrey Jones from the IPPC Secretariat who is expected to be in Nairobi, Kenya, from 14 to 25 May 2007;
- re-draft the existing project proposal in accordance with the STDF Operational Rules and the STDF format for project grants contained therein ([Appendix 4](#)) taking into account the review of Secretariat, the independent evaluation of Wageningen University and Research Centre, the comments of the Working Group, and the consultant's findings and conclusions following the mission; particular attention should be paid to the proposal's perceived lack of ownership by the beneficiary and the centre's potential long-term financial sustainability (e.g. what would be the potential demand for training in the region, for instance of other African National Plant Protection Organizations, private sector agricultural and horticultural exporters, associated trade associations, etc.);
- present the draft project proposal to all identified key public and private stakeholders in order to take their comments and suggestions into account and improve the draft proposal where appropriate;
- explore possibilities to fund the resultant project proposal through contacts with relevant multilateral and bilateral donors during the implementation of the PPG; this activity will include a meeting with representatives of the Dutch Ministries of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, and Foreign Affairs, in The Hague, The Netherlands, on return from the consultant's mission to Kenya; the final project report will contain a separate section on funding possibilities for the project.

## **Output**

The output will be a final project report in English - including the project proposal as outlined above - to be submitted to all identified stakeholders by 10 June 2007 for comments and for final submission to the STDF Secretariat by 15 July 2007. The project proposal will be considered at the STDF Working Group meeting in October 2007 – if it is not accepted for funding by another donor prior to that date.