



Procedure for CANSEA grant application

ACTAE Regional Project – CANSEA Component is launching its third call for proposal under its “Competitive Grant Scheme”. **This 3rd call is targeted on AGROFORESTRY approach** among Agroecology. **The application deadline for this third call is the 09th of November 2017.**

1. Background and rationale

ACTAE is a regional project funded by AFD to develop durable and effective networking mechanisms facilitating synergies among agroecology initiatives. This will involve activities in R&D, training and extension, optimization of existing networks and organization with the objective to enhance knowledge, exchange and capitalization.

ACTAE aims at facilitating exchanges between the different approaches of agroecology and supporting a scientific documentation of their relative advantages. Tenants of the different approaches easily agreed on their common principles and the scope of agro-ecology.

The project is expected to provide institutional and operational backstopping to the existing Conservation Agriculture Network for South-East Asia (CANSEA) while enlarging its scope to cover the whole field of agroecology. This objective is in the framework of a long term process. A first phase of 3 years is funded by AFD (2015-2018).

ACTAE is organized in two complementary components CANSEA and ALiSEA under the responsibility of CIRAD and GRET respectively and CIRAD for the overall coordination:

- Strengthen and institutionalize the existing conservation agriculture network in SouthEast Asia - CANSEA – or the future ASEA network in its function of promoting Agroecology (AE) and conservation agriculture (CA) effective adoption, notably through involving a wider spectrum of stakeholders, building linkage between agroecological movements, and working to diversify funding sources.
- Promote the emergence of a new regional agro-ecological learning initiative in South East Asia – ALiSEA, aiming at strengthening knowledge and experience sharing among agroecological initiatives and actors. It will focus mainly on promoting the concept of agro-ecological transition, documenting practices at grass root level and bridging existing experiences. Out/up scaling the development and adoption of agroecological practices among farmers through training and dissemination will be supported.

2. CANSEA call for proposal

Among a whole set of activities, the ACTAE project is supporting a «Competitive Grant Scheme» to boost R&D projects with strong multi-stakeholders and training involvement based on a tender procedure. These grants should be considered as i) potential co-fund for larger project or action, ii) as leverage to attract further funding or partners, iii) means to reinforce or strengthen existing activity. The scope of this document is to specify the conditions for potential applicant to access to these grants.

a. Eligibility for the 3rd call targeted on AGROFORESTRY approach

Only proposals with a focus on agroforestry approach among agroecology will be eligible. The proposal should be based on a production of high economic interest for the country (ies) concerned and should aim at:

- Showing results for capitalization / demonstration even within 9 – 10 months of operational implementation of the project;
 - Improving the scientific and technical knowledge for the implementation of such an agroforestry approach in a general framework of the agroecological transition;
 - Providing relevant information and / or methodology for decisions by policy makers (national and provincial level);
 - Offering a genericity to allow their adaptation to other value crops and other regions/countries;
 - Offering a partnership between different actors and providing capacity building for national staff.
 - Reporting and sharing results by an oral presentation during the Regional Conference on Agroecology that will be hold by mid October 2018 in one of the four countries.
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- › Activities should concern Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam;
 - › All recognized institutions based in the four countries covered by ACTAE regional project are eligible;
 - › Maximum funding: 40 000 USD, cofounding is actively encouraged;
 - › Implementation of activities should not exceed the deadline of the 31st of August 2018, starting from the signature of the funding contract;

Will be highly appreciated the proposals showing:

- A project implementation involving at least two of these four countries;
- A partnership between an international research organization involving different national institutions in accordance with their field of expertise and objectives of the proposal.

b. How to Apply:

The application should include:

- An executive summary,
- Description of the proposal with i) context, ii) objective, iii) activities description, iv) partnerships, v) planning and duration,
- A detailed budget.

Proposal should be sent by Email to:

Mr Philippe Cao-Van / CTA of ACTAE regional project – Email: caovan@cirad.fr

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c. Selection process:

The proposals will be evaluated by a specific committee involving the implementing agencies and external evaluators to insure coherency and complementarity between actions and partners. Results will be sent to applicants at least within one month after de deadline for application.

Notes: 5 to 1 per criteria			
	5 : Excellent. Proposition matches the expectations (or better)		
	4 : Good. Proposition is satisfactory; expectations should be matched		
	3 - Medium. Proposition doesn't completely answer to expectations, should be better		
	2 : Poor. Proposition rarely answers to expectations.		
	1 : Non acceptable. Misfit and no enough reference provided in the proposition		
N°	Criteria		
1	Subject of the proposal (Min 22/27,5)		
	Relevance of the proposal with agroecology (x 1,5)		
	Relevance of the proposal with agricultural developpement challenges		
	Relevance of the proposal with the overall objective of the project (x 1,5)		
	Genericity of results and deliverables (x1,5)		
2	Description and experience of the bidder (Min 12/20)		
	Research experience (References and previous works)		
	Experience in agriculture development and local stakeholders		
	Knowledge in Agroecology (including practical experience)		
	Experience in Conservation agriculture or other main approach		
3	Technical offer review (Min 16/22,5)		
	Analyzis / understanding of the context		
	Understandability of the proposal / details		
	Logframe / workframe / strategies / actions / planning		
	Understandability and relevancy of the budget		
	Communication and information plan (deliverables) (x 0,5)		
4	Team composition		
	Technical capacity for the proposal		
	Past experience of the team, especially with CANSEA, Cirad, Gret		
5	Partnership		
	Relevance and efficiency of the partnership (potential synergies)		
	Diversity and complementarity of skills and competences		
6	Funds x 1,5		
	Use efficiency		
	co-funding		
	TOTAL (max 105)		
	Cost (USD)		
	Cost (EUR)		

d. Contract establishment and payment:

A Funding contract will be established between ACTAE and the leader institution in charge of the action. The contract will describe the action and define the implementing conditions especially duration, duty of the contractor regarding the interim and final reports delivery and payment conditions.

In addition to Funding contract, the contractor will have to provide to ACTAE a Partnership agreement, according a template framework, describing the different partners involved in the proposal, their specific activities and deadline, a respective planning of implementation (according the deadline for the end of the proposal on 31 August 2018), respective budget and report's duties. The Partnership agreement should be sign by all the partners. We highly recommend anticipating the process of this Partnership agreement as soon as possible to limit the waste of time as it is part of the contract procedure.

The payment of the lump sum for the proposal will be made in three (3) terms:

- 1st payment for 40 to 50% of the total lump sum when signing the Funding contract and providing the signed Partnership agreement;
- 2nd payment for 30 to 40 % of the total lump sum when receiving the interim report of activity (not later than 30 April 2018) and a bill for the first payment;
- 3rd payment for 20% of the total lump sum after validation of the final report (draft of the final report not later than 15 September 2018) and a bill for the second and third payments.

Each payment will be made by bank transfer according the account details mentioned in the Funding contract.