

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



PROJECT FOR DECENT JOBS AND ENTERPRENEURSHIP PROMOTION IN AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRY FOR THE YOUTHS IN RURAL AREAS

1. Preamble

This call for applications was launched as part of the implementation of activities for the project on the promotion of decent jobs and entrepreneurship in agriculture and agro-industry for rural youths, project under the auspices of the Planning and Coordination Agency of NEPAD within the framework of the Rural Development Program, with the support of the Trust Fund for African Solidarity (FFSA). This training aims at creating decent employment prospects for young people through the establishment of agricultural and agro-industrial enterprises along strategic value chains. This will enable to have young men and women capable of:

- ✓ Seeing agriculture as a worthy profession
- ✓ Valuing local resources available to create wealth
- ✓ Becoming leaders capable of creating an entrepreneurial dynamic
- ✓ Developing attitudes and aptitudes that put them in a culture of success
- ✓ Producing goods and services useful for the socio-economic well-being of their community
- ✓ Considering the environment as a "partner", a heritage to be safeguarded
- ✓ Transforming the comparative advantages of the environment into competitive advantages in an increasingly globalized world.

2. Profile of applicants

Applicants should men and women who have felt the need for their own transformation, their preparation to take charge of their own destiny and contribute to the flourishing of their grassroots community. The candidate should have the following attitudes and skills:

- ✓ Adherence to the Songhai vision of development based on the change of mentalities for a revalorization of social work
- ✓ ambition for one's own life and for the development of one's community
- ✓ opening up to the assimilation of new values and skills
- ✓ a desire for innovation and curiosity
- ✓ ability to live and thrive in rural areas.

3. Description of the training

Participants to the training should live within Songhai Center. It is a practical training in agriculture (crop, animal production and fish farming), agro-food processing, farm creation and management. It lasts two months (02) months. At the end of the two months of training, the beneficiaries will set up their own farm businesses or continue their activities. The best will be eligible for funding for the creation or development of their business.

4. Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- being a Benin national,
- being aged between 18 and 35 years,
- having experience in agricultural activities and / or agro-food processing,
- having passion for life in rural areas,
- being ready to follow the training and set up one's own business or to continue previous activities at the end of the training,
- hold a certificate in agriculture and / or technical and general education. The minimum education level required is Junior High School Certificate or its equivalent in the above-mentioned fields.

5. How to apply ?

The application must include:

- 1. A handwritten request addressed to the Director of the training center,**
- 2. A handwritten letter of motivation addressed to the Director of the training center**
- 3. a certified photocopy of the national identity card or passport or certificate of nationality,**
- 4. a certified copy of the required certificate,**
- 5. a detailed curriculum vitae,**
- 6. an undertaking to respect the rules and regulations of the Training Center and to set up one's own business or continue one's activities at the end of the training.**
- 7. A recent full color photograph of the candidate.**

NB : Ownership of land title and / or cultivable land available to the applicant for installation is an asset. Applicants in agricultural activities are privileged.

6. Deadline and place of submission of applications

Applications are received from June 1 to 30, 2017 at one of the following locations:

- ✓ **Songhaï Ouando (Porto-Novo)**
- ✓ **Songhaï Atagara (Parakou)**
- ✓ **Songhaï Kpakpassa (Savalou)**
- ✓ **Songhaï Kinwédji (Lokossa)**

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For further information please contact:

- ✓ Centre Songhaï Porto-Novo : Tel. : 20 24 60 92 / 20 24 68 81 ; Fax : 20 24 72 50 or formation@songhai.org
- ✓ Songhaï – Lokossa : Tel. : 22 41 13 96
- ✓ Songhaï – Savalou : Tel. : 96 06 88 26
- ✓ Songhaï – Parakou : Tel. : 97 53 05 42