

Accelerating inclusive green growth through agri-based digital innovation in Western Africa (AGriDI)

Call for Proposals
Information webinar
18 May 2021



Introduction

AGriDI is:

1. An innovation-driven project providing grants and technical assistance to stimulate adoption of agribased digital solutions in West Africa.
2. Funded through ACP Innovation Fund of the OACPS financed by European Union.



Source: <https://www.ecowas.int/member-states/>

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AGriDI is implemented by:



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Objective

- To enhance inclusive green growth through agri-based digital innovations especially for women and youth farmers in Western Africa.

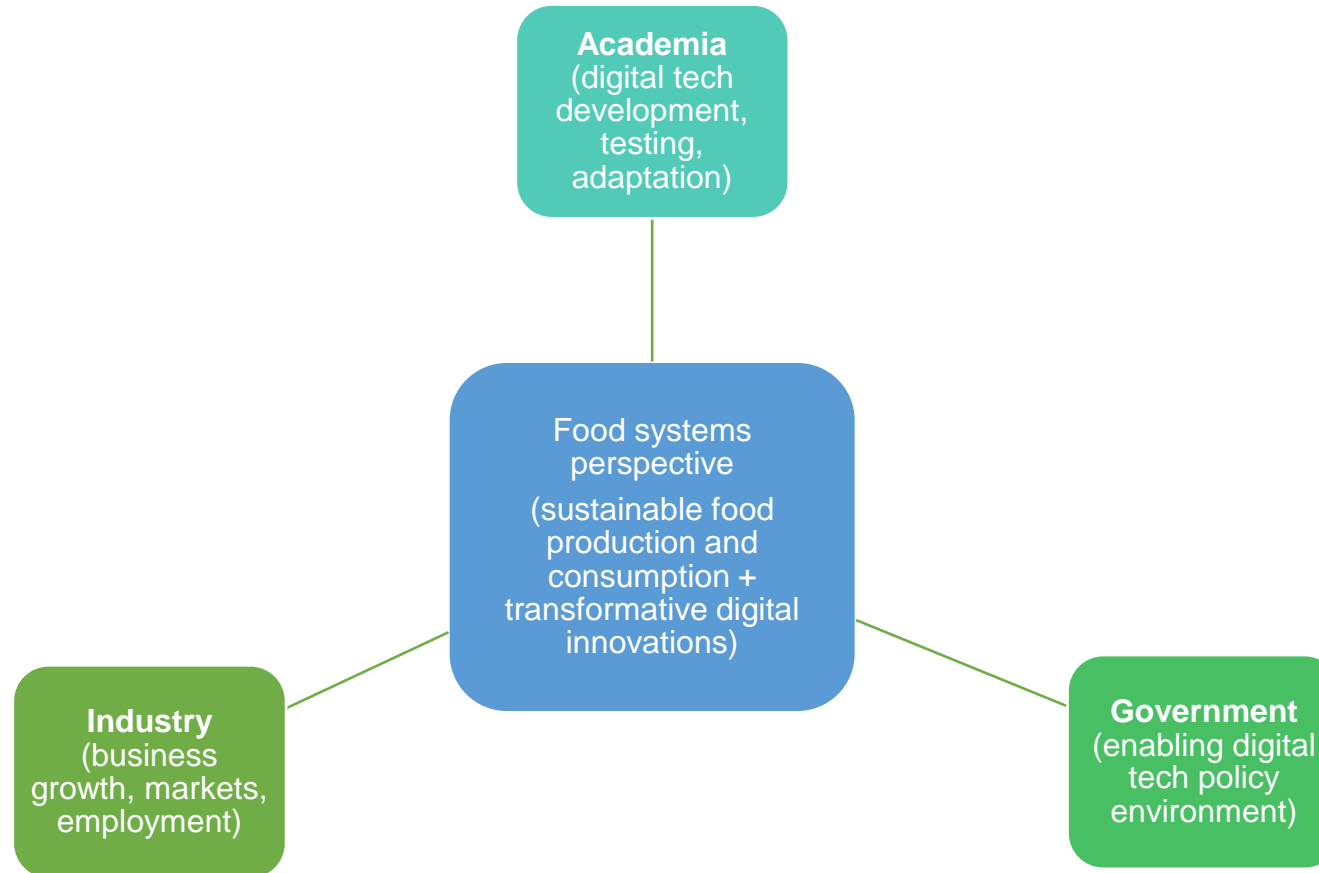


Source: big data.cgiar.org



Source: agrilinks.org

AGriDI Design



Grant Categories

1: co-development & adaptation of digital solutions (Min. EUR 150k – Max. EUR 300K).

Applicants: Academia, Tech hubs, Tech transfer offices (Scientists, innovators, etc..)

- Digital solutions for solving agricultural production bottlenecks: pest management, geo information, weather & climate, relevant applications supporting improved national productivity

Beneficiary

SMEs & Farmer cooperatives
(women and youth)

2: Digital innovations for establishing market linkages (Min. EUR 150k – Max. 222,500).

Applicants: Industry (SMEs, farmer cooperatives)

- Digital solutions to enhance effective market linkages: Testing business models of farm produce/value added products aided by digital techs, online platforms for accessing agri-inputs, other relevant activities.

Farmers and agroprocessors
(women and youth)

3: Policies for digital innovation (Min. EUR 150 – 160K).

Applicants: Government (ministries of ICT, STI, etc.) *to consult with farmer cooperatives, agroprocessors, civil society, SMEs.*

- Policy analyses and development such as analysing and designing incentives for digital innovations, intellectual property, cyber security, data management and privacy issues, among others leading to improved policies.

Academia & Industry



Grant Eligibility



Be a legal entity established at least since 2017 in any one country in the ECOWAS region



Have directly implemented research and innovation projects of at least two grants over Eur 75,000 in 2018-2020



Be directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the proposal including joint activities with beneficiaries



May include other legally established organisations or individuals and list them as 'collaborators' in the proposal.



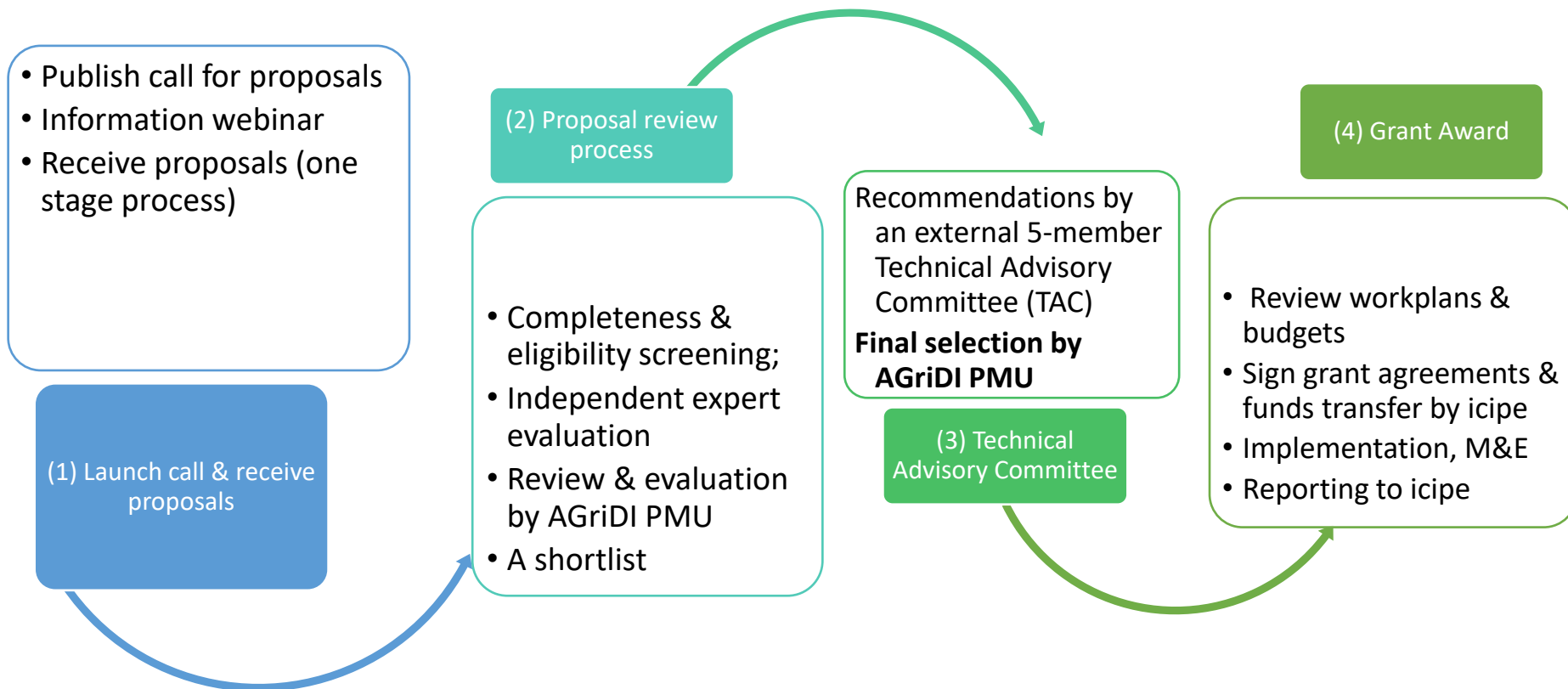
Submit a maximum of one proposal per grant category (Only one grant will be awarded in total)

Evaluation criteria

Proposals should demonstrate clear linkages of activities with various beneficiaries, and must be inclusive and gender-responsive.

Criterion	Max Score
Relevance of the proposal to AGriDI objective and outcomes	15
Alignment with national development plans	10
Feasibility of the proposal	20
Potential for impact	10
Innovation	25
Quality of joint activities	10
Institutional capacity and experience	10
TOTAL	100

Grant selection process

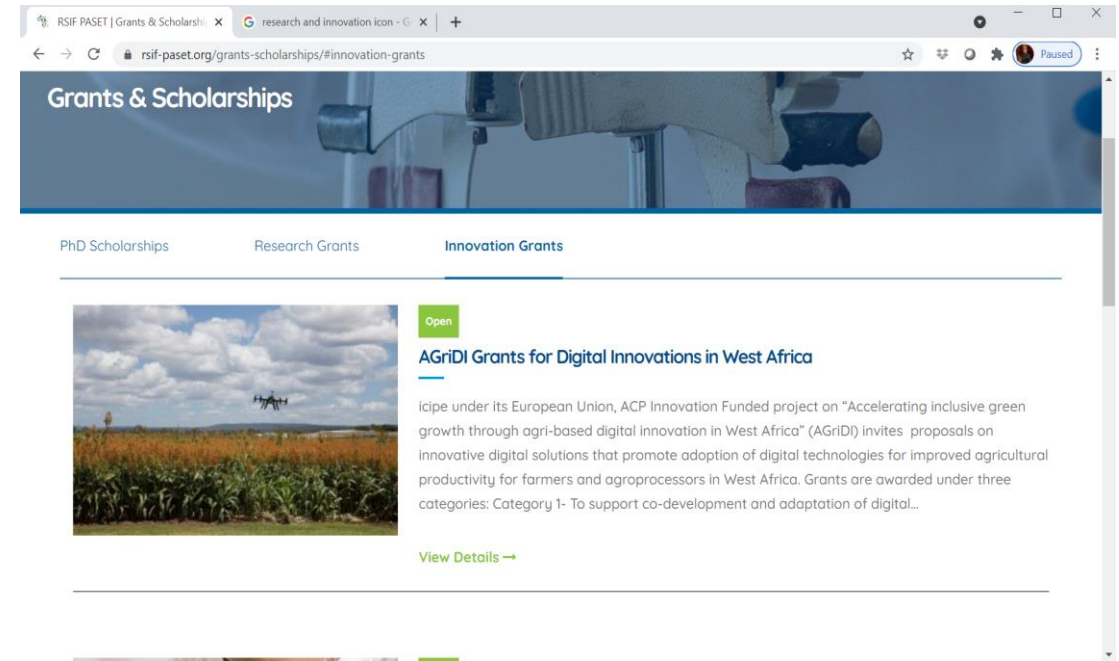


Expected outcomes

- a. Increased uptake of agri-based digital technologies by farmers and SMEs especially women and youth.
- b. Strengthened linkages between research communities, industry and policy actors in digital innovations.
- c. Strengthened policy environment for scaling agri-business digital innovations.

How to Submit your proposal

1. Complete an application form available through an online system at this link: <https://app.rsif-paset.org/rcu/forms/agridi2021.php>.
2. Upload the following documents with your application form:
 - i. a. Completed proposal (Annex 1)
 - ii. Results matrix and workplan (Annex 2)
 - iii. Project Budget (Annex 3)
 - iv. Official Letter of support from the head of the applicant's institution, a copy of an official certificate(s) of registration of the institution, CVs of at least 3 key team members.
 - v. Evidence of managing research and innovation grants.
3. Proposals must be written either in English or French languages.



**Deadline for Proposal Submission:
June 30, 2021; 23:59 West Africa
Standard Time (GMT+1)**

Questions and Answer session



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Thank you



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