

LETTER OF INTENT

Participation in the AFRI-SEC Proposal under FCI4Africa Open Call 1

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To whom it may concern,

The **Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech (Morocco)** hereby expresses its interest in participating as a validation partner in the **AFRI-SEC proposal** submitted by ERGASTIRIA GALANAKIS E E (GL) under the **FCI4Africa Open Call 1**.

The AFRI-SEC project aims to upgrade, localize, and pilot-validate the WASTE-SEC decision-support platform through the integration of African food-system datasets and trade-related drivers and indicators, with particular focus on sustainability, resilience, market access, trade facilitation, and compliance-oriented analytics within agri-food value chains.

Within this context, the Cadi Ayyad University intends to contribute to the project during the validation phase of the FCI4Africa Open Call 1, subject to the successful selection and progression of the project. The anticipated contribution of the Cadi Ayyad University includes:

- Supporting the contextual validation of the WASTE-SEC platform within Moroccan agri-food system conditions
- Supporting interaction with local stakeholders, SMEs, cooperatives, processors, distributors, and other potential end users for pilot testing and feedback collection
- Providing expert input on food loss and waste, food security, sustainability, resilience, and market-access related dimensions relevant to Moroccan food systems
- Contributing to the demonstration of the solution at scale, including its potential policy relevance

The Cadi Ayyad University's participation aims to ensure that the proposed solution is aligned with real-world needs in Morocco, supports evidence-based decision-making, and can be effectively deployed across diverse agri-food contexts.

This Letter of Intent is non-binding and reflects the willingness of Cadi Ayyad University to collaborate in the proposed project. Any formal commitment will be subject to further agreement between the parties and the successful outcome of the FCI4Africa Open Call 1 evaluation process.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on this initiative.

Sincerely,

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