



SPA-GRENADA



**Partnership Agreement
between SPA-GRENADA, CARDI and Afdi
for project implementation:
« Research and launch of FO-Afdi partnerships in Caribbean »
(end October 30, 2024)**

BETWEEN:

Afdi association, Agriculteurs Français et Développement International, registered in SIREN register under number 318 276 458, located at 11, rue de la Baume - 75008 Paris (France), represented by Mr Samuel DIEVAL, director,

Hereinafter referred to as "Afdi",

AND

CARDI, Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Regional Organization Incorporated by an Act of Parliament in Member Countries, registered in Trinidad and Tobago, located at University Campus, St Augustine (Trinidad, W.I), represented by Ansari Hosein, Executive Director,

Hereinafter referred to as "CARDI"

AND

SPA-GRENADA, Simply Pure Agroprocessing, a farming company created by farmers to improve productivity of exotic Grenada fruits and unique products, registered in Grenada on August 21st, 2020, located at Grand Bras, St, Andrew's (Grenada), represented by Marlon St Louis, **Managing Director**,

Hereinafter referred to as « SPA-GRENADA »

Hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as the "Party(ies)"

It is agreed as follows:

As part of the FO4ACP program, the AgriCord alliance has mobilized a contribution from the European Union, with technical support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), for project proposals submitted by farmers' organizations and supported by agri-agencies. The EU/IFAD program will strengthen producer organizations in developing countries to improve living conditions for small-scale farmers.

In accordance with implementation agreement n°25 - Afdi-FO4ACP, signed between Afdi and AgriCord, Afdi implements the "Research and launch of FO-Afdi partnerships in the Caribbean" project, and calls on the services of CARDI (Caribbean Agriculture Research and Development Institute) for study, selection and support of partner FOs (contract n°Ct30-24af-8827 FO4 caraïbes).

In 2024, Afdi and its partner CARDI are providing financial and technical support for initiatives by farmers' organizations in the Eastern Caribbean aimed at strengthening food sovereignty, in a sustainable manner, through initiatives that enable:

- Strengthen the supply of domestic markets with quality local products from family farms.
- Consolidate the economy and organization of players in the agricultural and food sectors, while ensuring a fair distribution of added value along the value chain.
- Contribute to the integration of young people into the agricultural and food sector economy.
- Facilitate the implementation of resilient practices in the face of climate change.

A call for proposals has been launched for the FOs of Grenada, Dominica and St Lucia, to select and support economic projects that make a sustainable contribution to improving food sovereignty.

The SPA-GRENADA's project was selected by the proposal evaluation committee.

Article 1. Purpose of the agreement

This agreement sets out the commitments of the three parties to support and implement SPA-GRENADA’s economic project presented in the context of the call for proposals to support economic projects making a sustainable contribution to improving food sovereignty, for which SPA-GRENADA submitted a project (see selection procedures).

Article 2. Action plan and budget for actions managed by SPA-GRENADA

Support for SPA-GRENADA economic projects:

Following the presentation of the SPA-GRENADA’s proposal, the proposal evaluation committee held on July 17, 2024 (see Appendix 1), and the letter of acceptance from SPA-GRENADA (see Appendix 3):

- SPA-GRENADA undertakes to use these funds for the activities validated by the proposal evaluation committee, as follows:

- Project title:
Climate Smart Irrigation for Soursop Farmers

- Project description:
The project aims to implement a climate-smart irrigation system designed specifically for soursop farmers in Grenada. This initiative will involve the procurement and installation of advanced drip irrigation systems and water storage facilities, tailored to optimize water use efficiency and enhance the resilience of soursop farms to climate variability. The project will also include training for farmers on efficient water management practices.

- Expected results:
Result 1: Increased Agricultural Productivity and Food Sovereignty
Result 2: Enhanced Resilience to Climate Change
Result 3: Integration and Empowerment of Young Farmers
Result 4: Sustainable Water Management Practices
Result 5: Strengthened Community and Institutional Support

- Activities:
Activity 1: Baseline survey and needs assessment
Activity 2: Design and procurement of irrigation system
Activity 3: Installation of irrigation systems
Activity 4: Training sessions for farmers
Activity 4: Monitoring and evaluation - Contract with data management - 1 year (beyond the term of this contract)

- Targets / Actors involved:
Number of farmers directly involved in the project 31
Number of young farmers or entrepreneurs directly involved in the project (<36 years) 15
The number of women directly involved in the project 10
Number of farms benefiting from an irrigation system 2
Irrigated area (acres) 5

o Timetable:

Level of Activity	Activities	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Status	Implementer
	1. Baseline Survey and Needs Assessment					Completed in May 2024	Programme Designer, Project Manager
Project Specific	2. Design and Procurement of Drip Irrigation Systems	Design for 31 Farms/ Request for Quotations		Procurement		Ongoing Designs for 31 farmers. Design will be completed by August 31th	Farmers and Design Team
Project Specific	3. Installation of Drip Irrigation Systems				Installation in parallel	Planned	SAP team and external MOA support along with farmers.
Project Specific	4. Training Sessions for Farmers	Ongoing consultation and training for each stage of the process.				Ongoing	
	5. Youth Engagement and Mentorship Program	These activities are ongoing and will be chnaced through the direct implementation of this project.				Ongoing	
	6. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)					Ongoing	
	7. Community and Stakeholder Engagement					Capabilities Established	

The program of activities may not extend beyond October 30, 2024 (end date for eligibility of expenditure).

- Afdi undertakes, provided that the SPA-GRENADA mobilizes the 10% of co-financing planned, to retrocede the following funds to SPA-GRENADA:

Budgetineuros

Activities	Resource Need	Calculation elements	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total	Project financing	Other financing
					Amount (euros)	(max 90%)	(min 10%)
Baseline Survey and Needs Assessment							
Needs assessment for water demands	Data Collection Team	For 40 Acres with 31 farmers- Non CARDI Support	1	2 288	2 288	-	2 288
Report Completion on Baseline Survey.	AZITS		1	915	915	-	915
Water management and techniques research.	External Consultant		1	1 373	1 373	-	1 373
Design Report and recommendation with implementation plan for 3 years.	External Consultant		1	4 119	4 119	-	4 119
Sub Total Expenditure					8 695	-	8 695
Design and Procurement of System							
Water Management Assessment Finding details	SPA/CARDI	To support 5 acres	1	458	458	-	458
Technical Analysis with economical and feasibility analysis.			1	458	458	-	458
Quantity development			1	-	-	-	-
Sourcing of High-Quality climate specific materials			1	229	229	-	229
ment and Sourcing	Procurement	Water Storage tanks (large) for 5-7 acres- at 12 days' supply	5	1 007	5 034	5 034	-
ment and Sourcing		Water Catchment (Prefab) for 5 acres.	1	915	915	915	-
ment and Sourcing		Piping and other fittings for 5 acres, about 18,000 feet of drip, emitters etc.	5	2 746	13 729	13 729	-
Sub Total Expenditure					20 822	19 678	1 144

Budget in euros

Activities	Resource Need	Calculation elements	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total	Project financing	Other financing
					Amount (euros)	(max 90%)	(min 10%)
Others							
Shipping and Handling Charges/Customs/port			1	549	549	-	549
on and Training		Would seek support from community	1	2 288	2 288	-	2 288
M&E Contract with data management – 1 year		Project to confirm a suitable supporting method for M&E	1	-	-	-	-
nity Management			1	549	549	-	549
Sub Total Expenditure					3 386	-	3 386
TOTAL					32 903	19 678	13 225

(Reminder of eligible and non-eligible expenses: see appendix 6)

August 12, 2024, parity euros / East Caribbean dollars: 1 euro = 2.95 East Caribbean dollars

- **SPA-GRENADA** undertakes to mobilize at least 10% of co-financing and to provide Afdi with a copy of the supporting documents for expenditure.
- **CARDI** undertakes to supporting SPA-GRENADA in the implementation of its economic project and to ensuring its monitoring and evaluation.
- If necessary, within the implementation of the activities, **Afdi** undertakes to mobilize resource persons, notably within the French agricultural profession, with expertise in the fields concerned by the implementation of SPA-GRENADA's activities within the framework of the said contract, and within the limits of the budgets remaining available to Afdi.

Support for institutional strengthening:

- **SPA-GRENADA** undertakes to carry out an institutional capacity diagnostic and to draw up and implement a capacity-building plan to complement the implementation of its economic project.
- **CARDI** undertakes to work with **SPA-GRENADA** to diagnose its institutional capacities and draw up a capacity-building plan to complement the implementation of its economic project, and to support **SPA-GRENADA** in implementing this plan.
- **Afdi** undertakes to retrocede to **SPA-GRENADA** the funds required to implement the capacity-building plan defined following the diagnosis, up to a maximum budget of 1,750 euros.
- If necessary, within the implementation of the activities, **Afdi** undertakes to mobilize resource persons, notably within the French agricultural profession, with expertise in the fields concerned by the implementation of SPA-GRENADA's activities within the framework of the said contract, and within the limits of the budgets remaining available to Afdi.

Article 3. Detailed financial terms

The funds raised by Afdi and allocated to the project come partly from external donors. Afdi has legal and financial responsibility for the amounts allocated. Afdi undertakes to support SPA-GRENADA for the smooth running of the actions. Afdi reserves the right, where appropriate, to carry out a budgetary control based on SPA-GRENADA's accounting relating to the project.

The funds will be transferred by Afdi to SPA-GRENADA according to the following terms:

Purpose of the transfer	Amount (euros)	Comments
<i>Support for economic projects</i>		
Tranche 1 – 85%	16,726 €	After validation of the project and the budget by the proposal evaluation committee, and signing of this agreement
Balance	Max 2,952 €	Function of the realized After validation of the final report on October 30, 2024
<i>Support for institutional strengthening</i>		
Advance – 100%	Max 1,750 €	After validation of the institutional capacity-building plan and presentation of training estimates
Adjustment		Balance calculation on receipt of invoices

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The allocation will be made by bank transfer to the SPA-GRENADA account, which undertakes to send a bank confirmation to Afdi as soon as the funds are placed in its account.

Expense eligibility dates:

Eligibility start date: 19th July 2024 or as indicated in the Letter of Agreement to be signed (see Appendix 2).

Eligibility end date: 30th October 2024

Article 4. Program animation modalities

The activities implemented by SPA-GRENADA are part of a broader program including other FOs and other activities in 3 countries (Grenada, Dominica and St. Lucia), coordinated and implemented by Afdi and its partner CARDI.

SPA-GRENADA is committed to participating in the activities promoted by the project and to sharing its results with all the organizations mobilized in this project.

It will be in contact with Dr Gem Thomas-Barry, Officer-in-Charge, CARDI Grenada.

Afdi will carry out a mission to monitor the activities implemented.

Article 5. Technical and financial reporting modalities

Narrative reporting modalities of activities

SPA-GRENADA undertakes to submit to Afdi a final activity report (see appendix 4) no later than **November 30th, 2024**, covering all project activities under its control, for the period from the start of this contract to October 30, 2024.

Financial reporting modalities of activities

SPA-GRENADA undertakes to submit to Afdi a final financial report (see appendix 5) no later than **November 30th, 2024**, covering all project activities under its control, for the period from the start of this contract to October 30, 2024.

This financial report will be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- Local staff: copies of pay slips, declaration and payment slips to social and tax funds
- For other supporting documents: the justification procedures are detailed in Appendix 4.

The report will cover all activities financed by EU/IFAD funds (financing) and by SPA-GRENADA (co-financing).

SPA-GRENADA will pre-finance activities up to 15% of the budget and will be reimbursed after validation of the final report.

The financial report will be denominated in euros.

The exchange rate to be used for the conversion of East Caribbean dollars to the euro will be the average rate of transfers made by Afdi. If SPA-GRENADA has another procedure, it may apply subject to presentation of its method and prior acceptance by Afdi.

Article 6. Communication modalities

Contact persons at SPA-GRENADA:

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Article 7. The fight against the financing of terrorism, and the absence of acts of corruption, fraud or anti-competitive practices

The partner undertakes not to enter into a business relationship with any person, group or entity appearing on one of the Financial Sanctions Lists (including in particular the fight against the financing of terrorism).

The partner undertakes not to purchase, supply or finance equipment, services, or sectors under embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France.

The Parties undertake, both in respect of themselves and in respect of persons under their responsibility or acting in their name and on their behalf, throughout the performance of this contract, to comply with all international and local laws, regulations and standards relating to the fight against corruption, fraud, and anti-competitive practices.

Each Party warrants that no person under its responsibility or acting on its behalf or for its account, has given or will give any offer, remuneration or payment or benefit of any kind, constituting or likely to constitute an act or attempt of bribery, directly or indirectly, with a view to or in consideration of the award/performance of this contract.

As part of the monitoring and fight against corruption, fraud and anti-competitive practices, the provider undertakes to inform Afdi, without delay, of any element that may come to its attention, and which may result in its liability under this article.

The provider undertakes to provide all necessary assistance to Afdi to respond to any request from a duly authorized authority relating to the fight against corruption, fraud, and anti-competitive practices.

Any failure on the part of the Parties to comply with the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be a serious breach authorizing the non-defaulting Party to terminate the contract without notice or compensation, subject to all damages and interest to which the Party that has been the victim of such a breach may claim.

Article 8. Force majeure

Neither of the Parties may be held liable for any difficulties or temporary impossibility in the performance of the present contract caused by a case of force majeure or any other event likely to affect the proper performance of the contract and beyond the control of the Parties. The Parties agree that force majeure is understood to mean the events usually recognized as such in article 1218 of the French Civil Code and by the French courts, including in particular strikes, terrorist activities, riots, insurrections, wars, government actions, epidemics, natural disasters, or faults attributable to a third-party telecommunications service provider.

The occurrence of a case of force majeure suspends the obligations of the Parties for the duration of the case of force majeure. Nevertheless, the Parties shall endeavor to minimize the consequences as far as possible. Contractual obligations resume as soon as the force majeure ceases.

The Party invoking force majeure must notify the other Party by any means within a maximum period of fifteen (15) calendar days. It shall indicate the event constituting the force majeure, its foreseeable duration, and the obligations which it considers it will no longer be able to perform. It shall also indicate the means it intends to use to limit the consequences of the force majeure. In the same way, it will notify the other Party, using the same procedure, of the date on which the force majeure ceased.

In the event of force majeure preventing either Party from fulfilling its obligations and continuing for more than one month, this contract may be terminated early by either Party by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, without either Party having to pay the other any compensation.

Article 9. Duration

This Agreement shall commence on July 19, 2024, or as otherwise specified in the Letter of Agreement provided following the Proposal Evaluation Committee and shall terminate no later than October 30, 2024.

Article 10. Responsibility

Each Party remains solely liable for any damage that it, its staff, subcontractors, agents or any person likely to be involved in the execution of this agreement, may cause to third parties during the execution of the agreement.

As this agreement is part of financing agreements signed between Afdi and third-party financial partners, it is understood that Afdi's liability towards SPA-GRENADA will, in any event, be limited to that incurred by Afdi towards its financial partners.

Article 11. Evolution and modification of this agreement

Any modification of this agreement must be the subject of an amendment duly signed by the representatives of the three parties.

This agreement binds the managers who may succeed each other at the head of the three organizations.

Article 12. Applicable law and competent jurisdiction

This agreement is subject to French law and will be governed and interpreted in accordance with this law. Any difficulties relating to the interpretation, execution and expiration of this agreement will be submitted, in the absence of an amicable agreement within two (2) months from the sending of a registered letter serving as first notification concerning the dispute, to the Paris Commercial Court, to which the parties attribute territorial jurisdiction, even in the event of summary proceedings, third-party claims or multiple defendants.

Signed on August 13, 2024

For SPA-
GRENADA



Marlon St Louis
Managing Director

For CARDI

Ansari Hosein
Executive
Director

For Afdi

Samuel
Diéval
Director

Appendix:

- Appendix 1: Report of the proposal evaluation committee
- Appendix 2: Letter of agreement to be signed
- Appendix 2: Letter of acceptance from the peasant organization
- Appendix 3: Activity report template
- Appendix 4: Financial report template
- Appendix 5: Eligible and non-eligible expenses