

VACANCY: CGIAR HUMIDTROPIC PROGRAM - ACTION AREA COORDINATOR, TO BE BASED IN HANOI, VIETNAM

About the position

Humidtropics is the CGIAR Research Program on Integrated Systems for the Humid Tropics led by IITA. Read more at http://humidtropics.cgiar.org.

This exciting new global research for development (R4D) program targets systems that affect up to 1.5 billion rural people, most of whom operate within smallholder farming systems in which livestock and crop production are intimately linked. The program focuses on increasing the available options and strengthening the capacity of poor and vulnerable people to improve their livelihoods and living environment. The strategy is based on promising innovations and technologies for agricultural systems in the humid tropics that will result in vibrant communities, economic success, educated people, and environments that encourage health and well-being.

We are looking for a suitably qualified and enthusiastic person to fill the challenging position of Action Area Coordinator of the Central Mekong Action Area of the Humidtropics in which ICRAF is the lead institution. The Action Area Coordinator will be responsible for implementing the Humidtropics research for development agenda in above Action Area, comprising of three Actions Sites including parts of Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. The Action Area Coordinator will be part of the Humidtropics Management Committee and will report to the ICRAF East Asia Node Leader and Vietnam Country Coordinator.

The primary responsibilities of the Action Area Coordinator will include:

- Facilitate the implementation of the research for development agenda of the Humidtropics in the Central Mekong Action Area in cooperation with partner organisations.
- Initiate and lead fund raising to complement the budget from the CGIAR together with partner institutions.
- Engage in monitoring and evaluating progress against project milestones and impact indicators in above Action Area.
- Lead the development of sub-agreements and budgets to partners for above Action Area and ensure proper technical and financial feedback from partners
- Implement the Humidtropics-wide communication and knowledge management strategies within above Action Area.
- Represent Humidtropics as needed.

There will also be an opportunity to develop and carry our own research aligned with the Humidtropics Program.

Qualification and Experience

- The candidate should have a PhD degree in agriculture, agro-ecology, agroforestry, natural resource management or equivalent (of relevance to management or dissemination of best practices).
- 10 years extensive experience of research in a relevant area with increasing management responsibilities.
- Significant experience with and knowledge of agricultural research and/or development work in the humid tropics.
- Experience in strategic communication with a demonstrated track record of success.
- Experience with planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects, including participatory methods.

Personal Competencies

- Strong team player and ability to work with diverse individuals and organizations.
- Excellent leadership skills and sensitivity to cross cultural issues and ability to work with multicultural and multidisciplinary teams.
- Commitment to gender equity and diversity.
- Demonstrated strategic thinking, planning and management skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and gender awareness.
- Having interest in receiving feedback from others
- Willingness to travel.

Terms of offer

The World Agroforestry Centre is an equal opportunity employer and offers a collegial and gender-sensitive working environment. We believe that staff diversity promotes excellence and strongly encourage applications from qualified women. This is an international position and will be for an initial period of **three (3) years**, renewable subject to **nine (9) months** probation period, assessment of performance, continued relevance of the position and availability of resources.

How to apply

Go to http://worldagroforestry.org/working-for-icraf/vacancies

Applications will be considered until **November 5, 2013** or until a suitable candidate is identified and selected. Please note that only short-listed applicants meeting the above requirements will be contacted.

About our organization

The World Agroforestry Centre (also known as the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry or ICRAF) is an independent research institution which generates science-based knowledge about the complex role trees play in agricultural landscapes and rural livelihoods. As part of the Centre's work to bring tree-based solutions to bear on poverty and environmental problems, researchers – working in close collaboration with partners – are developing new technologies, tools and policy recommendations for increased food security and ecosystem health.
The Centre's headquarters are located in Nairobi, Kenya, and research is conducted in 34 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We are supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and receive funding from over 50 different donors.
To learn more about our organization, please visit our website: www.worldagroforestry.org