



The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

VACANCY Announcement

FARA is the apex organization for agricultural research for development in Africa. Its primary functions are advocacy and constituency building, advancing information and knowledge sharing and promoting partnerships for African agricultural research for development. FARA is the technical arm of NEPAD for the research components of its Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

FARA is seeking to employ a **Coordinator for the Sub Saharan Africa Challenge Program (SSA CP)** who will be responsible to the Executive Secretary. The overall responsibility of the Coordinator is the successful implementation of the SSA CP following the integrated agricultural research for development (IAR4D) principles. S/He will be expected to coordinate implementation of the SSA CP based on the SSA CP governance and management structures and; ensure optimal use of the available human, institutional and financial resources. He/She will provide leadership in applying and validating the IAR4D principles which involves the participation of different and diverse stakeholders as well as promote difficult institutional changes, including the application of subsidiarity principles. S/He will liaise with the SROs who oversee and support the Pilot Learning Teams in their respective regions. The Programme Coordinator is responsible for the Programme's facilitation and mentoring, monitoring and evaluation services and provide cross-team linkages for sharing experiences through methodology analysis, dissemination of information and knowledge management.

The Program Coordinator will:

- Coordinate the SSA CP program-wide activities and support to the Pilot Learning Teams and ensure that the IAR4D concept is well understood for proper implementation at all levels.
- Manage the Programme Coordination Unit;
- Report and account to the Programme Steering Committee;
- Report to the SROs;
- Administratively report and account to FARA's Executive Secretary;
- Comply with FARA's and investors' financial and performance audit requirements;
- Report and account to investors through the Programme Steering Committee;
- In conjunction with the Executive Secretary, proactively engage with current and potential investors to ensure that the programme gets the funding required to meet its commitments and objectives.

Requirements:

- ✓ PhD or equivalent degree in agriculture or related subject;
- ✓ Must have a thorough understanding of, and proven experience in implementing multi-stakeholder innovation systems;
- ✓ At least 7 years experience with an outstanding record of achievement in scientific research management;
- ✓ Experience in donor relations and resource mobilisation would be a strong advantage;
- ✓ Citizenship of an African country and experience in more than one region of Africa;
- ✓ An ability to work in English, but with oral and written fluency in either English or French.
- ✓ Ability to work effectively in a multi-cultural environment; and
- ✓ An ability to make presentations and write well under pressure and a commitment to meeting deadlines.

Compensation:

FARA offers competitive international terms of employment and is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from women.

Applications

Please send (preferably via e-mail) comprehensive curriculum vitae and names of three referees to:

Dr. Monty Jones, Executive Secretary, FARA, PMB CT 173, Accra, Ghana

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Applications are accepted until **20th April 2007** or until a suitable candidate is identified. More details are available at www.fara-africa.org.