



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Post-doctoral Fellow (Innovation Systems Specialist)
Bouaké, Cote D'Ivoire
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AfricaRice is seeking a highly motivated **Post-Doctoral Fellow (Innovation Systems Specialist)** with competence and skills in innovation systems in agriculture value chains to be based at M'Bé, Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire.

About AfricaRice

The Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) is a leading pan-African rice research organization committed to improving livelihoods in Africa through strong science and effective partnerships. AfricaRice is a CGIAR Research Center. It is also an intergovernmental association of 27 African member countries, with Headquarters in Côte d'Ivoire.

Responsibilities

The incumbent will be part of a multi-disciplinary team to sustain and improve the productivity, sustainability and profitability of the rainfed lowland, irrigated and upland rice production systems in Africa consistent with AfricaRice's mission and mandate. S/he will be working in the Rice Sector Development Hubs facilitated by AfricaRice and partners across Africa. In these hubs rice research products are disseminated in the rice value chain to achieve development outcomes and impact in a sustainable manner. Hubs represent key rice ecologies and market opportunities across Africa and are linked to major national or regional rice-development efforts to facilitate broader uptake of rice knowledge and technologies. The successful candidate will work under the direct supervision of the Program Leader of the Rice Sector Development (RSD) Program - based in Côte d'Ivoire - or his/her duly assigned representative.

The incumbent will conduct research and development activities within a team of scientists with specific tasks that include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitate the establishment of functional innovation platforms (IPs) in rice value chains in the rice sector development hubs for the generation and wide-scale dissemination of technological and institutional research for development outputs and outcomes for the benefit of farmers, millers / processors and other rice value chain actors to ensure equitable gender-sensitive collective action;
- Facilitate the good governance of the innovation platforms (IPs) in the rice sector development hubs in terms of quality leadership, effective representation and robust voice of the diverse rice value chain stakeholders in the rice sector development hubs;
- Through the innovation platforms(IPs) in the rice value chain of the rice sector development hubs, promote agri-business models on youth entrepreneurship development;
- Develop innovative ways to enhance the competence and skills of rice value chain stakeholder groups (producers, millers/processors, traders, transporters, policy advisers and policy makers, financial institutions, media, consumers, etc.) and their interactions and learning on the innovations platforms (IPs) in rice value chain of the rice sector development hubs;

- Facilitate the strengthening of competencies and skills of community-based innovation platform (IP) facilitators, practitioners and IP actors in the rice value chain of the rice sector development hubs;
- Ensure complementarity and synergy in the mainstreaming of technological, institutional and organizational drivers of a functional innovation platform (IP) in the rice value chain of the rice sector development hubs;
- Document and publish evidence-based case studies, governance and outcome change of the innovation platforms (IPs) in the rice value chain of the rice sector development hubs;
- Develop annual work plans and budgets in consultation with project coordinators and team members;
- Participate in and contribute to resource mobilization efforts;
- Undertake any other duties related to the position and as required by the needs of the Center.

Requirements

The selected candidate should possess:

Education

- PhD in Anthropology, Rural Sociology, Sociology, Agricultural Extension and Education, Agriculture value chains, or related fields;

Work experience

- Field experience in both qualitative and quantitative research for development on innovation processes and governance in agriculture value chains, food systems, and/or natural resource management;
- Hands-on experience in implementation and facilitation of Innovation Platforms (IPs) in the rice value chain

Knowledge and key competencies

The candidate should have good knowledge of agricultural innovation systems concepts and practices and specifically, hands-on experience on the use of multi-stakeholder innovation platforms (IPs) in the rice value chain in sub-Saharan Africa to enable the rapid and widescale dissemination of technologies and innovation in the rice hubs of beneficiary countries. In addition:

- Pro-active and original way of thinking;
- Proven ability to work efficiently as a member of a multidisciplinary team;
- Willingness to travel internationally.
- A good publication record;

Language

- Fluency (oral and written) in either English or French with a good working knowledge of the other language; and

Terms and Conditions

- This is an internationally recruited position.
- AfricaRice provides an attractive international salary and benefits package and a collegial and gender-sensitive working environment.
- The initial appointment is for two years with the possibility for renewal.

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