



International Centre for Research in Agroforestry Recruiting a Junior Professional Officer, Pantropic Ecosystem Assessment

The International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), which is one of 16 food and environmental research organizations known as the Future Harvest Centres, invites applications for the position of Research Officer, Pantropic Ecosystem Assessment, to be based at its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. This position is in the Alternatives to Slash-and-Burn (ASB) Programme (www.asb.cgiar.org) whose objective is to identify, develop and implement innovative policies, institutions and technologies that can reduce poverty and conserve tropical forests.

The Position

The incumbent JPO will contribute to the synthesis of scientific information on environment-development relationships that is useable and relevant to policymaking and development of land use alternatives, with particular attention to the links among globally-important biodiversity, local production sustainability, and livelihoods of poor people.

Specific duties will include:

- Contributing to and assist various partners in the implementation of ASB's contribution to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (www.millenniumassessment.org/en/assessments/a.asb.htm);
- Contributing to the writing, editing, and dissemination of reports and other publications of the global programme;
- Participating in the development of training materials, planning and conducting of training courses and other capacity building activities for national partners;
- Contributing to planning and coordinating regional workshops and other meetings of the programme;
- Participating in the ASB team's efforts to secure funds for global activities.

Qualifications

- Be a developing country national under 32 years of age;
- Masters degree, or a Bachelors degree with three years experience, in a discipline relevant to one or more of ASB's research themes, e.g., environmental studies, public policy, agricultural development, natural resource management (education should have been received in a developing country);
- Fluent in English, with excellent communication skills (verbal and written). Working knowledge of French, Spanish and/or Portuguese would be an advantage;
- Adept in use of modern information technologies (computers, world wide web, databases, etc);
- Proficiency in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), statistical analysis and experience with design and maintenance of websites would be highly desirable;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work well within multicultural and multidisciplinary teams;
- Willingness to travel often.

Terms of offer

ICRAF offers an internationally competitive salary and benefits package, and a collegial and gender-sensitive working environment. Women are particularly encouraged to apply. The contract is for an initial period of 1 year (renewable), subject to a 3 month probation period, annual assessment of performance, continued relevance of the position and availability of resources. Applicants are invited to send a detailed curriculum vita. All correspondence should be addressed to Human Resources Unit, ICRAF, PO Box 30677, Nairobi, Kenya; tel: +254 2 524000 or +1 650 833 6645; fax: +254 2 524001or +1 650 833 6646; email: t.mbinda@cgiar.org. Applications will be considered until 15th August, 2002.