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Project Manager for Youth Employment in Agri-business and Sustainable Agriculture ABUAD-IITA-AfricaRice IFAD Project (Ref: DDG-P4D/PM/YE/ASA/04/19)

Background: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) together with Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) and Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) invite applications for the internationally recruited position of **Project Manager for Youth Employment in Agri-business and Sustainable Agriculture ABUAD-IITA-AfricaRice IFAD Project**.

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa's most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <http://www.iita.org/> for more information on IITA.

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 – part of a global research partnership for a food-secure future. It is also an intergovernmental association of African member countries. The Center was created in 1971 by 11 African countries and today its membership comprises 27 countries, covering West, Central, East and North African regions. Its mission is to contribute to poverty alleviation and food security in Africa, through research, development and partnership activities aimed at increasing the productivity and profitability of the rice sector in ways that ensure the sustainability of the farming environment. AfricaRice headquarters is based in Côte d'Ivoire. Please visit <http://www.africarice.org/> for more information on AfricaRice.

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), was established in 2009 by Aare Afe Babalola, SAN, former Pro-Chancellor of University of Lagos, a two-time winner of the Best Chairman of Council Award for the entire Nigerian university system, a lover of education and a global luminary. His mission is to establish a model university which would lead education reform in Nigeria by providing a world-class educational centre of excellence in academics, character, sports and vocational development. Today, ABUAD is acclaimed all the world-over as “the fastest growing new university in Africa” with its commitment to standard, ethical behaviour, high quality academics, modern laboratories and teaching equipment as well as skill development. It has been acknowledged by UNESCO as “a model of excellence and a world class university”. The 1000 acres University farm consists of one million moringa trees, over 750,000 teak trees, 110,000 mango trees, 600 fish ponds, turkey, snailry, piggery etc. and agri-business industries. Please visit <http://www.abuad.edu.ng/> for more information on ABUAD.

The Project Manager for Youth Employment in Agri-business and Sustainable Agriculture ABUAD-IITA-AfricaRice IFAD Project will have the overall managerial responsibility of the project.

Position Responsibilities

The Project Manager will:

- Provide overall project management, help to develop a strong, coherent technical vision and initiate innovative strategies across the project.
- Work together with Project Coordinator IITA and Project Coordinator AfricaRice respectively to coordinate implementation of all the project activities.
- Establish and operate a project management system and supervise program operations, personnel, M&E, and preparation of periodic written reports to IFAD.

- Design and manage interventions that aim to build capacity of youth across different components of the project.
- Identify and manage technological innovations within the project, and disseminate findings through stakeholder meetings (advocacy), print, radio and cell phone-based systems.
- Facilitate internal and external communication.
- Monitor and evaluate progress towards project milestones.
- Contribute in ensuring effective overall contract management, reporting, communications and relationship management with donor, partners and stakeholders.
- Coordinate organization of planning meetings and training workshops.

Educational Qualifications

The candidate should have PhD in Agriculture-Life Science related fields.

Core Competencies

- The candidate should possess the intellectual leadership and strong management skills necessary to develop, articulate and carry out a vision for the project.
- At least 15 years relevant job experience from international organizations/NGOs/donors, preferably linked to tropical agriculture or international development.
- At least 6 years postdoctoral experience in proposal development, project management, grant management and resource mobilization.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience in managing teams of professionals, administrative, procurement, hiring, recruitment, financial and logistical aspects of project implementation.
- Demonstrated ability to lead the writing and publication of technical documents in relation to the project goals.
- Strong skills in team building and creating synergies between project partners and activities.
- Proven success in work relations with a wide range of partners, including financing institutions, governments, private sector, and other development actors.
- Excellent and extensive organizational and administrative skills and experience.
- Ability to work well in a multicultural setting.
- Gender awareness.
- Excellent computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Power Point).
- Ability to work well under pressure.
- Fluency in English is required, and a working knowledge of French is a strong advantage.

Duty Station: ABUAD IFAD Project Office, Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), Nigeria.

General information: The contract will be for a period of three years based on performance and availability of funding. IITA offers internationally competitive remuneration package paid in U.S. Dollars.

Applications: Applications must include covering letter which should address how the candidate's background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three professional referees (which **must** include either the Head of the applicant's current or previous organization or applicant's direct Supervisor/Superior at his/her present or former place of work). The application should be addressed to the Head, Human Resources Service. Please complete our online application form using this link: <http://www.iita.org/careers>

Closing Date: 27th April 2019

IITA is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from women candidates.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.