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Background: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) invites applications for the internationally recruited positions of:

1. Agriculture Value Chain and Market Development Specialist.
2. Project management specialist
3. Post-Harvest & Value Addition Specialist
4. Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technician
5. Food Processing Engineer
6. Food Safety and Quality Specialist
7. Digital Agriculture Specialist
8. Mechanized crop production
9. Seed system specialist
10. Procurement and Logistics Specialist
11. Aquaculture (fish farming) Specialist
12. Specialist in fish feed
13. Agriculture Investment Specialist
14. Business Incubation and Youth Entrepreneurship Specialist
15. Knowledge management / communication / reporting.
16. Agriculture economist / MEL and impact assessment.

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, IITA improves livelihoods, enhances food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserves natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of the One CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <http://www.iita.org/> for more information on IITA.

The Agenda for the Transformation of Agriculture in the Democratic Republic of Congo (ATA-DRC) is structured around seven priority areas to enable immediate impact: establishing an Enabling Environment; improving seed systems; improving production systems; accelerating value addition; transforming agri-business development; Advancing Mechanization and Agricultural Engineering and establishing a Robust Management and Coordination Structure. The program focuses on the revival of the cassava, corn, rice, soybean, and bean seed sectors and capacity building for agricultural authorities set up in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture – MINAGRI and managed by the company (Bio Agronomic Business) (BAB). The program is a vehicle for advocacy, leading to engagement with the Congolese government, through the ministries of Agriculture and Finance, to explore the ratification of programs funded by the World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB), and other financial development partners.

Educational Qualifications and Experience:

The candidate should have a minimum of Master's degree in any Agricultural Science discipline field from a highly recognized university with at least ten years of practical experience in food systems transformation processes in Africa with some experience in the private sector.

Core Competencies:

- Appreciate the complex institutional environments and able to work with multiple public and private sector agencies/service providers.
- Able to realize impact at scale and experience in the use of impact assessment tools.
- Comfortable to work as part of a team and having good team leadership and team building skills.
- Willing to live and work in a rural environment in Africa.
- Good organizational skills and a high level of efficiency in work processes.
- Highly motivated, innovative, adaptable, and able to work independently.
- Ability to communicate in both written and spoken French.

Duty Station: Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, the Republic of Tchad among potentially other countries in Francophone West Africa

General information: The contract will be for an initial period of two years. IITA offers an internationally competitive remuneration package paid in U.S. Dollars.

Applications: Applications must include a covering letter which should address how the candidate's background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, and 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 of Human Resources. Please complete our online application form using this link: <http://www.iita.org/careers>

Closing Date: 6th September 2022

IITA is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to building a diverse workforce, particularly welcoming applications from women.

While all applications will be acknowledged, please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.