



VACANCY: Science Officer Pro-Poor Climate Change Mitigation

About this position

The CGIAR Research Program, “Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security” (CCAFS, <http://ccafs.cgiar.org>) is a major collaborative endeavor between the international agricultural (CGIAR) and global environmental change (ESSP) research communities, and their respective partners. CCAFS seeks to overcome the threats posed by a changing climate to achieving food security, enhancing livelihoods and improving environmental management in the developing world.

CCAFS’ Science Officer will help coordinate and conduct research contributing to CCAFS’ Pro-Poor Mitigation Theme research. The position is based at ICRAF headquarters in Nairobi. Primary responsibilities are to:

- Manage, synthesize and report information on Theme budget, program and partners. Liaise with partners and administrative staff at ICRAF, CIAT, and Copenhagen University as needed. (30%)
- Contribute to strategic research within Theme within own areas of expertise and facilitate partner development and regional research (50%).
- Coordinate communications among partners and potential research users in the design, implementation and evaluation of research projects. Coordinate related websites, workshops and capacity building events. (10%)
- Support fundraising, including preparation of proposals and reports to donors and other administrative support functions as needed. (10%)

The Science Officer will receive general supervision from the Theme Leader, but will exercise considerable independent judgment within flexible parameters.

Requirements:

- PhD in a field related to climate change mitigation, ecosystem services, development economics, food security or agriculture, or a master’s degree and minimum of four years of relevant work experience involving research or research program management are required.
- Excellent writing, editing and public speaking skills.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and proven ability to work collaboratively in cross cultural contexts.
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative and complete tasks with attention to detail and deadlines.

Terms of offer

We offer a collegial, diverse and gender-sensitive working environment, and we strongly encourage applications from qualified women. This position is remunerated on international

terms. The appointment will be for an initial period of **three (3) years**, subject to a **nine-month** probation period.

How to apply

- A cover letter illustrating your suitability and salary expectations
- A detailed and up-to-date curriculum vitae
- The names and addresses of three referees, including telephone, fax number and email address.

Address these to: Human Resources Unit, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), PO Box 30677-00100, Nairobi, Kenya OR via email: icrafhru@cgiar.org. Indicate “**CCAFS Science Officer**” on the application letter.

Applications will be considered until **1 March 2012** or until a suitable candidate is identified and selected.

Please note that only short-listed applicants meeting the above requirements will be contacted.

About us

To learn more about us, visit our website: www.worldagroforestry.org

The World Agroforestry Centre is an independent research institution that generates science-based knowledge about the complex role trees play in agricultural landscapes and rural livelihoods. As part of the Centre’s work to bring tree-based solutions to bear on poverty and environmental problems, researchers – working in close collaboration with partners – are developing new technologies, tools and policy recommendations for increased food security and ecosystem health.

The Centre’s headquarters are located in Nairobi, Kenya, and research is conducted in 23 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We are supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and receive funding from over 50 different donors.