



## JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Ref: IITA-HR-NRS2022-002	<b>Position:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Program Associate</b></li> </ul>
Location: Ibadan	Recruitment Type: National (1-year renewable contract)
Date Posted: 22 February 2022	Closing Date: 8 March 2022

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, on behalf of HarvestPlus, seeks suitable Nigerian for the position below at its country office in Ibadan.

### **Position: Program Associate**

**Contract:** 1-year renewable contract

**Location: Ibadan**

### **DUTIES:**

Successful candidate will among other things perform the following duties:

- Support the CBC Nigeria Program Manager to ensure technical, coordinating, implementing, and monitoring of vitamin A maize (VAM) & vitamin A cassava (VAC) crops value chains.
- Support in strengthening of institution that enhances the performance of businesses along the value chains.
- Support HarvestPlus partners and stakeholders in the implementation of projects and report project regularly.
- Develop appropriate business models and plans for the implementation and delivery of vitamin A maize (VAM) & vitamin A cassava (VAC) supply chain.
- Specifically work with seed companies to ensure production, distribution and marketing of seeds and stems.
- Work with seed companies and agro dealers to ensure access to seeds at state and LGA levels.
- Support seed value chains with demand creation exercises and demos to stimulate demand for vitamin A maize (VAM) & vitamin A cassava (VAC) crops value chains.
- Provide technical support to extension officers to create a multiplier effect.
- Provide technical support to agro dealers and stem entrepreneurs to provide technical information to farmers at point of sales product at the various commodity markets.
- Coordinate and network with relevant stakeholders/actors operating in the various vitamin A maize (VAM) & vitamin A cassava (VAC) crops value chains.
- Work closely in collaboration with other members of HarvestPlus team.

- Have prior knowledge of private sector development initiatives.
- Prepare and implement operational plans and budgets for effective engagements with the development, private and public sector and ensure proper coordination of activities along the links of the value chains.
- Develop and implement technical, organizational and business advisory services, and support to the creation of enabling environment.
- Develop advisory service models that will deliver appropriate value chain-wide technical support.
- Have sound knowledge of agricultural extension skills and smallholder capacity building and a focus of inclusive business models.
- Design and support the implementation of specific studies and request for proposal, country specific contributions to monitoring, reporting to monthly, biannual and annual progress reports and evaluation of program activities
- Perform any other job-related task as may be assigned by the Supervisor.

### **QUALIFICATION:**

Master in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Business Administration, or related field with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in food business, marketing and technical function or similar role in a well-structured environment or donor funded organization.

### **COMPETENCIES:**

The ideal candidate must:

- Have good report writing skills, high competency on Microsoft excel and PowerPoint.
- Have basic presentation skills and good at making networks.
- Have additional training in the areas of value chain approach, entrepreneurship, business development services, policy formulation, advocacy, ICT and experience in implementing nutrition sensitive value chains will be an advantage.

### **REMUNERATION:**

We offer highly competitive salary with equally attractive benefits and excellent working conditions in a pleasant campus environment.

### **METHOD OF APPLICATION:**

Interested applicants should complete the online application attaching detailed cover letter and curriculum vitae saved with their names in Microsoft word format at <https://jobs.iita.org/erecruit> no later than Two Weeks from the date of this publication. The application must include the names and e-mail addresses of three professional referees which must include the applicant's current or previous direct Supervisor and professional colleague.

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