Join CIMMYT and make a difference!
Breeding Operation Support Specialist (Ref. No.202378)

About our organization:
The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) is a cutting edge, non-profit, international organization dedicated to solving tomorrow’s problems today. It is entrusted with fostering improved quantity, quality, and dependability of production systems and basic cereals such as maize, wheat, triticale, sorghum, millets, and associated crops through applied agricultural science, particularly in the Global South, through building strong partnerships. This combination enhances the livelihood trajectories and resilience of millions of resource-poor farmers, while working towards a more productive, inclusive, and resilient agrifood system within planetary boundaries.

CIMMYT is a core CGIAR Research Center, a global research partnership for a food-secure future, dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security and improving natural resources. The CIMMYT Regional office for Africa is located at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) at Gigiri, Nairobi, with country offices in Ethiopia, Senegal, and Zimbabwe.

In Kenya, CIMMYT is hosted by World Agroforestry (ICRAF), that is headquartered on United Nations Avenue, Nairobi.

We invite you to learn more about CIMMYT and World Agroforestry by accessing our web sites: www.cimmyt.org and www.worldagroforestry.org

CIMMYT is looking for a:
Breeding Operation Support Specialist

This position will support CGIAR and national agriculture research system (NARS) Institutions to improve their breeding operations.

Summary of responsibilities
1. Lead capacity development initiatives in the region to increase adoption of T&N services, improve effectiveness of T&N services.
2. Provide first support to customers of T&N services.
3. Connecting customers with specialists (consultants, engineers, etc.).
4. Supporting CGIAR/NARES breeding Networks, centers, and research stations to improve Trialing & Nursery operations by:
   • Support the development of CAPEX investment plan/proposals.
5. Ensure CGIAR/NARES breeding networks will have access to shared services in the scope of T&N, such as:
   • High-throughput Phenotyping
   • Engineering services
   • Agronomic support
6. Visit CGIAR/NARES research stations and identify gaps and opportunities to improve adoption of T&N services.
7. Implement T&N projects in the region (pilots, infrastructure projects managed by T&N, etc.

Requirements
- Degree in the field of plant science, agronomy, agriculture engineering.
- +5 years’ experience in plant breeding, breeding operations, or operations management in agriculture sector
- Relevant experience in agriculture sector
- Strong knowledge of mechanization technologies, irrigation systems, and farm equipment.

Personal attributes and competencies
- Ability to analyze complex data, carry out and explain computations or to resolve complex problems.
- Identifying options based on research and consideration of their consequences.
- Provides inputs into decision making on complex problems.
- Proficiency in using standard software at an advanced level. Typically, this would include minor programming using macros, mail merge, designing customized reports, developing audio visual presentations, etc. with occasional assistance.
- Includes use of database or research applications.
- Advanced skills in Windows Operating System, LAN, and Internet.
- Complex use of Simple systems.

Terms and conditions
- This is a Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) position and on competitive remuneration in local currency, commensurate with skills and experience.
- The appointment will be for a period of two (2) years, inclusive of a six-month probationary period, with the possibility of extension contingent upon performance, continued relevance of the position and available resources.
- The duty station will be in Nairobi, Kenya.

Application process
Go to [http://worldagroforestry.org/working-for-icraf/vacancies](http://worldagroforestry.org/working-for-icraf/vacancies)
- The application deadline is **02 January 2024**.
- CV and Cover Letter should be in PDF and Labelled with the applicants First and Second Names.
- We will acknowledge all applications but will only contact short-listed candidates.

CIFOR-ICRAF is an equal opportunity employer. Staff diversity contributes to excellence.