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**Research Specialist Market Intelligence (Ref. No.202458)**

**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](http://www.cimmyt.org) and [www.worldagroforestry.org](http://www.worldagroforestry.org)

CIMMYT is looking for a:  
**Research Specialist Market Intelligence**

CIMMYT is looking for an experienced research specialist to support design and implementation of market intelligence research conducted by the Market intelligence team (in CIMMYT SAS program). The position will focus on the effective and timely delivery of research activities across several bi-lateral projects and One CGIAR science programs.

**Summary of responsibilities**

**1. Research Management, Coordination and Planning**

- Support development of research designs and data collection tools
- Lead data collection activities, including hiring and training of the enumerators, supervision of data collection teams, and planning of field activities, including budgets and work plans.
- Lead in the process of application of ethical approvals, including being the point of contact between the team and the internal (CIMMYT) and external (e.g. JKUAT, ILRI) ethics committees

**2. Papers, reports, and database management:**

- In charge of data management and quality assurance; including data cleaning and management, data checks during data collection.

- Lead in data analysis and writing of technical reports
- Support as well as lead research papers

### 3. Communication:

- Generate power-point presentations to share research findings.
- Engage stakeholders (breeding teams, NGOs, and other partners) on strategies, policies, and research needed to inform breeding design and investments in East Africa and beyond through workshops, briefs, and periodic one-on-one engagements.

## Requirements

### A. Education & Knowledge: Minimal Formal Education needed

- Master's degree in a relevant field e.g. Economics and agricultural or development economics.

### B. Work Experience Required & Number of years of relevant experience needed.

- At least five years of experience in planning, conducting, and reporting on research relevant to the position (qualitative and quantitative research).
- Experience with data management and analysis, preferably using quantitative and qualitative analysis software (STATA, R, NVIVO).
- Record of quality technical reports.
- Experience with scientific writing.
- Demonstrated ability to excel in complex multidisciplinary research or development projects.
- Good partnership-building skills, including interacting with the private and public sectors; delivering effectively; and moderating meetings with local partners.
- A high degree of personal organization and ability to work under pressure.

### C. Complexity of thinking needed

- The selected candidate must exhibit the following competencies: Proactivity, Problem Solving and Decision-making, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution and Teamwork.
- Strong analytical skills and ability to process both quantitative as well as qualitative information
- Understand the links with other disciplines. Create multi-disciplinary projects and initiatives.

### D. Extent to which interpersonal skills are important for this job Interpersonal Skills:

#### Contacts (Internal, External) Frequency, Nature & Purpose of Contacts

- Excellent interpersonal skills, including gender sensitivity and ability to work in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams and to develop strong and effective relationships with partners.
- Ability to travel and undertake fieldwork in remote areas of Africa.

### E. Level of English Language Required

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English

### **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 two (2) years, including a six-month probationary period, with the possibility of extension contingent on 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>

- The application deadline is **06 November 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.**