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Social Systems Scientist – Nairobi (Ref. No 202330.)

CIFOR-ICRAF brings more than 75 years of experience in harnessing the power of trees, forests, and agroforestry landscapes to address the most pressing global challenges of our time – biodiversity loss, climate change, food security, livelihoods, and inequity. It has partnerships in 64 countries, 159 funding partners and 192 active projects, alongside more than 2,200 completed projects across 92 nations. The organisation has an annual budget of USD 100 million, and a combined legacy investment of USD 2 billion in research and technology, policy, and development. On average, CIFOR-ICRAF research is cited nearly 137 times a day and appears in global media more than 3,000 times per year. CIFOR and ICRAF merged in 2019 and are both international organizations and CGIAR Research Centres. Learn more at cifor-icraf.org.

CIFOR-ICRAF is looking for a:

Social Systems Scientist

Overview
The purpose of this job is to develop, resource and implement socio-cultural and engagement research at CIFOR-ICRAF to support sustainable food system transformations. This area of research will address key knowledge and capacity gaps regarding transdisciplinary research at CIFOR-ICRAF and among Agroecology TPP members and partners.

Summary of responsibilities

1. Lead Research
   Lead research in the area of stakeholder engagement and social science for agroecological food system transformations at CIFOR-ICRAF. This involves interaction with the Agroecology TPP and the Agroecology Coalition, country and regional units, and other themes to establish CIFOR-ICRAF as the go-to place for expertise on trans disciplinarity globally. Key areas of research will address barriers to scaling up agroecology in the global south, including: lack of metrics that adequately capture the social dimensions of agricultural food system performance; lack of appropriate tools and methods to carry out transdisciplinary agroecological research and ensuring that multi-stakeholder approaches result in effective science-practice and science-education interfaces; lack of an evidence base on the performance of agroecological interventions compared to business as usual in regard to the social dimensions of sustainability and equity.

2. Publications.
   To publish results of agroecology research in top flight journals in such a manner that the research is well cited and makes impact. This will include producing (with the support of communications specialists) scientific blogs, popular articles and short videos and the use of other social media to promote published findings.
3. **Resource Mobilization.**
   To contribute to the development and submission of high calibre research proposals to fund social science and engagement research at CIFOR-ICRAF and within the Agroecology TPP and engage with donors and other stakeholders to promote ICRAF’s transdisciplinary agroecology work and research outputs to ensure continued funding, uptake and impact.

4. **Advising.**
   To mentor postgraduate students, research assistants, post-docs and associate scientists throughout CIFOR-ICRAF’s global network on areas related to social science and agroecology.

5. **Networks and Partnerships.**
   To engage with key national and international policy fora relevant to agroecology (including the TPP, the Coalition and other bodies), ensuring that research outputs influence the policy agenda and its implementation. This will include producing (with the support of communications specialists) policy briefs and engaging as appropriate in policy dialogue and the co-development and implementation of robust decision support tools with policy and programmatic partners to drive agroecological transitions with an emphasis on the social dimension of agroecology.

6. **Other Duties**
   - Identify and mitigate potential risks within your work area
   - Take reasonable care of own occupational health and safety and that of others as obliged by CIFOR-ICRAF’s Occupational Health and Safety Policy and cooperate with CIFOR-ICRAF in complying with requirements under any statutory health and safety provisions of relevant Country laws

**Requirements**
- PhD in a relevant social science discipline (i.e., agroecology, international development, sociology, anthropology, political ecology, gender studies, human geography, etc.).
- At least five years working in a research for development context.
- Excellent qualitative and mixed methods research skills, including data analysis and writing skills.
- Strong track record of peer-reviewed publications in social science or multidisciplinary journals.
- Proven ability to manage complex projects, teams and budgets.

**Personal attributes and competencies:**
- Demonstrated ability and experience to work in an international and transdisciplinary research environment.
- Strong English language skills are a must and good command of other languages, especially Kiswahili and other East African and UN languages, are a plus.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in diverse and dynamic teams. Strong work ethic and professionalism.

**Terms and conditions**
- This is a Globally Recruited position. CIFOR-ICRAF offers competitive remuneration in local currency commensurate with skills and experience.
- The duty station will be in **Nairobi, Kenya** CIFOR-ICRAF Offices.
Application process

Go to http://worldagroforestry.org/working-for-icraf/vacancies

- A cover letter illustrating your suitability for the position against the listed requirements and salary expectations,
- A detailed and updated curriculum vitae,
- The names and addresses of three referees, including telephone and email addresses.
- The application deadline is 23 July 2023.
- We will acknowledge all applications but will only contact short-listed candidates.

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