



Postdoctoral Fellow, Coffee Systems Agronomist (Ref No: DDG-R4D/PDF/CSA/04/17)

Background: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) invites applications for the internationally recruited position of **Postdoctoral Fellow, Coffee Systems Agronomist**.

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa's most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <http://www.iita.org/> for more information on IITA.

Position Responsibilities:

This position reports to the leader of coffee at IITA (also CCAFS focal point) and the officer-in-charge of IITA Burundi. The tasks include:

- Co-supervise PhD and MSc students.
- Supervise a coffee research field team.
- Set up and oversee a diagnostic survey.
- Set up coffee agronomy and nutrient management trials.
- Collect and analyze data in relation to the above.
- Write scientific paper in indexed scientific journals.
- Liaise with coffee partners in Burundi and represent IITA – Uganda.
- Lead technical and financial reporting in relation to the project.
- Assist with fund-raising activities.

Educational Qualifications

The candidate should have a finalized PhD project in relation to systems agronomy.

Core Competencies:

- Proven expertise of coffee agronomy.
- Proven knowledge of coffee pests and diseases.
- Fluent in English and French.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to write and publish journal articles.
- Ability to work independently in a multidisciplinary and multi-cultural environment.

Duty station: Bujumbura, Burundi

General information: The contract will be for an initial period of two years. IITA offers internationally competitive remuneration package paid in U.S. Dollars.

Applications: Applications must include covering letter which should address how the candidate's background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three professional referees (which **must** include either the Head of the applicant's current or previous organization or applicant's direct Supervisor/Superior at his/her present or former place of work). The application should be addressed to the Head, Human Resources Service. Please complete our online application form using this link: <http://www.iita.org/careers>

Closing Date: 15th November 2017.

IITA is an equal opportunity employer and particularly welcomes applications from women candidates.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.