

# INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITIONS: Agricultural Economists (2) and Social Scientist

The Africa-based, globally networked International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) helps to reduce poverty, hunger and environmental degradation by enhancing animal agriculture in developing countries. ILRI positions its work at the dynamic interface of poverty alleviation and sustainable livestock livelihoods. Our staff works in partnerships and alliances with hundreds of organisations in developed and developing countries, including some of the finest universities and research institutions in the world. ILRI's headquarters are in Nairobi, Kenya, with a second principal campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Staff members are also based in 7 partner institutions in other parts of Africa, in Asia and in Latin America. We employ more than 700 staff from about 40 countries and are one of 15 centres around the world sponsored by the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

ILRI seeks to recruit three professionals for its Livestock Market Opportunities Theme. Applicants should possess:

- A passion for the generation of scientific knowledge that advances pro-poor Development;
- A proven research record extending to study design, quantitative and qualitative analytic methods and peer-reviewed output;
- A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or other Social Science with application to agriculture or rural development, with a minimum of 5 years of experience post-PhD;
- Innovation and energy using and developing modern analytical techniques;
- Familiarity with aspects of livestock production, products and/or marketing systems in developing countries;
- Strong English language skills, both written and spoken (proficiency in other languages are an advantage); and
- Willingness and ability to travel frequently, sometimes to rural areas in developing countries.

All three positions require supervision of post-graduate and post-doctoral staff, participation in resource mobilization, and project cycle management.

### **(1) Agricultural Economist /Senior Agricultural Economist (Value Chains and Development)**

(position [Ref: MK/EVD/10/08](#) based at ILRI's office in Delhi, India)

The **Agricultural Economist or Senior Agricultural Economist (Value Chains and Development)** will contribute to on-going and new research on:

- (a) development and use of Value Chain Analysis in the context of smallholder livestock production, and small scale and informal sector processing, trading and retailing; and
- (b) poverty reduction through smallholder and small business action in an enabling policy environment.

The successful candidate will ideally exhibit a combination of:

- Familiarity with institutional analysis of public and private sector actors, alternative exchange and vertical co-ordination mechanisms, Value Chain performance, and policy;
- Experience with analysis of smallholder household production and/or marketing and trading, with experience in modeling of risk an advantage;
- Strong econometric and mathematical modeling skills, and the ability to apply them in pro-poor Development research.

**Screening to begin on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

### **(2) Agricultural Economist/Senior Agricultural Economist (Demand and Sector Analysis)**

(position [Ref: MK/EDA/10/08](#) based at ILRI's campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

The **Agricultural Economist or Senior Agricultural Economist (Demand and Sector Analysis)** will contribute to on-going and new research on:

- (a) market- and sector-level trends in demand for, and supply of, product and service attributes associated with smallholder livestock production; and
- (b) institutional and policy change in the livestock value chain as a driver of poverty reduction.

The successful candidate will ideally exhibit a combination of:

- Experience with consumption and demand analysis, specifically valuation of quality and safety attributes of food products;
- Familiarity with the industrial organization of food and agricultural markets, including forms of market failure, collective action by smallholder farmers, regulatory policy approaches, linkages between formal and informal sectors, and the transmission of domestic and international market signals;
- Strong communication skills, particularly in providing and promoting knowledge products for colleagues from other disciplines, research partners and stakeholders.

**Screening to begin on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008**

**(3) Social Scientist (Analysis of Impacts of Livestock Disease and its Mitigation)**

(position Ref: MK/SLD/10/08, based at ILRI's campus in Nairobi, Kenya)

The **Social Scientist (Analysis of Impacts of Livestock Disease and its Mitigation)** will contribute to on-going and new research on:

- (a) impacts of animal disease, and its reduction through public and private sector action, at household, community and industry level;
- (b) impacts of animal disease control, SPS and risk mitigation measures; and
- (c) development and use of new methods for the analysis of social and economic impacts of livestock-related policies at local, national and international levels.

The successful candidate will ideally exhibit a combination of:

- Experience with impact analysis, and with participatory methods in research;
- Familiarity with animal disease and alternative approaches to its control; and
- Strong quantitative and qualitative analytic skills.

**Screening to begin on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2008.**

**Terms of appointment:** The above are fixed term appointments for three years. ILRI offers a competitive international remuneration package paid in US dollars.

**Applications:** Applicants should send a cover letter indicating earliest availability, *curriculum vitae* and the names and addresses (including telephone, fax and email) of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience to the Human Resources Manager, email: [recruit-ilri@cgiar.org](mailto:recruit-ilri@cgiar.org). The name and reference number of the position for which the application is made should be clearly marked on the subject line of the email applications.

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*ILRI is an equal opportunity employer and is keen to further diversify its staff in terms of both gender and nationality.*

*Qualified women and professionals from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply.*