



**Post-Doctoral Fellows
Impact Assessment Economist,
Sub Saharan Africa Challenge Program (SSA
CP)
Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
Accra, Ghana**



Opening date : October 2nd, 2008
Closing date: November 3rd, 2008

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) is looking for three highly qualified Post doctoral Fellows to join its SSA CP teams working in three Pilot Learning Sites (PLSs). These sites are Kano-Katsina-Maradi (KKM) corridor; Uganda, Rwanda and DR Congo area (Lake Kivu); and the Zimbabwe- Malawi-Mozambique axis (ZMM). The focus of this work is to provide information from on-going socio and biological research activities leading to the evaluation of the effects of the Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D).

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Post doctoral fellows will be stationed with research and development partners within the three pilot learning sites and will work under the joint supervision of the Project Coordinating Unit of the SSA CP, the Head of the SSA CP Impact Assessment Team and the Coordinator of the PLSs with which they are affiliated. The Fellows will assist in conducting economic evaluation and impact assessment within on-going experiments to evaluate the impact of IAR4D in the PLSs. Tasks include methodology development, survey design and implementation, data analysis, write-up of research and donor reports and publication in international refereed journals. The Post-doctoral fellows are also expected to contribute to the development of individual and institutional capacity in the implementation of IAR4D in the region through sharing of experiences and expertise. In particular, they will be spending a reasonable amount of their time in research and development activities within the PLSs, specifically assisting the taskforces in data collection and analysis, collaborating on on-going activities in the regions and in sharing lessons with the NARS and international communities in aspects related to the application of IAR4D and evaluation of its impact.

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates should have: (1) a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics or in Economics (2) demonstrated skills in quantitative economics analysis with focus in microeconomics, (3) Familiarity with the different impact assessment methods and with the econometrics of social programs evaluation; (4) good knowledge of econometrics and demonstrated skills in using standard econometric and mathematical programming packages such as STATA, GAUSS, S+, GAMS etc (Some knowledge of programming in STATA will be a plus); 5) demonstrated experience in implementing household surveys; (6) Good communications and writing skills as demonstrated by previous publications (7) proficiency in written and spoken English, French or Portuguese with a good working knowledge of the others.

DURATION OF THE APPOINTEMENT:

The contract for the position will be for a two-year term.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Candidates should send an application letter (including date of availability, and a statement of the special qualifications for the position, the PLS they would like to be based at if possible and an up-to-date curriculum vitae, the names and contact details of three referees to: Dr. Wale Adekunle; Director for Partnerships and Strategic Alliances in FARA, 2, Gowa Close, Roman Ridge, PMB CT 173, Accra- Ghana; email aadekunle@fara-africa.org with a copy to Dr. Monty Jones, The Executive Director of FARA, 2, Gowa Close, Roman Ridge, PMB CT 173, Accra- Ghana; email mjones@fara-africa.org. Screening of CVs for this position will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.