

Agronomist, CSISA-Bangladesh Coordinator (Scientist or Senior Scientist Level)

Rice is life for millions of people around the world. At the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), a team of more than 1,300 world-class scientific and support staff is working to reduce poverty through rice science.

IRRI is looking for a dynamic field agronomist with a substantial understanding of development issues to lead its applied rice cropping system management research and dissemination-related activities in Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA)-Bangladesh.

RESPONSIBILITIES

In consultation with partners, lead the development, refinement, and dissemination of key new rice technical innovations, specifically those related to sustainable intensification of rice-based cropping systems. In particular,

- Lead IRRI's contribution to the CSISA-Bangladesh project as "IRRI CSISA-Bangladesh coordinator"; coordinate with CIMMYT and World Fish CSISA-Bangladesh coordinators on hub management and joint RD&E activities.
- Lead planning and reporting for hub-based work on development and dissemination of rice-based technologies; mentor hub-based staff (agronomists, extensionists).
- Organize trainings and workshops on new rice-based technologies for CSISA-Bangladesh project partners and project staff.
- Develop strategic working relationships with the public and private sectors, and civil society (NGOs, cooperatives, etc.) partners, based on complementary interests and strengths in order to ensure sustainability.
- Develop and implement innovative models for learning and dissemination of agricultural technologies, including learning alliances and business models for out-scaling with public and private sector partners.
- Coordinate and facilitate project contributions from IRRI headquarters staff (breeders, natural resource managers, postharvest specialists).
- Report on project results to the CSISA-Bangladesh Chief of Party; disseminate project findings through publications and attendance in workshops, conferences, and other fora.

REQUIREMENTS

The successful candidate will have PhD in agronomy or a related discipline or a Master's degree in agronomy plus equivalent relevant work experience; at least 10 years field implementation experience; strong research background in agronomy and/or extension in agriculture; experience in leading complex research-for-development activities; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and excellent written and spoken English.

The position will be based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and is available for 3 years with immediate effect, with a competitive compensation and benefit package. IRRI provides a multicultural work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, teamwork, and respect for diversity. Women are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should submit their application to IRRIRecruitment@irri.org. Screening will start on 31 January 2012 and will continue until a suitable candidate has been found. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The position description can be found at www.irri.org.

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