



INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Internship European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD) related project activities

Title: Intern EFARD related project activities

Project number: 1-1-40-102-4/ 1-1-40-101-5

Starting date: March/April 2015

Duration: 6 months (renewable once)

Location: Wageningen, the Netherlands

Closing date for application: 8 March 2015

1. ABOUT CTA

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) is a joint international institution of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Union (EU). Its mission is to advance food and nutritional security, increase prosperity and encourage sound natural resource management in ACP countries. It facilitates access to information and knowledge; supports evidence-based, multi-stakeholder development of agricultural policies and strategies; promotes inclusive value chain development and use of ICTs and strengthens the capacities of agricultural and rural development institutions and communities.

2. INTERNSHIP BACKGROUND

CTA hosts the Executive Secretariat for the European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD). CTA is also a partner in the Platform for Africa-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD) project.

EFARD, set up in 1998, was originally a forum for national agricultural research for development (ARD) fora to meet and has evolved to be an umbrella for European research and non-research stakeholders and networks of particular ARD stakeholder groups. EFARD has become the functional platform for Europe to fulfil its potential in the new ARD agenda which emphasises partnerships, multi-stakeholder involvement and participation to make ARD more results oriented and responsive to demand. At the global level EFARD represents the European constituency of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR).

EFARD's strategic objectives are:

- 1) *To encourage dialogue between European ARD stakeholders promoting awareness, innovative approaches and partnerships for ARD.*
- 2) *To support global ARD initiatives within the framework of GFAR and the GCARD process.*
- 3) *To promote inter-regional partnerships and collaborative ARD activities for joint research initiatives, capacity strengthening and greater impact.*



CTA has an opening for an intern within the Policies, Markets and ICTs (PMI) Programme. **The intern shall provide services in support of ongoing EFARD related project activities.**

3. DUTIES OF THE INTERN

Under the guidance and supervision of the EFARD executive secretary / Senior Programme Coordinator Science and Technology (S&T) Policy, the intern will carry out the following activities:

- Provide the appropriate technical and administrative support for EFARD activities undertaken by the EFARD Executive Secretary, in relation to the preparation, implementation and follow-up of conferences, workshops, meetings, technical studies and related technical and synthesis reports.
- Provide research support on a range of S&T/ARD issues including food and nutrition security, climate change, water, reducing food waste, capacity strengthening for innovation systems, family farming and innovation, inter- and intra-regional R&D collaboration, policy advocacy for ARD and research funding.
- Further develop and manage the EFARD contacts' database with emphasis on non-research actors including farmers' organizations and the private sector and promote growth and engagement of the EFARD community.
- Provide support for EFARD and PAEPARD related communication activities (information, contacts, knowledge sharing, and coordination e-discussions) amongst EFARD members, undertaken by the EFARD Executive Secretary.
- Serve as EFARD YPARD focal point.
- Regularly update the EFARD website www.efard.eu, monitor and grow the social media community.
- Prepare expenditure reports in line with budgets.

4. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Recent graduate, 29 years old maximum.
- National of one of the ACP or EU States signatory to the Cotonou Agreement (79 African, Caribbean and Pacific States – <http://www.acp.int/content/secretariat-acp> - and the European Union Member States).
- **Master's degree in agricultural science or other related science discipline with relevance to agriculture.**
- Good organization, inter-personal and communication skills.



- Thorough knowledge of one of the Centre's two working languages (French or English) and a satisfactory knowledge of the other.
- Knowledge and experience in web management and social media tools is highly desirable.
- Interest and experience in international development will be a plus.

5. BENEFITS

- Participation in CTA activities will give you an invaluable experience at international level.
- Internship stipend (€ 1,000 for holder of a Master's degree).
- Payment of travel costs when joining and leaving the Centre.
- Medical coverage for emergency cases of sickness and accident during the internship.

6. HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are required to send the documents listed below via email to Pascal Deleu, Human Resources Officer. Email: intern7@cta.int

Please indicate in the "Subject" of the email the title 'EFARD Internship Application'.

- A letter of motivation (maximum one page explaining why the candidate considers that he/she is in a position to successfully contribute to project implementation and what he/she expects to gain from the internship. The date of earliest availability should be specified as well);
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae, preferably EUROPASS format (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>);
- Copies of the highest diploma/degree as well as training certificates related to the position. Original documents are to be presented once a candidate is selected.
- Two letters of recommendation and/or references.

Deadline for applications: 8 March 2015. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.