

## INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE

### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **Agricultural Economist (Value Chains and Development)**

Position Ref: AE/MK03/02/10

The 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 diverse organisations in developed and developing countries, including some of the finest universities and research institutes 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 a professional for its Livestock Market Opportunities Theme. The **Agricultural Economist (Value Chains and Development)** will contribute to on-going and new research in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia on the development and use of Value Chain Analysis in the context of smallholder livestock production, and small scale and informal sector processing, trading and retailing. He/she will engage in the preparation of research papers and reports, briefs, and other strategic communication products. He/she will contribute to the formation of strategic research and development partnerships and be involved in resource mobilization for research for development.

Applicants should possess:

- A passion for the generation of scientific knowledge that advances pro-poor development;
- 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;
- A proven research record extending to study design, use of quantitative and qualitative analytic methods (including econometric and mathematical modeling),
- 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 (experience in modeling of risk is an advantage);
- Familiarity with aspects of livestock production, products and/or marketing systems in developing countries;
- Ability to work in multidisciplinary teams;
- Strong English language skills, both written and spoken (proficiency in other languages is an advantage); and a strong publications record, including peer-reviewed journals;;
- Willingness and ability to travel frequently, sometimes to rural areas in developing countries.

The position requires supervision of post-graduate and post-doctoral staff, and participation in resource mobilization, and in project cycle management.

**Post location:** Preference will be given to locating this position at Nairobi, Kenya. However, depending on the interests and qualifications of the selected candidate, consideration can be given to posting in another location in Southern or West Africa, or in South Asia, where appropriate institutional support is available.

**Terms of appointment:** The above is an internationally-recruited fixed term appointment for three years. ILRI offers a competitive international remuneration package paid in US dollars including pension, allowances for education, housing and security, and full medical coverage.

**Applications:** Applicants should send a cover letter explaining their interest in the position, what they can bring to the job and 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 email: [recruit-ilri@cgiar.org](mailto:recruit-ilri@cgiar.org). **Agricultural Economist Ref: AE/MK03/02/10** should be clearly indicated on the subject line of the email application - Screening of applications will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 until the position is filled.

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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 professionals from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply.*