



VACANCY NOTICE –EXTENSION SPECIALIST FOR RISK AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), an autonomous institute funded by member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for the position of Extension Specialist for Risk and Climate Change.

OBJECTIVE

Main objectives of the consultancy (Extension Specialist for risk and climate change) are:

- 1) to make primary agricultural producers aware of the risks of climate change on food production
- 2) to increase access by farmers and other stakeholders to validated agricultural production methodologies related to risk and climate change
- 3) to facilitate the adoption of technologies and methodologies to mitigate these risks.
- 4) to Develop dossier on agricultural methodologies related to risk and climate change.

JOB SUMMARY

The consultancy is being conducted as an element of Component 2 (Improving the Transfer and Adoption of Applied Agricultural Production and Processing Research Results and Technologies and where appropriate, Generate New Technologies for Target Commodities) of the EU funded Agriculture Policy Programme (APP). A primary objective of the APP is the improvement of the regional food and nutrition security. It aims to achieve this by contributing to reduction of poverty and the sustainable economic growth of small producers/entrepreneurs of CARIFORUM member states. One of the approaches to achieving this goal involves the increased access to validated agricultural production methodologies related to the issues of risk and climate change. The Extension Specialist will identify and compile validated information on risk and climate change, disseminate this information through capacity building exercises, the production of a dossier on agricultural production related to risk and climate change and the production of videos, brochures and flyers on the subject.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The scope of work will include:

- Identification and compilation of validated agricultural production methodologies related to risk & climate change.
- Dissemination of information through the development and use of workshops, seminars, flyers, leaflets, videos and other capacity building exercises.

REPORTING AND DELIVERABLES

- Dossier on agricultural production methodologies related to risk and climate change
- Flyers, leaflets, videos on production methodologies related to risk and climate change
- Workshops, seminars

KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The successful candidate must possess extensive knowledge in the areas of agricultural Science, agricultural Extension or related fields. He/she should be competent in literature reviews, and have extensive knowledge in risk and climate change as it relates to the agricultural sector in the region. He/she must have the capacity for the production of videos,

brochures, flyers and in the conduct of workshops and seminars. He/she must also possess good oral and written communication skills. The candidate must be computer literate.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- A first degree level qualification in Agricultural Science, Agricultural Extension or related fields.
- 3 years' experience working in the areas of agriculture, agricultural extension or related fields.
- Experience in reviewing scientific literature.
- Knowledge on climate change and its risks to agriculture
- Experience in the production of information flyers, leaflets and videos
- Experience in disseminating agricultural information through seminars and workshops.
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Computer literate

Applications should reach the Institute no later than Wednesday 25th March 2015 and should be addressed as follows:

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Unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.