POSITION TITLE: Agricultural Trade Consultant

COUNTRY: Will conduct activities in nine project countries, namely, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago

DURATION: 98 working days during the period 10 October 2016 to 31 July 2018

FUNCTION

To assist in the design, initiation, and coordination of coconut agricultural market and economic development programmes in the Caribbean.

The Agricultural Trade Consultant will work under the supervision of the CARDI Regional Project Coordinator of the CARDI/ITC Project (INT/75/39A): “Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean” who is based at CARDI Headquarters in Trinidad.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Activity 4.1.3.1: Conduct desktop research to identify and evaluate effective entomological risk mitigation measures for use in the Caribbean (To be done in collaboration with Entomologist and Pathologist).
[10 October 2016 – 15 November 2016 (15)]

Activity 4.1.1.1: Review information and develop protocols for surveillance and emergency response plans for coconut pests and diseases of economic importance. (To be done in collaboration with Entomologist, Pathologist, and CDEMA Consulting Firm).
[15 November 2016 – 15 February 2017 (35)]

Activity 4.2.1.1: Conduct nationally, one day risk mitigation workshops presenting risk assessments to small producers/producer groups. (To be done in collaboration with Agronomist/Entomology).
[1 July 2017 – 15 September 2017 (18)]

Activity 4.3.2.2: Review/Assess legislation addressing cross-border movement of germplasm across countries.
[4 January 2018 - 28 February 2018 (20)]

Activity 4.2.2.1: Conduct a one day regional workshop with regional institutions (incl. CARDI, CCS, FAO, IICA, CDERA and regional departments of agriculture) and networks (e.g. CaFAN) to improve knowledge. (To be done in collaboration with Agronomist).
[1 July 2018 – 31 July 2018 (10)]

Qualifications
• Master’s degree or equivalent in agriculture, agricultural business, agricultural marketing, or related area;
• At least 10 years of relevant experience with developing agricultural trade in developing countries, preferably in Caribbean;
• Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with institutional and private sector partners and value chain stakeholders in a multi-country setting;
• Experience working to meet the requirement of end markets and buyers regionally and internationally especially in the coconut industry;
• Experience with setting up the channels and facilities of agricultural trade;
• Strong written and oral communication skills;
• Ability to use the latest ICT technology and computer software programs;
• Strong command of the English language.

The above responsibility statements identify specific duties necessary to attain CARDI’s overall objectives while not precluding the job holder from carrying out other related activities that may be inherent in the job.