Food and Nutrition Security Advisor

We are looking for

A food and nutrition security advisor, to contribute to projects and capacity building of other professionals across the world in support of improved global food and nutrition security.

You will join Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation (CDI). CDI stands for 'Knowledge in Action' and supports organisations and people to strengthen their capacity for sustainable development.

We are looking for a professional, preferably with experience in developing countries, with a specific interest in individual and organisational capacity development for food and nutrition security. A good understanding of the broad concept of inclusive and sustainable food systems and food and nutrition security is required. Understanding of linkages between nutrition security and agriculture and/or food and nutrition security in an urbanising world is an asset. As a food and nutrition security advisor you will demonstrate the ability to link theory and practice. You have analytical and technical skills to contribute to project design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation, and an understanding of multi-stakeholder learning in change processes. In addition to project implementation, you will contribute to the implementation of capacity development programmes in food and nutrition security, including international mid-career professional courses. Assignments abroad involve travel to Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and, to a lesser extent, Latin America.

Excellent spoken and written English is essential. Fluency in other languages, in particular French or Spanish, is an asset. Ideally, you will have a MSc degree in Human Nutrition or in a disciplinary field related to food and nutrition security, with a strong background in the social sciences and in interdisciplinary approaches.

We ask

- A MSc degree in Human Nutrition or another field of sciences relevant for food and nutrition security, with an emphasis on the social sciences;
- A minimum of three years of working experience, preferably international, in the field of food and nutrition security;
- Experience in the implementation of food and nutrition security projects;
- Interest or experience in the implementation of capacity development processes and to facilitate learning;
- Desire to collaborate in and contribute to interdisciplinary projects addressing food and nutrition security;
- Knowledge of or experience in qualitative as well as quantitative techniques for monitoring and evaluation in food and nutrition security programmes and projects is an asset:
- The ability to work and communicate across boundaries/cultures and also between the business, government, NGO and academic worlds;
- A result oriented team player, who is client oriented and stress resistant;
- Willingness to travel extensively (short missions).
- Excellent spoken and written English is essential (a minimum of CEFR C1 level). For more information about this proficiency level, please visit our special language page.
- Fluency in French, Spanish or Portuguese is an asset.

We offer

An initial one year contract of 36 hours per week with a performance based possibility for extension. Scale 10 CAO Wageningen Research foundation: minimum salary € 2560, maximum salary € 4174: gross per month (based on fulltime employment), depending on education and experience. In addition we offer a holiday allowance of 8% of the annual salary and an end of year benefit of 3%.

Information and Application

Additional information about the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation can be found on our website: http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Research-Institutes/centre-for-development-innovation.htm

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Please apply online by uploading your CV and letter of motivation before September 8th, 2017 at www.wageningenur.nl/en/Jobs/Vacancies.htm

The organization

The mission of Wageningen University & Research is "To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life". Within Wageningen University & Research, nine specialised research institutes from the Wageningen Research Foundation and Wageningen University have joined forces to help answer the most important questions in the domain of healthy food and living environment.

With approximately 30 locations, 5,000 employees, and 10,000 students, Wageningen University & Research is one of the leading organisations in its domain worldwide. An integrated approach to problems and the cooperation between various disciplines are at the heart of the unique approach of Wageningen. CDI contributes to food and nutrition security in an integrated way, taking into account the food value chain from production to consumption.

CDI aims at creating more awareness and expertise in low and middle income countries to tackle food and nutrition security issues. Our group of 65 staff connects the knowledge and expertise of Wageningen University & Research with processes of society-wide learning and innovation. We work to inspire new forms of collaboration between citizens, governments, businesses, NGOs and the scientific community.

For further information about working at Wageningen University & Research, take a look at http://www.wur.nl/en/Jobs.htm.