



JOB VACANCY

Position: Technical Specialist, with duty station at the OECS Commission, Castries, Saint Lucia

Objective of the Position: To support the OECS Commission in coordinating the implementation of the OECS Food and Agriculture Systems Transformation (FAST) Strategy in close collaboration with the OECS Member States, stakeholders and development partners.

Duties:

The officer will be required to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) To support the development of annual OECS/IICA workplans which will form the basis of their individual annual work plans within the context of the OECS/IICA MoU and FAST Strategy.
- b) To provide technical support to the Agriculture Desk for the implementation of the FAST Strategy, including workstreams to potentially be implemented in partnership with IICA e.g. climate resilient agriculture.
- c) To produce project/programme proposals/concept notes against the FAST priority actions agreed by OECS Ministers in line with OECS guidelines and procedures, including member state input and informed by discussions with donors on potential funding, working closely with the OECS Development Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Unit, for consideration and approval by Ministers.
- d) Provide technical support to other OECS initiatives to facilitate the effective implementation of other agriculture projects where necessary.
- e) To support the Agriculture Desk regarding the provision of technical and advisory support to the Member States individually through the Ministries with responsibility for Agriculture and Fisheries and collectively through the various OECS mechanisms including, but not limited to, meetings of the OECS Council of Ministers - Agriculture.
- f) To support the development of a monitoring and evaluation plan for the first 3 years of the FAST strategy implementation, to inform lesson learning and improvements for the next phase of FAST implementation.
- g) To support the development of a Communication and Outreach Action Plan for implementation of the FAST Strategy.
- h) He/she will deliver Quarterly progress reports on all expected results against their areas of responsibility as per the OECS/IICA workplan to OECS and IICA, as well as a final report at the end of month 24, with cumulative results and overall impact of the engagement.
- i) Travel is expected within the OECS countries for the effective execution of said duties and responsibilities.

Qualifications:

A master's degree in agricultural economics, agri-business management, environmental management, environmental economics or a related field.

Experience:

At least 5 years of demonstrated experience in designing and implementing agricultural projects, policies and strategies.

Technical Skills and Thematic Knowledge:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the region's agricultural policies and strategy options, especially in response to climate change, an appreciation of the environmental management and climate change topics/issues at the regional and national levels.
- Track record of agricultural project/programme development is desirable.

Management and other skills:

- Experience in report writing and delivery of presentations for stakeholders including diverse groups and organizations.
- Demonstrated experience working at the technical and operational levels with government agencies, civil society organization, development agencies, and the private sector.
- Demonstrated experience working in the Caribbean, particularly the Eastern Caribbean is an asset.
- Excellent written skills in English.
- Demonstrated experience in implementing a detailed budget, and writing reports, memoranda, and similar documents.

Remuneration: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application with Curriculum Vitae, proof of qualifications and the names and contact information of two (2) references, should be sent to: **The Representative, IICA Delegation in Saint Lucia, 4th Floor, Stanislaus James Building, Waterfront, Castries, Saint Lucia** via email: iica.lc@iica.int

Closing date for receipt of applications: March 22, 2024

NOTE: Only short-listed applicants will be acknowledged