



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **GTH T&T 01-2026: Technical Specialist (Agri-Food System Health, Safety & Market Compliance)**

#### **I. JOB IDENTIFICATION**

**Job Type:** Technical

#### **II. MISSION**

To enhance the capacity and role of IICA as a strategic partner and technical reference to deliver technical cooperation towards the transformation of agri-food systems through strengthened agricultural health and food safety, and agro-processing and integration of small businesses into markets.

Fulfilling this objective will require capacity to contribute to public and private sector efforts to:

- Strengthen and coordinate science-based regulatory capacity of national agricultural (plant and animal) health, food safety and quality systems.
- Identify, evaluate and mitigate existing and emerging sanitary, phytosanitary and biosecurity threats and risks.
- Strengthen the capacity of micro and small-scale agribusinesses for safety and quality standards compliance, market and export readiness.

#### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Contribute to analysis and formulation of policies, strategies, approaches for the articulation of annual technical cooperation plans for the Delegation in Trinidad and Tobago, as well as national planning authorities and Committees, ensuring cohesion between/compliance with national and regional priorities and international commitments.
2. Lead processes to plan, implement and evaluate technical interventions (projects and initiatives) that respond/align to priorities of national stakeholders to advance results and capacities for agricultural (plant and animal health), food safety and biosecurity.
3. Identify and engage key agrifood sector stakeholders - public and private sector entities, producers and processors, non-governmental/community-based organizations, civil society groups and educational institutions - to build consensus, capacities and collaborative mechanisms for safe production and integration of micro and small agribusinesses in agrifood value chains, marketing and distribution channels.
4. Represent the Institute and/or the Delegation at in-person and/or virtual technical dialogue forums, workshops at national regional and international events, and, as required, support coordination of activities related to CODEX and other international regulations-setting organizations and serve as a specialist consultant to projects and technical assistance commitments with partners.



5. Support the efforts of other Delegations and related Hemispheric Programmes in the planning and execution of regional actions and activities implemented at the national level, including working synergistically and coordinating actions internally and across technical programmes to strengthen institutional knowledge networks, linkages and results-oriented management.
6. Support the process to identify opportunities and prepare project proposals for resource mobilization, including new sources of financing, strategic alliances and cooperation mechanisms in the areas outlined in the objective above.
7. Contribute to the IICA knowledge management platform and processes to communicate and disseminate the work, results and contributions of IICA through the publishing of technical and non-technical information and experience capitalization and systematization of methodologies, tools, and best practices derived from IICA's technical interventions.
8. Provide technical support for regional and hemispheric initiatives led by the Technical Cooperation Directorate, contributing to their planning, implementation, and monitoring as needed.
9. Perform any other duties that may be assigned by the immediate supervisor.

## **IV. JOB PROFILE**

### **1. Qualifications:**

**Master of Philosophy's degree** in the following fields:

- General Agriculture/Agronomy/Agricultural Sciences.
- Plant Protection
- Food Safety/Food Science & Technology.
- Agricultural Health/Environmental Health.
- Agricultural Biosecurity.
- Post Harvest management.

**Additional certification:**

- Plant Health
- Animal Health
- Food Safety & Quality
- SPS & Trade
- Biosecurity
- Strategic & Institutional Advisory
- Digital & Analytical Skills
- Communication & Coordination Skills



## 2. Experience

8 or more years

### Areas of expertise:

- Plant & animal health regulatory requirements; One Health systems; IPM
- GAP/HACCP/GMP etc., inspection, traceability, MRLs; quality assurance; compliance frameworks.
- WTO-SPS Agreement; Codex Alimentarius; IPPC; WOHAI standards; market access requirements.
- Border control & quarantine systems; invasive species issues; emergency preparedness planning.
- High-level dialogue & multi-stakeholder engagement/coordination.
- Experience with international and regional organizations.
- Risk assessment tools; surveillance and traceability system.
- Policy briefs & technical note writing; knowledge management systems.
- Content development for technical training/workshop facilitation.

## 3. Languages

- English advance.
- Spanish would certainly be an advantage.

## VI. SOFT SKILLS

- Technical credibility and strategic thinking capabilities (Required level: High).
- Technical applicability within Caribbean institutional & trade system realities (Required level: High).
- Policy and institutional coordination experience (Required level: High).
- Project management capability (Required level: High).
- National/regional differentiated stakeholder engagement capacity (Required level: High).
- Digital skills: presentation and document processing [Microsoft Suite; presentation software; research tools; technical databases etc.] (Required level: High).
- Organizational/time management skills; working with limited supervision (Required level: High).
- Interpersonal office relations and professional composure (Required level: High).
- Written and oral communication skills (Required level: High).

Candidates should send their resume, including references and a cover letter clearly describing their capacity to function in this position, to the following email address:

**[iica.tt@iica.int](mailto:iica.tt@iica.int)**

Applications will be accepted until **September 30, 2026**