



«50 ans d'engagement au service des populations sahéniennes et ouest-africaines»

Institut du Sahel

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications from women and from nationals of Member States under-represented in the CILSS-ECOWAS-WAEMU staffs are strongly encouraged.

The Institut du Sahel (INSAH), a specialized agency of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), based in Bamako (Republic of Mali), is seeking to recruit a Coordinator for the West African Pesticides Registration Committee (WAPRC) Coordination Unit. WAPRC is an institutional and regional innovation, set up under a tripartite agreement involving ECOWAS, WAEMU and CILSS, and adopted by these three inter-governmental organizations with a view of harmonizing regulations relating to the registration and management of pesticides in the seventeen (17) Member States. The main objective of the implementation of this ambitious instrument is to ensure authenticity and quality of pesticides used in the ECOWAS-CILSS-WAEMU area, with a view of contributing to food and nutritional security of populations in this region, and to safeguarding a healthy environment that guarantees health for all. In accordance with Article 5 of Decision n°0006/SE-CILSS/2020 establishing the COAHP Coordination Unit and by delegation of the CILSS Executive Secretary, the abovementioned unit is administratively supervised by the General Director of INSAH.

INSAH is a regional cooperation tool in charge of coordinating, harmonizing and promoting research and capitalizing on research results in the fields of agriculture, environment, climate change, food and agri-food markets, regulations on agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers and pesticides), plant protection and issues related to population policies and the demographic dividend, migration, gender and the empowerment of women and youth in member states. It includes two regional support programs (PRA) (Market Access / Population, Gender and Development), five (5) technical departments including the Department of Research on Agricultural Inputs, Plant Protection and Regulation (DRIAPVR) and six (6) support units (UCID, USE, UGRH, UPM, UAFC and UCS).

CILSS currently covers thirteen member states: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo. However, CILSS carries out its operational activities in the seventeen countries of the Sahel and West Africa and the member states of ECOWAS, WAEMU and CILSS. CILSS is also mandated by the ECOWAS and WAEMU Commissions to implement the WAPRC in the seventeen (17) countries of the regional area. Through their employment policies, CILSS, ECOWAS and WAEMU promote geographical diversity and equality between genders.

1. THE POSITION

Title	: Coordinator of the WAPRC Coordination Unit
Location	: Bamako, Mali
Duration of contract	: Fixed-term contract
Classification	: P5 category of the CILSS salary grid
Type of recruitment	: Inter-state
Closing date	: 19 January 2024

2. JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSABILITIES

Under the direct authority of the INSAH Director-General the incumbent will have a functional working relationship with the Department of Research on Agricultural Inputs, Plant Protection and Regulations (DIRIAPVR). In turn, he/she will be responsible for the staff of the WAPRC Coordination Unit, in particular the Technical Secretaries of the Dry and Wet Zones units, and will be accountable to the INSAH General Directorate. The WAPRC Coordination Unit Coordinator is responsible for:

- ✓ Organize, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the actions set out in the cooperation agreement;
- ✓ Ensure synergy of donor intervention and mobilization of funds for investments in pesticide programs/projects;
- ✓ Identify difficulties in implementing activities and suggest corrective measures;
- ✓ Ensure that policies, strategies, legislative proposals and programs/projects agreed between parties are presented to the sectoral and statutory decision-making bodies of each of the institutions signatories to the Cooperation Agreement;
- ✓ Harmonize the file evaluation procedures and the decision-making methods used by the sub-committees;
- ✓ Maintain and update approved lists of pesticides in the sub-region;
- ✓ Monitor and coordinate pre-registration and post-registration activities;
- ✓ Manage the IT system (network) and pesticide databases;
- ✓ Ensure the communication and disseminate information on authorized, banned and severely restricted pesticides;
- ✓ Monitor the accounting and financial management of WAPRC's activities in accordance with CILSS procedures and in conjunction with the relevant CILSS departments and with the ECOWAS and WAEMU Commissions;
- ✓ Organize fora, workshops and stakeholder meetings for the above programs/projects;
- ✓ Make any other contribution relating to pesticides in the implementation of activities with a view to achieving the objectives and fulfilling INSAH's mandate.

3. REQUIREMENTS AND SKILLS

Requirements

- The candidate must :
- Be a National of one of the Member States of the ECOWAS-CILSS-WAEMU zone;
- Hold a postgraduate degree at Doctorate or PhD level in biological sciences in at least one of the following disciplines: chemistry, agronomy, plant protection, environmental sciences, toxicology, ecotoxicology;
- Have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience related to (i) pesticides use or management in a research organization, in plant protection service or a laboratory in the Sahel and West Africa, (ii) studies and research related to the regionalization of regulations on sanitary and phytosanitary measures, the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on the management of plant pests.
- Be not more than 50 years of age. This criterion does not apply to ECOWAS, WAEMU and CILSS staff who meet the previous two conditions;

- The candidate must have :
- Good knowledge of pesticide management and use in the Sahel and in West Africa;
- Good knowledge of International Conventions related to pesticides;
- good knowledge of pesticide registration and management regulations;
- Good computer skills (databases, word processing, spreadsheets, etc.);
- Good ability to work effectively in English and French
- Good knowledge of regional and international institutions involved in the pesticides sector;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- Good ability to work under pressure and to lead a multidisciplinary and multicultural team;
- Be willing to carry out missions at the regional and international levels;
- Be fluent in French and/or English, both written and spoken.

4. APPLICATION FILE

The application file must include the following elements:

- A Cover letter
- An updated Curriculum Vitae certified as true by the candidate;
- Copies of diplomas, university degrees, certificates of qualification and professional references.

Applications must be received **no later than January 19, 2024** (digital version only) at the following addresses: “ administration.insah@cilss.int ” and “ recrutements@cilss.int ”. For further information, contact the General Directorate of the Institut du Sahel (INSAH) Tel. : (00223) 20 22 21 48 / 20 22 30 43 – Email: administration.insah@cilss.int , Website <https://insah.cilss.int/>

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Le Directeur Général

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