



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY FOR:**

- **SOCIO-ECONOMIST**

**Organizational Unit: Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)**

**Applications to:** The Finance and Administrative Officer, UNU-INRA, Private Mail Bag, Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana. Fax: 233 (0)21 500792 or e-mail to [bturkson@hotmail.com](mailto:bturkson@hotmail.com); Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

**Closing Date:** 31 January 2009

### **United Nations University's Objectives:**

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, its member states and peoples. It serves as a think-tank for the United Nations System, contributes capacity building particularly in developing countries and serves as a platform for new and creative ideas.

### **UNU-INRA Objectives:**

The United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) is one of thirteen Research and Training Centres and Programmes (RTC/Ps) established by UNU worldwide. The mission of UNU-INRA is to strengthen the capacity of Africa's universities and research institutions to conduct research and produce well-trained, well-equipped and motivated individuals, capable of developing, adapting and disseminating technologies that advance food security and promote conservation and efficient use of the continent's natural resources for sustainable development.

## **1. SOCIO-ECONOMIST**

**Reference Number:** 2008/UNU/INRA/PSA/02

### **Responsibilities:**

Under the supervision of the Director of UNU-INRA, the Socio-economist will:

- Contribute to the design and implementation UNU-INRA's activities related to research and training in natural resources management, biodiversity conservation and climate change;

- Conduct on-farm research, create awareness, train national collaborators, and provide guidelines for effective implementation of projects jointly conducted with international and national partners;
- Prepare research and training proposals for funding; plan, organize and participate in national and sub-regional conferences/meetings/workshops.
- Provide guidance and technical support for empirical research and analytical studies on human security, with particular reference to gender, equity and poverty issues, as well as socioeconomic and environmental sustainability of agricultural production systems; and
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Director of UNU-INRA.

**Requirements:**

- A Masters or PhD degree in Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology, Natural Resource or Environmental Economics, or a related discipline.
- More than five years of relevant work experience in agricultural development or natural resource management and conservation preferably in an international environment.
- Knowledge of the principles, theories and tools for farming systems research and development and the analyses of issues related to natural resources management, biodiversity conservation and environmental protection.
- Good writing, presentation and communication skills; and demonstrated experience in organising training workshops, conferences, and fundraising activities, as well as forging partnerships with international agencies, national institutions and NGOs which work on similar issues.
- Good working knowledge of English is essential; knowledge of French would be an advantage.

**Remuneration:** Salary under a UNU Personnel Services Agreement (PSA) will be at US\$ 36,000 p.a.

**Duration of contract:** Initial contract period of one year, and further appointment of two years upon satisfactory work performance and subject to requirements.

Staff members of the United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector of United Nations University and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University. Applications from suitably qualified women are particularly encouraged.

**Starting date:** March 2009

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online and submit a United Nations University Personal History Form (P11) accessible on the UNU website ([www.unu.edu/employment](http://www.unu.edu/employment)) with a covering letter explaining why they believe they are qualified for this position and what contribution they can bring to the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa.