

VACANCY No. NR/179/09

Title	Executive Director, CGIAR Science Council
Grade	D-1
Number	0289922
Duty Station Location	Rome, Italy
Department/Division	<p>CGIAR Science Council Secretariat / Natural Resources Management and Environment Department</p> <p>The Science Council (SC) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) is an independent scientific advisory body whose mission is to enhance and promote the quality, relevance and impact of science in the CGIAR, to advise the Group on strategic scientific issues of importance to its goals, and to mobilize and harness the best of international science for addressing the goals of international agricultural research community. The Council comprises of eminent scientists from a broad range of disciplines serving in their personal capacity. It is provided with scientific, technical, and administrative support by the SC Secretariat located at FAO headquarters, Rome.</p> <p>It is expected that the SC will be replaced in 2010 by an Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC) as a result of the ongoing CGIAR reform. The Secretariat under the leadership of the Executive Director (ED) will continue to provide support to the ISPC.</p>
Summary of Duties and Functions	<p>The ED reports to the SC Chair and maintains close working relationships with the SC members, CGIAR Director, and other components of the system. On FAO matters and administrative procedures the ED reports to the Assistant Director-General, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department.</p> <p>The ED will be responsible for planning and organizing the work of the SC, the administration of the Secretariat, and monitoring the execution of the Council's recommendations after approval by the CGIAR.</p> <p>He/she will ensure that the Secretariat contributes efficiently and effectively to implementing the SC's objectives of: (1) ensuring that science in the CGIAR is of high quality and is relevant to the development goals of the System; (2) providing science policy guidance to the CGIAR on issues of strategic importance; (3) furnishing independent, credible and authoritative advice on scientific issues relevant to the international agricultural research system; and (4) developing partnerships with wider scientific community for the benefit of an international agricultural research agenda.</p> <p>Specifically, the ED will oversee the Secretariat's activities in support of the SC's mission and objectives and direct the staff to assist the SC in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• conducting foresight and other mission relevant studies to enable the system to respond to emerging issues;• assessing (<i>ex ante</i>) new proposals of CGIAR programs;• providing guidance to the CGIAR Fund on programme level evaluation (<i>ex post</i>);• contributing advice to the CGIAR programs;• catalyzing the mobilization of global agricultural science for development community;• facilitating and aggregating system and program level impact assessment studies;• enhancing quality of impact assessment in the system;• building strong synergies between the CGIAR and FAO.

	Specific roles and responsibilities of the ED may change following establishment of the ISPC in the context of the CGIAR reform.
General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D. or equivalent in agricultural or related disciplines, including policy or social sciences; • Extensive management or leadership experience (at least twelve years), preferably at the international level, in directing high level scientific talent and setting priorities; • Experience with a cross-disciplinary approach to science and research; an understanding of the CGIAR system would be desirable; • Good understanding of policy dimensions of development, including relationships between developing and developed countries and institutions therein; • Broad knowledge of agriculture (crops and livestock), natural resources management, fisheries, and forestry in the context of sustainable development, poverty reduction, and the global environment; • Knowledge and/or experience in programme planning, budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation; • Excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of French and/or Spanish would be an asset.
Managerial Competencies	Strategic vision: capacity to develop a vision, mission and strategies and to focus on the needs of Member Countries and to adjust strategies to take account of changing circumstances. Managing people: fosters team spirit through building trust and commitment to common objectives and recognizing team successes. Result Orientation: demonstrates ability to manage programmes and projects efficiently under shifting priorities, in order to achieve targets. Partnering: negotiates effectively with partners to enable successful outcomes for all stakeholders and actively supports interdisciplinarity across FAO. Strong Communication Skills: demonstrates a high level of communication skills in promoting the Organization's message.
Remuneration	Without dependents: From USD 153,956 to USD 170,353 With dependents: From USD 166,562 to USD 185,717 FAO adheres to the UN common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. General information regarding salaries allowances can be found at the International Civil Service Commission Web site .
How to apply	Applications, including a full curriculum vitae and Personal History Form (available in MS Word (A4 and letter formats), should be submitted by 11 September 2009 to the Director, Human Resources Management Division (AFH), FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome, Italy or sent by e-mail to: senior-vacancies@fao.org or faxed to Italy +39 06-5705 5131
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