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Recruitment of Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology (APCoAB), Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)

The Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) wishes to recruit the vacant position of APCoAB Coordinator to implement the agricultural biotechnology programme of APAARI in collaboration with its member organizations.

APAARI is a unique voluntary, membership-based, self-mandated, apolitical and multi-stakeholder organization in the Asia-Pacific region. It promotes and strengthens agri-food research and innovation systems through partnerships and collaboration, capacity development and advocacy for sustainable agricultural development in the region. Since its establishment in 1990, it has significantly contributed towards addressing agricultural research needs and enhancing food and nutritional security in the region. The close links, networks, partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders that APAARI has developed over the years, as well as its goodwill, authority and focus on results, make the Association a valuable actor in the region. The ultimate aim of APAARI is to help in realizing sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific. For more details, please visit: www.apaari.org

APAARI has its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand. It has a membership of 68 organizations/institutions including NARIs and NAROs of several countries, CGIAR and other international centres, universities, civil society organizations and private sector. The biotechnology programme of APAARI, the Asia-Pacific Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology (APCoAB), serves as a neutral forum to deliberate on policy, technical and adoption issues of agricultural biotechnology and biosafety; promote public awareness; and facilitate human resource development for meaningful application of biotechnology in enhancing agricultural productivity as well as product quality for the welfare of farmers and consumers. For further information on APCoAB, please visit www.apcoab.org.

The interested candidates with following qualifications are invited to apply:

Qualifications

Essential:

1. Ph. D. in agriculture or related disciplines from a recognized university.
2. At least 10 years of research and development (R&D) experience in agricultural biotechnology.
3. Adequate knowledge of global R&D and regulatory developments in agriculture and biotechnology, in particular aiming at food and nutrition security
4. Experience in compiling meeting/workshop reports, technical status papers and other communication materials.

Desirable:

1. Significant scientific contributions and leadership in the related field of specialization
2. International/regional experience of coordinating R&D programmes particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

3. Experience of organizing international/regional workshops/expert consultations/meetings.

Place of posting: APAARI Office, 4th Floor, FAO Annex Building, 202/1 Larn Laung Road, Pomprab Sattrupai District, Bangkok 10100, Thailand.

Duration of appointment: Appointment will initially be for a period of three years with possibility of extension based on work performance. Persons serving National Agricultural Research and Development Systems or other relevant research and development organizations having the required qualifications and experience are also eligible to come on deputation provided their parent institutions are willing to retain their lien.

Salary and Allowances: Salary and allowances are negotiable and shall be commensurate with the qualifications and experience as relevant to the job requirements. The overall salary and benefits will approximate to the P3 level in international service. The salary will be paid in US dollars and will be tax free.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Report to the APAARI Executive Secretary, and Coordinate and implement various activities of APCoAB as per work plan approved by its Steering Committee.
- Identify the priority programs and activities in line with the objectives of APCoAB and APAARI Strategic Plan, and in consultation with partners and stakeholders.
- Establish close liaison with national, regional and international partners and other stakeholders and initiate activities with their support and collaboration.
- Organize APCoAB Steering Committee Meetings and serve as its Member Secretary.
- Initiate and organize APCoAB Policy Dialogues/Seminars/Expert Consultations, Training Programs and Workshops
- Bring out status reports, success stories, reviews, meeting reports and synthesis reports in line with APCoAB objectives and approved Work Plan.
- Update and expand information channels such as APCoAB website, flyer, newsletter etc.
- Represent APCoAB and APAARI in related fora considered necessary to pursue the organization's objectives.
- Initiate appropriate activities/actions to mobilize funding and other resources.
- Perform other duties as assigned by APAARI Executive Secretary and APCoAB Steering Committee.

The application, comprising CV and a short cover letter should be addressed to Dr. Bhag Mal, Interim Executive Secretary, APAARI (b.mal@apaari.org) and copied to Ms. Cel Bitong (c.bitong@apaari.org). The application should include your mailing address including phone number, e-mail id, and a recent passport size photo. Three professional references with name, mailing address, e-mail and phone number should also be provided along with application. The **deadline for receipt** of applications is 8 February **2017**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

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