SENIOR SCIENTIST, SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS (ASIA)
Asia Regional Office, Hanoi, Vietnam

The Organization
The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (www.ciat.cgiar.org) develops technologies, innovative methods, and research-based solutions in agriculture and the environment, in order to increase prosperity and improve human nutrition in the tropics, and by doing so, help the world secure a sustainable food future. Headquartered near Cali, Colombia, CIAT conducts research for development in tropical regions of Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. CIAT is a member of the CGIAR Consortium (www.cgiar.org), a global research partnership for a food secure future.

The Center’s research focuses on increasing productivity of key crops (cassava, common bean, rice, tropical forages), developing sustainable agroecosystems and landscapes, and using information to foster better decisions for issues such as climate resilience and inclusive markets.

From its regional hub in Hanoi, Vietnam, CIAT conducts collaborative research and capacity strengthening in nearly 20 countries across Asia – with over 100 institutional partners ranging from national public-sector research and development agencies, universities, NGOs, private-sector business firms, and regional/international organizations.

Position Description
The position is a key member of the global team for CIAT’s Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) program, while also providing regional leadership to the research-for-development agenda in Asia. Reporting to CIAT’s SFS Program Leader (headquarters in Colombia) and to the Director for Asia (Hanoi, Vietnam).

Responsibilities
• Provide overall leadership to the Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) research theme in Asia, including management of the regional team.
• Serve as core member and research specialist in CIAT’s global team for the SFS program.
• Lead in the planning and conduct, as well as in publishing of outputs, for SFS collaborative research and capacity building in target countries of Asia.
• Represent CIAT Asia in key partnership platforms and external knowledge-sharing events.
• Coordinate SFS efforts for proposal development and resource mobilization.

Required and Desired Qualifications
• PhD in a scientific discipline related to: food and nutrition, agriculture and environment, and/or social and economic development. An interdisciplinary systems-oriented academic and professional background is preferred.
• Solid understanding of food systems issues, particularly in relation to smallholder agricultural producers and resource-limited consumers.
• Specialist expertise, interest and publication record in key SFS research-for-development themes such as: food systems for healthier diets, consumer behaviour, policy and institutional innovations, market systems and private-sector engagement, enhancing resilience and environmental sustainability, and data analytics.
- **Demonstrated capacity in managing team-based and collaborative projects**, including the support and mentoring for junior researchers, and to nurture relationships with partners and stakeholders.
- **Track record of successful resource mobilization** through novel models of project development, fund raising and cross-sectoral engagement.
- **Asia-specific knowledge, experience and exposure** to key SFS trends and challenges in the region is highly desirable.
- **Ability to clearly communicate complex issues and concepts** to diverse audiences; excellent English writing and speaking skills, and proficiency in any languages used in the region is a plus.

**Terms of Appointment**
The position is internationally recruited and will be based at the CIAT Asia regional office in Hanoi, Vietnam. Initial contract will be for two (2) years, subject to a probation period of six (6) months, and is renewable depending on performance and availability of resources.

CIAT offers a multi-cultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. CIAT is an equal opportunity employer, and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

**Applications**
Applicants are invited to send a cover letter illustrating their suitability for the above position as per the key responsibilities and required qualifications, together with a detailed curriculum vitae, including names and addresses of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate’s professional qualifications and work experience. All correspondence should be addressed to the CIAT Human Resources Office to Mr. Tomas Solis (t.solis@cgiar.org) and should clearly indicate “Scientist, Sustainable Food Systems (Asia)” in the subject line.

Closing date for applications: **30 June 2019** or until a suitable candidate is selected.

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