

Job Description

What is the CTA?

The <u>Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)</u> was established in 1983 under the Lomé Convention between the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) Group of States and the European Union Member States. Since 2000, it has operated within the framework of the ACP-EC Cotonou Agreement. CTA's tasks are to develop and provide services that improve access to information for agricultural and rural development, and to strengthen the capacity of ACP countries to produce, acquire, exchange and utilise information in this area.

CTA services address stakeholders in the agricultural sector and in rural areas (researchers, policy-makers, farmers, NGO's, civil society groups, private sector...) in the 79 ACP countries. To this end CTA works with the major partner organisations (international, regional and national policy bodies and research institutions). CTA headquarters are in Wageningen (the Netherlands) with an office in Brussels.

Role for the CTA Brussels office

- Liaising with the ACP and EU institutions, joint ACP-EU bodies, international organizations, NGO's and development groups based in Brussels and involved in the agricultural and rural development
- Following discussions and contributing to the relevant ACP-EU debates in the agricultural and rural sector (agricultural trade and development; fisheries; food security, aid effectiveness...)
- Coordinating the content and organization of the Bimonthly Brussels Development Briefings (http://brusselsbriefings.net) on topical issues important for the ACP rural development.

The successful candidate should:

- Have strong analytical and research skills to contribute to the work of the head of office. The candidate should carry out research and analytical work contributing to the Brussels Briefings (see online Readers produced for the Brussels Briefings: http://brusselsbriefings.net/about/readers-summary-of-key-issues).
- Have an excellent knowledge of either English or French and the ability to work in the other language;
- Possess a degree in one or more of the following fields: agriculture (any discipline), information/communications management, social sciences or related disciplines;
- Be proficient in MS office (word, excel, power point);
- Have sense of initiative and team spirit as well as able to work without constant supervision;
- Demonstrate knowledge or interest of development and/or agricultural issues and ACP/ developing countries;
- Be national of an EU or ACP country.

Employment conditions

A one six month's renewable contract will be offered from March 2013. Monthly allowance will vary according to experience and background.

Kindly send your applications preferably by e-mail to: boto@cta.int

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