

Subject Matter Experts Needed

For CGIAR's Independent Advisory and Evaluation Service

8 April 2024

CGIAR's Independent Advisory and Evaluation Function (IAES) maintains a roster of subject matter experts (SMEs). IAES is looking to broaden its current roster to fill gaps in expertise areas. SME contracts could include work on:

- Research proposal reviews
- Independent process and performance evaluations
- Commissioned projects related to agrifood research for development (drafting of syntheses, frameworks, literature reviews, etc.)
- Peer reviews of publications and evaluation outputs

Qualified SMEs will be placed on the roster for three years with the potential for renewal. Assignments may be based on a day rate or honorarium and may be short- or long-term. SMEs are matched to opportunities based on their experience, expertise, and availability. Contracting is through the CGIAR System Organization based in Montpellier, France on behalf of IAES. Most contracts are desk assignments, with limited travel (if applicable). For roster inclusion, all SMEs are required to complete a [Declaration of Interest](#) for IAES conflict of interest policy adherence. Please note there is no guarantee of work for SMEs placed on the roster.

Expertise and Scholarly Perspective Areas Needed

- Foresight and trade-off analysis
- Livestock-based systems and One Health
- Aquatic food systems
- Water: drought monitoring and planning, water governance and policy, and water resource management
- Nutrition as it relates to global health and food security: malnutrition, policy, food safety, behavior change, and dietary diversity
- Innovation and scaling science
- Organizational development and/or capacity strengthening in international research and development organizations
- Social inclusion, gender and youth
- Novel applications of digital technologies to agrifood systems, e.g., artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data and similar technologies

Requirements

- Strong academic background and experience in domains relevant to CGIAR [Research and Innovation Strategy](#)
- Scholarly publications, advising, and thought leadership related to expertise area
- Experience contributing to transdisciplinary or multidisciplinary activities pertinent to agrifood systems, agricultural research for development

- Experience consulting for international organizations working in these spaces is a plus
- International experience, especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- PhD is preferred: advanced degree holders are welcome to apply, including in areas such as business, social sciences and/or organizational development
- 15+ years of experience
- Excellent writing skills in English and good verbal communication skills
- Must be able to work in Microsoft Office and use SharePoint and Teams
- Flexibility to coordinate communication across multiple time zones
- Detail and deadline oriented

How to Apply?

Please submit two separate documents named (1) Statement_Surname and (2) CV_Surname to roster.iaes@cgiar.org. Both PDF and Word formats are acceptable. Closing date is Friday, 17 May, 2024, 18:00 CET. Statement and CV must be in English.

For 'Statement_Surname' Attachment

- Provide a brief statement of interest limited to one page that identifies your expertise area in detail and three examples of previous experience related to the SME role described above.
- **The statement must include your daily rate in USD.** These rates will be applied for the full three-year period. If the roster inclusion is extended beyond three years, the day rate can be renegotiated.

For 'CV_Surname' Attachment

- Include an updated curriculum vitae with list of publications

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the 17 May 2024 deadline. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a 30-minute virtual interview. All interviews will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Please note that upon approval, roster membership is not designed for continuing work, or to lead to a staff position. Therefore, there should be no expectation of continued employment.

About IAES and CGIAR

CGIAR's IAES provides operational support as the secretariat for the Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC) and the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA), and implements CGIAR's multi-year, independent evaluation plan as approved by the System Council. IAES and the two independent bodies it supports, facilitate and provide external, impartial, and expert advice related to strategy and positioning, program evaluation, and impact assessment. More about the independent functions is available on the IAES website at <https://iaes.cgiar.org/>.

CGIAR is a global research partnership for a food-secure future dedicated to transforming food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis. Its research is carried out by CGIAR Centers and Alliances in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations, and the private sector. Please find more information about CGIAR at www.cgiar.org and learn more about CGIAR's [five Impact Areas](#).