

## “Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Specialist”

Internal-External vacancy  
Reference 04ESABE0621

<b>Unit:</b>	<b>Economy, Environment and Sustainable Agribusiness</b>
<b>Immediate supervisor:</b>	<b>Unit Coordinator</b>
<b>Headquarters:</b>	<b>CATIE</b>
<b>Type of position:</b>	<b>National / International personnel</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>1 year initially with extension subject to performance</b>

### GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

Support the implementation of IKI Scaling up ecosystem-based adaptation (AbE) measures in rural areas of Latin America which aims to increase the resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems in rural areas of Ecuador, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. The project will be developing and implementing proven, innovative and cost-effective AbE approaches across ecosystems. AbE practices should be integrated into the revised NDCs, sectoral plans (especially agriculture and water) and the National Adaptation Plan to achieve national adaptation targets. Sustainability will be ensured through the development of innovative financial instruments, better governance, and knowledge sharing.

The project is implemented by Catie’s unity of Economy, Environment and Sustainable Agribusiness. (UEAAS)

### • DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contribute to the intervention strategy of the unity of Economy, Environment and Sustainable Agribusiness (UEAAS) at a regional level in the technical, scientific, technical cooperation and training fields.
- Moderation of participatory processes with key actors ensuring good cooperation, coordination with implementation partners IUCN and GIZ.
- Coordinate vulnerability analysis, identification of AbE measures, prioritization criteria with consortium partners.
- Systematization, analysis and classification of existing AbE measures in target areas and at the national level in terms of their positive or negative implications for the EBA and the livelihoods of the local population, and therefore their potential to contribute to the objectives of the project.
- Based on the above analysis, provide an initial recommendation of AbE strategies that will be supported in project areas with the potential to contribute to the livelihoods of local stakeholders
- Provide recommendations for strategies, responsibilities, and resource requirements to promote and support ebA strategies proposed during the project implementation phase.
- Ensure consistency and complementarity of the contractor’s services with other services provided by the project at the local and national levels.
- Personnel management, by defining terms of reference and monitoring of short-term allocations ensuring product quality.
- Plan and manage assignments and support local and international experts to successfully achieve the expected outputs/inputs to the indicators.
- Periodic reports according to deadlines.
- Responsibility to verify the use of funds and financial planning in consultation with the regional project manager.



- Develop the tools for baseline surveying in the project's intervention areas.
- Identify financing opportunities for research and/or development projects.
- Prepare technical and financial proposals for national and international projects in the strategic areas of the unity.
- Assist in knowledge management activities: prepare material to publicize the results of the unit's projects (Power Point presentations, website, etc., for different target groups (decision makers, students, producers).
- Assist in teaching activities, specifically in tutorials/internships.

#### • **TECHNICAL COMPETENCES:**

- **Academic level:** Master in environmental sciences or related fields with experience in agricultural production systems (like, agroforestry, livestock, subsistence agriculture, forestry). Experience: at least 5 years in project management, with a focus on natural resource management, sustainable agriculture and climate change.
- Desirable Doctorate
- **Experience:**
- General professional experience: 8 years of professional experience in the development of projects, of which 3 years in another continent (international context).
- Training experience: 5 years of documented experience in the training of professionals in the region and proven track record of strengthened governance structures.
- Regional experience: 4 years of training experience or work experience in Latin America, of which 3 years in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Ecuador.
- Experience in development cooperation (CD): 5 years of experience working on development projects with international cooperation.
- Indispensable, high level of the English language (verbal and written).
- Software: STATA, R.

#### • **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Good oral, written and reading comprehension of the Spanish and English language
- Willingness to travel in and out of the country
- Competence in the use of digital communication tools (e-mail, internet, social networks and graphic design).
- Fluid handling of computer packages (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, etc.)
- Up-to-date passport
- License to drive light vehicles.

#### • **PERSONAL COMPETENCES:**

- Search for information
- Initiative
- Good oral and written communication Analytical capacity
- Focused on continuous improvement Experience working with multidisciplinary teams
- Results orientation: directing performance continuously towards the achievement of goals and results
- Planning and Organization
- Teamwork
- Focus on customer satisfaction
- Handling multiple tasks

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**Deadline: July 18, 2021**

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