

Agricultural Development Young Professionals Internship Program Call for Applications

Opening Date: August 14, 2017

Closing Date: August 30, 2017

Africa Lead II—the Feed the Future: Building Capacity for African Agricultural Transformation Program—supports the advancement of agricultural transformation in Africa as proposed by the African Union Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP). Simultaneously, Africa Lead II contributes to the Feed the Future (FTF) goals of reduced hunger and poverty by building the capacity of Champions—defined as men and women leaders in agriculture—to develop, lead, and manage the policies, structures and processes needed for the transformation process.

The scope of Africa Lead II is divided into three components, as follows:

- Component One: Establishing and Improving Effectiveness of Institutional and Organizational Architecture for African-Led Agricultural Transformation.
- Component Two: Strengthening Capacity to Manage and Implement the Policy Change and Alignment Process.
- Component Three: Promoting the Effective Participation of Non-State Actors (NSAs) in the Policy Process and Providing Capacity Strengthening Support when Necessary.

Africa Lead II's Agricultural Development Young Professionals Internship Program aims to facilitate more efficient agricultural production, stronger agribusinesses and agricultural development institutions, a more direct link between NARS and farmers, and greater value addition in the agriculture sector across Africa. The broad goal is to support skills transfer and technological know-how that will help African agribusinesses and organizations to innovate, improve their commercial viability and catalyze agricultural transformation, thus contributing to improved food security.

The Africa Lead II Program welcomes applications from candidates interested in pursuing young professional development opportunities. Placement terms will be for a period of 12 months. A monthly stipend will be covered by the program. There is no guarantee for full time employment upon successful completion of the placement.



FMARD Intern Call for Application for Interested African Harvesters Network Members

The following position is open for applications to support the advancement of African Agricultural Development:

- **Entry to Mid-Level Investment Promotion Associate (Abuja, Nigeria)**

Nigerian nationals and Abuja residents are strongly encouraged to apply. Please send applications to: AfricaLEAD_Internships@dai.com by **August 30, 2017 at 5:00PM GMT**.



Entry to Mid-Level Investment Promotion Associate (Abuja, Nigeria)

Responsibilities:

- Support the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD)'s Agribusiness division in identifying the requirements, products, tools and the level of services needed by an investor in the Nigerian agricultural sector.
- Review past and current agribusiness promotion and key value chain development project documents and reports in Nigeria and make recommendations to strengthen project design.
- Collaborate with consulting team to conduct key informant interviews with existing and new agribusinesses and start-ups and the Nigerian Investment Promotion agency to collect data on investor needs as well as the successes, lessons learned, challenges, and weaknesses in agribusiness development.
- Help set up a one stop referral system with information on who / where to refer investors to other government agencies and private service providers.
- Collaborate with consulting team to develop new investment products and tools (e.g., process brochures, prospectus & fact sheets on key value chains).
- Contribute to the development of a database of Nigerian companies and/ or those interested in investment opportunities.
- Support the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD)'s Agribusiness division in daily operation of the investor resource center
- Assist with monitoring and evaluation to assess impact and investor satisfaction with the resource center.
- Perform other tasks as needed.

Required skills:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture-related field and/ or business administration and management
- Demonstrated experience in investment facilitation and agriculture value chain analysis
- Working knowledge of start-up and after care investment services, investment promotion strategies, as well as constraints to investing in agribusiness SMEs and markets in Nigeria
- Experience working in Nigeria and familiarity with FMARD and the NIPC
- Must have strong research and analysis skills
- Team player and excellent interpersonal skills
- Detail oriented and organized
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Some marketing experience preferred

Application requirements:

- Curriculum Vitae
- 1-page cover letter highlighting ability to contribute your skills to developing and operating a one-stop investor resource center
- 3 references; 2 professional and 1 personal