

Food Safety & Standardization Expert

The Nigeria Agribusiness group (NABG) is an umbrella association for all corporations in the Agribusiness sector in Nigeria; it administers private sector participation through advocacy and advise the Governments on policy direction. The NABG council comprises leaders of these associations and corporates who are major players in the agribusiness value chains.

The Food Safety and Standardization Expert will provide technical and implementation support to NABG. He or She will work closely with the program manager to review program proposals and will be responsible for ensuring those appropriate and ethical standards framework are maintained in compliance with guidance issued by project conduct control.

Job Title: Food and Standardization Expert

Reporting to: Program Manager

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Abuja

Closing Date: Open until filled

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with key stakeholders to develop a strategy and work plan for the Agricultural Commodity Standards and Rating initiative.
- Deliver on a range of activities to get formal approval and gazetting of extant industry standards and ratings.
- Develop frameworks to assist partners in utilizing standards to effectively drive commodity markets, especially in assisting to make them reach exportable grades.
- Identify and engage stakeholders like the Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), and development organizations to drive commodity standards development.

Minimum Qualifications & Requirements:

The Applicants are required to have the followings:

- An advanced degree (MSc. or M.Eng. in relevant subjects such as Analytical Chemistry, Agricultural Sciences, food science and technology and Quality Infrastructure related Higher Degrees.
- Must have trainings and working experience with the following ISO standards: ISO 22000 Food Safety Management systems, ISO 9001- Quality management System, ISO/IEC 17025 - competency requirements for testing, sampling and calibration laboratories and Global Good Agricultural Standards Global GAP.

- Must be conversant with bar coding systems for Traceability of products, and Management Systems Audits.
- The applicant is required to have a working experience on issues related to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Requirements for Agricultural produce.
- Work Experience in food, pesticide, research and toxicology laboratories will be of great advantage.
- With 15-20 relevant years of experience in these are either in the corporate or public sector.
- MUST be willing to travel 40% of the project time both locally and outside the country.

Other soft and hard skills required include:

- ability to work with or monitor Quality management system, QMS.
- Must be highly computer savvy and can maintain effective project and training scheme management virtually.
- Be able and willing to design, coordinate and sometimes deliver training contents to stakeholders in specialized topic areas.
- Must have high organizational and leadership skills to manage Quality programs that support a bigger commercial enterprise.
- The right applicant is expected to know the workings of conformity and regulatory bodies (NAFDAC, SON, NAQS, NINAS and NEPC) activities including but not limited to testing, Inspection and product certification.

Method of Application:

Qualified and interested applicants should forward their CVs to recruitment@nabg.ng with **Food Safety and Standardization Expert** as the subject of the mail. Due to a high volume of applicants, please understand that we are able to contact only those who meet the minimum qualifications.