

**Job Title:** Agricultural Extension Specialist  
**Organisation:** IGAD Sheikh Technical Veterinary School  
**Project location:** Sheikh, Sahil region, Somaliland  
**Starting date:** July 2015  
**Contract:** One year renewable

### **Duties and responsibilities of the Agricultural Extension Specialist**

The **Agricultural extension specialist** will carry out the following academic and administrative duties:

- Implement the training courses in their entirety, especially: Theory and Practice of Extension, Extension and Technology Transfer, Extension and Participatory Approaches, Extension planning programming and Evaluation, Extension Strategies, Extension Monitoring and Evaluation,
- Work with the curriculum development expert to revise the curriculum, as needs arise;
- Develop lesson plans for training sessions;
- Develop the student assessment system including setting, administering, marking and grading of exams;
- Assist in the ordering and maintenance of all assets, materials and equipment for training students in her/his area of technical and subject expertise;
- Be available for Reference Centre activities and other academic activities as agreed with the principal;
- Attend coordination meetings as called by the School Principal;
- Assist the School staff in the overall implementation of day to day activities;
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the Principal.

### **Education and technical expertise**

- The candidate should be an experienced Agricultural economist, with a minimum of a Masters in Agricultural extension or similar degree.
- The candidate should have good grasp of agricultural extension biased towards dryland agriculture and pastoral livestock production systems.

### **Work experience**

Experience in the following fields is particularly desirable:

- The candidate should have a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience
- Semi-arid and arid lands with a pastoral and agro-pastoral production systems.
- The candidate should have matured teaching experience at tertiary level
- The candidate should be conversant with student centred teaching methodology

### **Languages**

- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Knowledge of Somali and /or Arabic is an advantage

### **Competencies**

In addition to the above qualifications, applicants are expected to have the following competencies:

- Effective communication skills, in particular with students
- Good team worker and excellent interpersonal skills
- Good drafting, editing and writing skills (in English)
- Solid student centred teaching methodology experience is preferred

### **Nationality**

- Preference is given to candidates of IGAD member states (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan)
- Possess a certificate of Good Conduct or No criminal conviction or equivalent from country of domicile