

International Coordinator – Alternatives to Open Agricultural Burning

ICCI seeks an experienced agricultural consultant to fill the position of International Coordinator for a two-year project under the Agricultural Initiative of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The project focuses on assisting farmers, academic experts, governments, environmental NGOs and other stakeholders to adopt alternatives to open burning of crops and fields, the largest single source of black carbon emissions globally. Because of the far greater warming impact of black carbon on cryosphere regions, the CCAC project focuses in the first instance on regions close to the Andes and Himalayas. (ICCI has separate projects focused on near-Arctic fires.)

The Coordinator will both focus on advising and assisting in the management of demonstration projects funded directly by the CCAC in the Punjab region of India, and Peruvian agricultural regions west of the Andes; as well as other demonstration projects that have been developed through stakeholder consultations in Nepal, Pakistan, Ecuador and Bolivia; and other near-cryosphere nations in both regions upon request, and time/resources permitting.

On a regional level, the Coordinator will work with Himalayas and Andes regional Strategic Support Groups to coordinate and provide general advice on accelerating the transition to no-burn methods, in particular conservation agriculture or alternative fuel use (such as conversion of stubble to pellets or biogas for cookstoves), along with regional experts and actors such as FAO, UNEP, the World Bank, regional development banks and others.

On a global level, the Coordinator will spearhead work to raise consciousness of open burning as a vital, yet currently little-known baseline issue of adaptation and resilience as well as food security; in addition to the CCAC's primary mission of combating black carbon and other short-lived climate pollutant emissions as a climate and air quality issue, in support of other sustainable development goals including Agenda 2030. Extensive international travel is anticipated and required (travel costs covered by the project at UNEP rates).

The successful applicant will have concrete experience of the application of conservation agriculture in the field; international experience in the agricultural realm; and concrete project management experience, preferably including as an active farmer. Excellent communication abilities in spoken and written English are required; working knowledge of Spanish desirable. Experience with national government ministries of agriculture, FAO, UNEP, UNFCCC or other international forums is highly desirable.

For more information or to apply, please send a CV and expression of interest to work@iccinet.org. The Coordinator will work as a consultant, with a base of USD\$85-90,000 annually for full-time engagement.

Note: ICCI primarily draws on volunteer or semi-volunteer second career diplomats, development and academic experts and scientists for its directors, experts and advisors. Application by such highly experienced retired/second career applicants, especially from cryosphere regions is highly encouraged. In keeping with ICCI's semi-volunteer and non-profit status, remuneration will almost certainly not be commensurate with experience -- but we can promise instead participation in world-changing, highly meaningful and creative work, with equally engaged and committed colleagues; in a supportive and highly collegial environment. Consultants, advisors and volunteers are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, or political activity/beliefs.