M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
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Position: Principal Scientist (Climate Change Adaptation)

Location: Chennai

Application deadline: 25 September 2009

Salary: 22,000–1000–32,000

Job purpose
Contribute to the development and implementation of several activities related to climate change adaptation program. Support the coordination and implementation of program/interprogram area initiatives. Develop knowledge products and disseminate these through training delivery as well as internal and external networks.

Expected outcomes
- Provide support and leadership for the implementation of adaptation related projects.
- Develop and maintain regional partnerships to enhance knowledge and best practices on environment, bioenergy and climate adaptation matters.
- Develop knowledge products (i.e. sector/thematic studies and assessments, good practices, guidelines, checklists, indicators, roadmaps, etc.).
- Conduct awareness training programs for different stakeholders.
- Actively participate in external networks, and contribute to knowledge sharing and harmonization efforts through conferences, external publications and others.

Education requirements
A post-graduate degree in agriculture/agronomy, environmental/natural resource management, environmental economics or related fields. Candidates having Masters/Ph.D. in climate related area will have an added advantage.

Relevant experience and other requirements
- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level
- At least 5 years of relevant professional/project experience in climate change area or environmental management.
- Strong multidisciplinary competence combined with substantial expertise in environment management and climate change adaptation, institutions and capacity building.
- Ability to lead inter-disciplinary teams, and strong interpersonal, conceptual and analytical skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English; well versed with computer applications and power point presentations.

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