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## Vacancy Advertisement to project management position for the RUNRES project

ETH Zurich, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Arba Minch University (AMU) and the University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN) are implementing the project “The rural-urban nexus: Establishing a nutrient loop to improve city region food system resilience (RUNRES)”. This project will establish, through transdisciplinary innovation platforms, locally important value chains (i.e. tef/banana, coffee, cassava, vegetables) and rural and urban waste recycling solutions to generate an improved flow of resources in order to improve the resilience of rural-urban food systems. There are four rural-urban regions (i.e. Bukavu, DRC; Kamyoni, Rwanda; Arba Minch, Ethiopia; Msunduzi, South Africa) where this project will be implemented.

AMU is looking for a full time Project manager who will establish and manage trans-disciplinary innovation platforms in Arba Minch. S/he will engage stakeholders from local communities, private sector, government, and academia to co-develop the tef/banana value chain and waste recycling solutions to close nutrient loops and improve the resilience of the food system in and around Arba Minch. The Project manager will liaise closely with the city authorities of Arba Minch and the different project partners in the process of implementing the project tasks (e.g. regular meetings with stakeholders, organising workshops, installation of innovations, preparing project reports, disseminating project results, etc.). S/he will ensure that the transdisciplinary innovation platforms are recognised beyond the members of the platform and attract additional stakeholders to participate in the design and establishment of innovations at any time. The Project manager will need to be pro-active in attracting stakeholders to support the upscaling of innovations, securing the interest of financial institutions and aligning of innovations to national priorities in Ethiopia.

**The candidate is expected** to hold a master’s degree, preferably in Agricultural or Environmental sciences, or Engineering or Social Sciences and at least two years of work experience, in both industry and academia. The candidate shall have knowledge about mapping, measuring and optimising resource flows (i.e. nutrient and cash flows) through innovation in value chains and waste streams. The candidate shall have affinity for multi-stakeholder processes and participatory action research to design and establish innovations. The candidate shall have leadership experience in leading and coordinating work/research programmes or launching new initiatives. The candidate shall demonstrate organisational skills, including project management and finances. The candidate shall be an open-minded personality with outstanding communication abilities, intercultural sensitivity and willing to travel locally and abroad. The candidate should be able to drive and comfortable working in the field. The candidate shall be proficient in English with scientific writing skills and fluency in the local language/s.

AMU via the project offers an exciting job, a competitive salary, career development opportunities and a dynamic international working environment. We look forward to receiving applications, including a letter of motivation, CV, diplomas and certificates of employment. **Please address your application to Human Resource Development and Administration Directorate of AMU Office no. 17.**

Application Opened: 01/04/2019;

Deadline for Application: 15/04/2019

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