



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT (Ref. No. NRS/656/052025)

### RESEARCH OFFICER I

The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) is a pan-African Centre of excellence in research for development and capacity building in insect science and its applications. Its mission is to help alleviate poverty, ensure food and nutritional security, and improve the overall health status of people in the tropics. It does so by developing and extending management tools and strategies for harmful and useful arthropods while preserving the natural resource base. Since its establishment in 1970, *icipe* has become a significant contributor to the science and innovation required to meet the health and food security challenges of sub-Saharan Africa. The Centre has achieved this status by developing alternative and environmentally friendly pest and vector management technologies and products that are effective, selective, non-polluting, non-resistance inducing, and affordable to resource-limited rural and urban communities. *icipe* is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, and has operations in more than 40 African countries, as well as thriving partnerships with universities and research organizations across the world. Employing over 500 international and national staff, *icipe* also has approximately 150 graduate students who contribute to its research portfolio annually. For additional information, visit: [www.icipe.org](http://www.icipe.org).

Please also download *icipe*'s Vision and Strategy 2021–2025: <http://www.icipe.org/publications/corporate-publications/vision-and-strategy>.

*icipe* seeks to recruit a **Research Officer I** in the **Regional Multiactor Research Network for East Africa (RMRN-EA) project**. The position is tenable in Nairobi at the *icipe* Duduville campus. This is a two-year contract, renewable subject to continued position needs, funding for the position, and performance of the staff member. This is a nationally recruited position. A competitive compensation package will be offered to the right candidate. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

#### Overall Purpose of the Job

To support *icipe* and Cirad together with RMRN-EA partners from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in conducting participatory research through Living labs for the co-creation of knowledge and innovation that support agroecology transitions of agri-food systems.

#### Specific Duties

- Contribute to the design of participatory approaches for the co-creation (socio-technical diagnostic, innovation tracking, prototyping and evaluation) of agroecological innovative systems in the RMRN-EA living labs and the assessment of socio-economic, cultural and gender-related benefits, drivers and bottlenecks of the best-bet agroecological innovation bundles.
- Contribute to the active participation of local communities, farmers, researchers and other stakeholders, including decision-makers, to the RMRN-EA Living labs.
- Coordinate experiments, including implementation and evaluation (data collection) of innovative

agroecology systems in the RMRN living labs, in relation to partners.

- Contribute to the management of the platform in partnership for research and training in East Africa (dP Trace).
- Prepare reports and documentation on outcomes, best practices, and challenges.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange through workshops and seminars.
- Fulfil additional duties as assigned by the supervisor

### Requirements/Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences.
- At least 3-4 years of practical experience in facilitating or organizing participatory workshops and field trials.
- Experience in diagnostic, prototyping, experimentation, and evaluation of innovative agricultural systems.
- Good communication and report writing skills.

### Other Desirable Attributes

- Proficiency in basic computer skills such as MS Office (Word and Excel), data analysis and email communication.
- Proficiency in online (e.g. Google forms, KoboToolBox) and offline (structured questionnaires) surveys would be a plus.
- Proficiency in running stakeholder engagements via platforms such as WhatsApp.
- Basic project management and problem-solving abilities are essential.

### Reporting

This position reports to the **Research Scientist**.

### How to Apply

**Applications will be accepted up to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.** Interested applicants should submit: (a) a confidential coverletter; (b) a detailed CV with names and addresses of 3 referees, including e-mail addresses; and (c) a statement illustrating suitability against the listed qualifications/competencies/abilities and skills.

Candidates are required to apply online through: <http://recruit.icipe.org> or by Email: [recruitment@icipe.org](mailto:recruitment@icipe.org) (Kindly quote the Ref. No. and the position title on the email subject).

*(In your application, please include your current and expected basic salary per month. This is a mandatory requirement.)*

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