



Soil legacy data officer

GlobalSoilMap.net is a new global program to map the world soil resources at high resolution, coordinated by ISRIC – World Soil Information and bringing together centres of soil science excellence in every continent. The program started in 2009 and ISRIC – World Soil Information is appointing a soil legacy data officer, to be based in Wageningen, The Netherlands. Our sister project coordinated by TSBF-CIAT in Nairobi, Kenya, is developing an *African Soil Information Service (AfSIS)* that will also include a wide range of interpretative soil information for application in agricultural development. ISRIC – World Soil Information is seeking applications for a soil legacy data officer to be based in Wageningen, Netherlands.

Specific responsibilities

- Coordinate the collection, compilation and digitisation of all African soil maps and soil data to be incorporated in the *African Soil Information Service*.
- The position is responsible for the oversight of legacy data used in the *African Soil information Service* including data rescue, data model and database development and quality control
- Liaison with legacy data officers in the other continental nodes of *GlobalSoilMap.net*
- Thinking on soil legacy data for the use of digital soil mapping
- Monitoring the completion of legacy data assembly, quality control and input to other components of the international program on time, on budget, and to specifications.
- Writing of technical manuals.

Terms of employment

The position will be based at ISRIC, Wageningen, The Netherlands. There will be project-driven travel across Africa and, as required, to other project nodes. The period of contract will be 2 years, renewable with good performance and availability of funds. Compensation and benefits will be commensurate with responsibility and experience (scale 10-11).

Requirements

- A degree in soil science
- Professional international experience in soil survey and GIS or digital soil mapping
- Excellent oral and written communications
- Capacity to communicate with all staff in the project, and with international node leaders; ability to conceptualize, develop, and communicate policies, procedures, and guidelines
- Analytical skills for problem solving, digital mapping process and systems design, attention for detail, meticulous
- Demonstrated international or cross-cultural experience
- Understanding of international environment and development issues.

- Fluency in English is essential; command of other international languages is an advantage.

Applications, including Curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of three referees (including telephone, and e-mail address), should be sent to The Director, ISRIC – World Soil Information (isric@wur.nl), copied to Dr Alfred Hartemink (alfred.hartemink@wur.nl) who may be contacted for questions and further information about this position.

Closing date for applications: 5th March 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified. All applications will be acknowledged and short-listed candidates contacted.