



Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung  
Center for Development Research  
University of Bonn



The Department of Ecology and Natural Resources Management of the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn invites applications for the position of

# 1 Student/Research Assistant / Hilfskraft (up to 19 hours/week)

for the interdisciplinary research project:

## **BiomassWeb**

### Improving food security in Africa through increased system productivity of biomass-based value webs

The overall goal of the *BiomassWeb* project is to enhance food security in sub-Saharan Africa through harnessing productivity and efficiency gains in the whole biomass-producing, processing and trading system. This will be achieved by the increased integration of all value web components and the cascading utilization of biomass, whereby biomass-based value webs are defined as the complex systems of interlinked value chains in which food and fodder, fuels, and other raw materials are produced, processed and traded. In July 2017, the project launched “BiomassNet – the first pan-African expert network for food and non-food biomass”, which operates through the interactive internet platform [www.biomassnet.org](http://www.biomassnet.org) and the discussion group (Dgroup) ‘BiomassNet’. For more information on the overall project see: [www.biomassweb.org](http://www.biomassweb.org).

#### **Tasks:**

- Conceptual and practical support in developing BiomassNet, esp. member recruitment
- Support of [www.biomassnet.org](http://www.biomassnet.org), esp. administration of contents, user support, cooperation with an IT consultancy in developing and implementing new features
- Support of the Dgroup ‘BiomassNet’, esp. moderation of online discussions
- Organizational and administrative support for the multidisciplinary BiomassWeb research team
- Literature search, analysis and write up

#### **Requirements:**

- Student or recent graduate (BSc/MSc or BA/MA) in agriculture, geography, economics/social sciences or similar
- Experience with agricultural and rural development issues in developing countries
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Tools; knowledge of WordPress is an advantage
- Very good organizational skills; experience in website management is an advantage
- Very good communication skills in English; knowledge of German and/or French is an advantage
- Experienced in literature analysis and capacity to become quickly acquainted with new topics
- Interest and ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multi-cultural environment

The research assistant will be based at the Center for Development Research in Bonn ([www.zef.de](http://www.zef.de)). ZEF is an international and interdisciplinary research institute of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn, Germany.

The position should be filled by 15 August 2018, or as soon as possible. The position is open until filled. In case of equal suitability, female candidates will be preferred. This is a locally recruited position requiring a German work permit; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. The contract will last until the end of 2018.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, their CV and relevant documentation as soon as possible in one PDF and via email to: Ms. Sougrynoma Sore, [s.sore@uni-bonn.de](mailto:s.sore@uni-bonn.de). Center for Development Research ZEF, Genscherallee 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany, Tel: +49 228 73 4972.