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### UNU-INRA Visiting Scholars Programme

**Organizational Unit** : United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)  
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**Applications to** : ***By Email:*** [visitingscholar@unu.edu](mailto:visitingscholar@unu.edu)  
**Closing Date** : *15<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

#### United Nations University Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, its member states and people. It serves as a think-tank for the United Nations System, contributes to capacity building particularly in developing countries, and serves as a platform for new and creative ideas and dialogue. For more information please visit: [www.unu.edu](http://www.unu.edu)

#### The Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA):

UNU-INRA is one of the fifteen Research and Training Institutes and Programmes established by UNU worldwide. The mission of UNU-INRA is to strengthen the capacity of African universities and research institutions to conduct research and produce well-trained, well-equipped and motivated individuals, capable of developing, adapting and disseminating technologies that advance food security and promote conservation and efficient use of the continent's natural resources for sustainable development. For more information please visit: [www.imra.unu.edu](http://www.imra.unu.edu)

#### Background:

UNU-INRA, with funding from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, is undertaking a three-year project entitled "Unleashing the Potential of African Rural Economies through Green Growth". The project aims to provide empirical evidence on how green growth strategies can, among others, influence employment, income generation, innovation, competitiveness and social inclusion for rural Africa under four thematic areas:

1. Green business opportunities in rural Africa
2. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and resource efficiency, productivity and resilience in rural Africa
3. Rural SMEs and ecosystem services
4. Institutions and governance for environmentally-friendly business practices

Under the project, up to ten visiting scholars are selected each year to spend 3-4 months carrying out research at UNU-INRA headquarters in Accra, Ghana, or at one of its operating units based in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, Senegal and Zambia.

## Who should apply?

This programme is reserved for applicants from the African continent who are faculty members or researchers at African universities and other research institutions. Applicants should have a PhD degree in business economics, environmental economics, natural resource economics, ecological economics, development economics, agricultural economics or any other relevant field of study.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply. (In recent years, four out of ten visiting scholars have been females.)

All candidates are expected to demonstrate excellent communication and writing skills in either French or English. A working knowledge of the second language will be an advantage.

The programme does not make provision for collection of primary data. The programme is ideal for candidates who have the relevant data and who desire an environment to undertake data analysis and write-up.

Specific research questions may be proposed to a selected candidate, but priority will be given to those candidates who already have research questions which overlap with our current thematic areas in green growth for rural Africa.

**For examples of research questions that the project seeks to address, see the attached files.**

## Contract Terms:

### Stipend

UNU-INRA will provide a monthly stipend of around USD 1,500.00 to successful applicants. The stipend is a contribution towards travel, accommodation, medical and other expenses. In exceptional cases, the Institute will consider subsidizing the travel cost pertaining to the location of the programme.

### Duration of contract

The successful candidate shall work at UNU-INRA Headquarters in Accra, Ghana, or at one of its Operating Units based in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, Senegal and Zambia, for a fixed period of four (4) months for the above-mentioned programme.

## Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by e-mail (visiting scholar@unu.edu) and must include the following:

- A completed application form (which is attached to this call);
- A curriculum vitae;
- Full contact information of two referees.

**The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**