

Crop Value Chain Manager for the International Seed Federation, Nyon, Switzerland

THE ORGANISATION

The International Seed Federation (www.worldseed.org) is based in Nyon, Switzerland. Its mission is to facilitate the international movement of seed and promote plant breeding innovation; to mobilise and represent the private seed sector at a global level; to inform its members of developments that may have an impact on the business; and to promote the interests and raise the profile of the seed sector.

In order to fulfil its mission, ISF positions itself as the voice of the seed sector at the international level and engages with the stakeholders and international organizations to pursue its vision of “a world where quality seed is accessible to all”.

VACANCY

ISF seeks a highly-motivated and qualified **Crop Value Chain Manager** whose task will be to manage ISF efforts to strengthen engagement with the food value chain and who will foster further engagement on the social, ethical and environmental responsibility of the seed sector.

This is an exciting, varied **new** role, recognizing the fact that stronger collaboration is required to solve global-scale sustainability challenges with a wide range of partners based on strong Seed Business expertise. The job creation follows ISF's recently adopted “Key strategic objectives 2021-2025” and reshaped structure.

The Crop Manager will be working within the ISF Secretariat, reporting directly to the ISF Secretary-General, and will live within commuting distance of Nyon, Switzerland.

KEY TASKS

Together with ISF's members, (s)he will spearhead efforts to build broader understanding within and outside the seed sector on the seed sector's contribution to the different forms of agricultural production.

(S)he will be a key point person for the international seed sector with relevant stakeholders within the food value chain and will support the coordination of the development of sector wide engagement at international level, both upstream and downstream, amongst others in the field of corporate social responsibility and sustainability.

(S)he will be in charge of issues related to Field and Forage and Turf Crops, and will be in charge of collection of crop-specific metrics, data, and initiatives globally.

SKILLS / BACKGROUND / EDUCATION

- A strategic thinker of a character and approach that is persuasive; the ability to communicate verbally and in writing effectively, manage and motivate project team members
- A deep understanding of agricultural business practices and the role of seeds
- Ability to collect and analyse information and present evidence
- Discrete, of good judgement, flexible and tactful when dealing with ISF members and officials

- Ability to multi-task, manage occasionally heavy workloads with tight deadlines, pay attention to details
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- At least 5-8 years business experience in the food value chain; seed sector expertise is an asset
- Minimum: University degree in Agriculture and/ or Business

The position will be open until **12 November 2021**. Interested candidates can send a cover letter and a resume to Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation careers@worldseed.org

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and the position shall remain open until a suitable candidate has been engaged.