

# Regulatory Affairs Manager for the International Seed Federation, Nyon, Switzerland

## THE ORGANISATION

The International Seed Federation ([www.worldseed.org](http://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 **Regulatory Affairs Manager** whose task will be to facilitate:

- the more efficient movement of quality seed in order to continue to deliver benefits through driving the development of globally aligned seed policies and standard
- the delivery of innovation through consistent science and risk based policies on breeding methods

The Regulatory Affairs Manager will be working within the ISF Secretariat, reporting directly to ISF’s Secretary General.

## 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 of ISF with relevant international organizations that establish various standards related to seed quality and govern the international movement of seeds such as OECD Seed Schemes, UPOV Technical Committees and ISTA.

(S)he will be in charge of overseeing the international policy developments related to plant breeding innovation, and access to new plant varieties, to achieve consistent, science- and risk-based regulations across different countries.

(S)he will be in charge of issues related to Vegetable and Ornamental crops, and managing the different ISF activities of data collection on seed marketing and international seed trade.

## SKILLS / BACKGROUND / EDUCATION

- A deep understanding of processes of molecular and classical plant breeding, regulatory issues related to; seed certification, variety registration, plant breeding, biotech and international seed quality standards

- Ability to collect, review and analyse a significant amount of scientific and regulatory information and present them in a simple, comprehensive and straightforward manner
- 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.
- 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, knowledge of other major languages is an asset.
- At least 5-8 years' experience in seeds, plant variety or biotech regulatory areas.
- Minimum: University degree in Plant Breeding, Agriculture or Horticulture. Ph.D degree is a plus.

The position will be open until **30 September 2022**. Interested candidates can send a cover letter and a resume to Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation [careers@worldseed.org](mailto:careers@worldseed.org).

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