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## Vacancies for senior regional positions in ASARECA

Dear AR4D colleagues,

We are hiring. To meet the ever increasing demand for ASARECA services, especially the higher level facilitative, supportive, coordination and advocacy roles to enhance sustainable agricultural transformation, sustained economic growth and inclusive development in the ECA sub-region, we are seeking highly qualified experts from the region to fill important positions at ASARECA Secretariat. The Secretariat therefore urges you to recommend and encourage suitable candidates to apply for this positions in order to serve you better. Here are the offers:



### **Theme Leader Technologies and Innovation**

The job holder is responsible for leading and coordinating the Thematic Area on Agricultural Transformation Technologies and Innovations. He/she will work very closely with other Theme Leaders and Programme Officers. This role aims to enhance regional collaboration in the development of agricultural technologies, innovations, and management practices (TIMPs) for selected commodities and active engagement with the private sector to facilitate exchange, dissemination and commercialization of the priority national and regional TIMPs within and across the borders. Key to this role will be the strengthening of capacities of the national and regional teams in technology generation, scaling, commercialization, and delivery systems to increase adoption of new and old TIMPs. [DOWNLOAD FULL JOB DESCRIPTION HERE](#)

### **The Executive Assistant to the Executive Director**

The portfolio holder will support the Executive Director with daily administrative duties, including completing a broad variety of administrative tasks such as managing an active calendar of appointments; making judgements and recommendations to ensure smooth day-to-day engagements; composing and preparing assorted correspondence; arranging complex and detailed travel plans, itineraries and agendas; and compiling documents for meetings. The job holder is expected to complete a broad variety of administrative tasks that facilitate the Executive

Director's ability to effectively lead the organization, including assisting with special projects; and designing and producing complex documents, reports, and presentations. [DOWNLOAD FULL JOB DESCRIPTION HERE](#)

*Dr. Enock Warinda*

*Executive Director-ASARECA*

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## News Highlights



### CoP 27: Breakthrough on financing loss and damage

The United Nations Climate Change Conference COP27 closed with a breakthrough agreement to provide “loss and damage” funding for vulnerable countries hit hard by climate disasters. “This outcome moves us forward,” said Simon Stiell, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary. “We have determined a way forward on a decades-long conversation on funding for loss and damage – deliberating over how we address the impacts on communities whose lives and livelihoods have been ruined by the very worst impacts of climate change.”

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### ASARECA mobilizes region to tackle market challenges

In addition to climate related risks, access to market information is still a major hindrance to cross-border trade in agricultural commodities in Eastern and Central Africa. For this reason, ASARECA recently convened the “Policy dialogue on enhancing

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### What does Kenya's GMOs clearance mean for Africa?

The decision of the Government of Kenya to lift a ban on importing and producing genetically modified (GM) food could boost research and development in biotechnology and alleviate food insecurity in the country. A cabinet meeting earlier in October lifted a ten-year ban on the importation of GM food to combat climate change and foster food security in a country hit by a global food crisis driven by extreme weather. What does this mean for Africa as a whole?

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### NARO anti-tick vaccine approved for on-farm trials

The Government of Uganda has officially flagged off NARO's anti-tick vaccine for on-farm field trials. The vaccine that is now being

access to market information for cross-border trade in Agricultural commodities”, to find lasting solutions to the challenges. The Dialogue Developed a Roadmap for Improved Access to Market Information for Uptake of Climate Smart Agriculture Innovations

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### **Burundi farmers adopting nature based solutions**

Through a UN project, over 2,000 farmers in Burundi are adopting nature-based solutions to adapt to less predictable weather in Burundi. In partnership with Burundi’s Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, the project called the Adapting to Climate Change in the Lake Victoria Basin initiative, has provided funding and training for farming cooperatives to plant 230,000 trees, including avocado and grevillea, to help prevent soil erosion.

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### **Kenya: Scientists team up to control fall army worms**

The Kenyan government has partnered with multinational research organizations to develop an eco-friendly pest management

rolled out for the final trial stage passed the tests for the initial stages of prequalification. It will be undertaken at NARO Mbarara ZARDI, Isimba Prison Farm in Masindi district, Kiburara Prison Farm in Ibanda district, Maruzi Research Station in Apac district, and Nabuin ZARDI in Nabilatuk district. These locations represent the pastoral rangelands, Western Highlands, Lake Albert Crescent, Mid-North Savannah Grasslands, and Karomaja Drylands Agro-Ecological Zones respectively. *Read full story* [HERE](#)

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### **Cameroon resolves to become wheat producer**

Cameroon President Paul Biya says the government will increase funding to grow more wheat after protests over wheat shortages and price spikes sparked by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Before Russia’s Black Sea blockade, Cameroon imported 60 percent of its wheat from Ukraine. The cut-off has led to a nearly 50 percent increase in the price of bread. Effectively, the government immediately disbursed over \$15 million to grow wheat in the central African state. *Read full story* [HERE](#)

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### **Sudan agriculture technologies reach**



technology to contain the spread of fall army worms. The project which is fronted by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and ICIPE is on trial phase and is expected to be concluded by February 2023. [Read full story HERE](#)

### 10.6 million farmers

Through the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation program, there is a potential for doubling the productivity of maize, rice, wheat and six other vital commodities in Sudan. By November 2020, 10.6 million farmers had already benefited from the initiative. [Read full story HERE](#)



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