

# DIVERSIFYING FOOD SYSTEMS

Horticultural Innovations and Learning for Improved Nutrition And Livelihood in EastAfrica

(HORTINLEA)

Programme "GlobE - Global Food Security"

National Research Strategy BioEconomy 2030 of the Federal Republic of Germany

## Call for Applications

Applications for the Doctoral Programme within the framework of the joint international research project HORTINLEA are welcome.

The general objective of project HORTINLEA is to address pressing challenges of undernutrition, poverty and sustainability and to improve the livelihood and nutritional situation in particular of the rural and urban poor in East Africa by producing knowledge helping to improve and increase horticultural production especially of indigenous vegetables.

The subproject "Gender Order: Embedding gender in horticultural value chains to close or reduce the productivity gap" invites applications for 2 PhD-positions beginning in 2014.

### **Core eligibility criteria:**

Nationals of African countries are invited to apply for the subproject.

This crosscutting subproject intends to empirically understand the gender dynamics in the horticultural value chain. It will investigate the changes within gender arrangements, in the division of labour and in productivity (productivity gap), that take place when a shift from a subsistence economy to a more market and partly export oriented production system takes place. Considering the important role of women in agriculture and horticulture with their overall contribution to food security and social reproduction, this project regards gender analysis and learning as important for understanding the complex interrelationship between food production, resources management and social relations.

The candidates' qualities are demonstrated by

- Master's degree in Agricultural related degree. Rural Sociology and/or Social Sciences will be an added advantage
- Background knowledge in Gender Studies
- Background knowledge in qualitative research methods
- Excellent oral and written skills in English
- Very good social and communicative skills
- Prepared to do empirical field research in urban, peri-urban and rural areas.

## Scholarship and financing

A competitive salary will be provided during the research phase at one of the Kenyan and Tanzanian partner universities. A doctoral scholarship will be awarded to cover costs while conducting research at German partner universities.

### How to apply:

Interested applicants are required to submit the following documents via email:

1. Cover letter
2. Current Curriculum Vitae, including at least 2 academic referees (Recommended Europass CV format form can be downloaded at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home>). If this is not possible, please provide a 3 page cv.
3. Certified copies (in PDF format) of academic certificates and transcripts of degree courses taken; and
4. Preferably short summary of master thesis (max. 3 pages)

Please send your application to: [a.kingiri@acts.or.ke](mailto:a.kingiri@acts.or.ke) and [parto.teherani-kroenner@agrار.hu-berlin.de](mailto:parto.teherani-kroenner@agrار.hu-berlin.de) as well as [guelay.caglar@cms.hu-berlin.de](mailto:guelay.caglar@cms.hu-berlin.de)

Applications must be received by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Pre-selected applicants will be invited for an interview in Nairobi around 23<sup>rd</sup> October.