



## Industrial Promotion Services

### Job Description

<b>Position title</b>	Agronomist – Yellow Passion Fruit
<b>Background:</b> Industrial Promotion Services (IPS) is the infrastructure and industrial development arm of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development, which in turn is a member of the <a href="#">Aga Khan Development Network</a> . Industrial Promotion Services (IPS) is dedicated to promoting private sector entrepreneurship and building economically sound enterprises in the developing world. IPS invests in projects within East Africa across a wide range of sectors, including: Food and Agro Processing, Printing and Packaging, Textiles, Leather processing, Pharmaceuticals, Power and Telecommunications.	
<b>Position Summary:</b> The project aims to enhance the growing of yellow passion fruit ( <i>Passiflora edulis</i> var. <i>flavicarpa</i> ) (YPF) in the Kenyan.  We are therefore seeking to engage an Agronomist specialized in the growing of yellow passion fruit to be based in Kenya for an initial 1- 2 years consultancy contract.	
<b>Roles and Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide leadership in the agronomy of growing YPF in order to improve productivity and increase crop yields;</li><li>• To impart technical knowhow and skill development to the company's extension team;</li><li>• To evaluate existing demo farms and scale up establishment of model farms as well as outgrower schemes, incorporating best practices;</li><li>• To undertake regular field visits, monitoring progress and addressing agronomic challenges – implementing the appropriate measures;</li><li>• To develop crop budgets and plans as well as relevant field reports;</li><li>• To identify high yielding varieties of YPF and undertake the relevant trials;</li><li>• To recommend and implement best postharvest handling of the crop.</li></ul>	
<b>Qualification and Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum 10 years' experience in breeding and or selection of yellow passion fruit to isolate and develop high yielding clones/types.</li><li>• Comprehensive knowledge and skill in managing pests and diseases associated with the yellow passion fruit.</li><li>• Minimum 5 years' hands-on experience in growing yellow passion fruit.</li><li>• Extensive knowledge and exposure to the passion fruit industry, its market standards, regulations, costs, margins etc.</li><li>• Holder of a minimum Diploma in Agriculture Minimum Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in an agriculturally related field.</li><li>• Ability to communicate effectively in English</li></ul>	
<b>To Apply:</b> Applications together with detailed Curriculum Vitae, names of three referees, telephone contact, e-mail address and copies of certificates should be sent to the Head of Human Resources, Industrial Promotions Services, P. O. Box 30500-00100, Nairobi or by email to <a href="mailto:careers@ipskenya.com">careers@ipskenya.com</a> by the 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2016.	