

The Broker and the Food & Business Knowledge Platform are looking for a:

Food Security Knowledge Broker (medior, 0.8–0.9 FTE)

The Broker was established in 2007 to conduct knowledge brokering in the field of inclusive sustainable development. We connect scientists, academics, policymakers and practitioners to contribute to inclusive, sustainable and evidence-based policy making. With a team made up of ideologically-driven young professionals, The Broker is housed in The Hague's 'Bazaar of Ideas' building.

The Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP) was initiated in 2013 by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support the global quest for food and nutrition security by strengthening knowledge sharing, research and innovation. After a positive evaluation of the platform's activities over the last five years, a new phase (2019–2022) was awarded by the Ministry. Future ambitions for the platform are to intensify the links between Dutch knowledge and multilateral organizations and realize a better connection between research, policy and the implementation of the food security policy of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The F&BKP will continue as a knowledge programme being part of an envisioned Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP), which is currently in the process of being established. The NFP will aim to improve the practice and policies for the transformation of food systems, within the context of SDG2. The knowledge programme will be tasked to collect, connect and combine Dutch knowledge and skills for deployment in bi- and multilateral food-related programmes and link Dutch knowledge with local knowledge and expertise. It will aim "to make knowledge work" by sharing effective interventions, as well as showing what works, how, when, and under what conditions. It aims to add value by bridging professional divides in knowledge (co-)creation, exchange and use.

The knowledge programme is supported by a secretariat in The Hague ('the Office'), which is staffed by a team of part-time knowledge brokers and support staff from The Broker, AgriProFocus and the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation – Wageningen UR. We are looking for a medior professional with some experience in knowledge management, preferably in the agriculture and food sector, to join the F&BKP team in the Office (0.6–0.7 fte) and The Broker team (0.2–0.3 fte).

Knowledge brokering

As a knowledge broker in both teams you will:

- Connect the demand and supply of knowledge and information
- Facilitate processes of knowledge (co-)creation, exchange and use
- Facilitate the inclusion of all relevant (knowledge) actors in such processes
- Be a generalist and able to assess the content of our work in broad terms, as well as its relevance for policy and practice
- Work entrepreneurially, innovatively and journalistically and be capable of solid project management

Responsibilities and tasks

The knowledge brokers in the F&BKP team are jointly responsible for:

- Identification and articulation of knowledge questions relevant for food and nutrition security policy and practice
- Efficient organization and advisory support to knowledge-sharing processes, engaging with stakeholders working in and with low and middle income countries (LMICs)
- Aggregation, analysis and deepening of knowledge on food security together with the various stakeholder groups
- Effective facilitation of dialogue and debate to link knowledge and research with practice and policy (this could involve using thematic or expert meetings and online communities of practice)
- Value addition to existing information and knowledge, in general, and to promising innovations, in particular, working towards their future use in LMICs by facilitating out-of-the-box development and the dissemination of inspiring knowledge products

Required competences

In line with the responsibilities of this role, we are looking for a professional who has:

- An academic background (MA/MSc) and excellent analytical skills, and who thinks and acts strategically, while being service-oriented and pragmatic at the same time
- 2–5 years of experience working in agribusiness, food and nutrition, development economics, development studies or related fields
- A strong interest in emerging economies and developing countries
- Experience with knowledge management and knowledge brokering, especially in relation to the private sector
- Excellent networking skills and sensitivity to different cultures and the various interests of stakeholders
- Good (oral and written) communication (and editing) skills, and is capable of clear messaging
- A flexible attitude and is adaptive to surrounding developments
- Good interpersonal skills and personal attributes such as flexibility, curiosity and self-confidence
- Fluency in spoken and written Dutch and English; knowledge of French or Arabic is an advantage

Offer

The Broker offers a challenging position in a dynamic and international working environment. The position is located in The Hague and may require occasional (international) travel. The successful applicant will be employed for one year initially with a possible further two-year or open-end extension. The salary will be €2,500–4,000 per month (based on fulltime employment), depending on experience and range of duties. Additionally, you will receive 25 paid holidays (based on fulltime employment).

Please send your application before 11 February 2019 to office@thebrokeronline.eu, mentioning 'Vacancy Knowledge Broker' in the subject line. Your motivation letter (max. one page) and CV should be addressed to Vanessa Nigten, senior knowledge broker at The Broker, and Frans Verberne, coordinator of the Food & Business Knowledge Platform.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact Vanessa Nigten (06–41310808 or vanessa@thebrokeronline.eu) for more information (available after 20 January).