

2008 DEVELOPMENT MARKETPLACE ASSESSOR INFORMATION

The 2008 Global Development Marketplace (DM2008) on *Sustainable Agriculture for Development* is a joint effort between the World Bank's Development Marketplace (DM) and Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) teams. DM2008 will award at least US\$4 million in awards to winning projects at the Marketplace, scheduled for September 24-25, 2008. To learn more, please visit our website at www.developmentmarketplace.org.

With the call for proposals out, DM is now recruiting assessors to review the submitted proposals and select the 100 or so finalists for the 2008 Global Development Marketplace.

WHY BECOME A DM ASSESSOR?

The DM Assessment process is a unique experience that offers several benefits:



Assessors review proposals for DM2007

⇒ **Provides you with the opportunity to collaborate with professionals working in similar fields within the World Bank and at numerous external organizations.** In 2007, 220 experts from more than 70 organizations participated.

⇒ **Presents a rare glimpse into new, on-the-ground development ideas.** The global competition typically receives about 2,500 applications from around the world, most of which come from small, local organizations.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

We are looking for assessors with a range of experience who are working in the following areas:

- Linking small-scale farmers to input-output markets
- Improving land access and tenure for the poor
- Promoting environmental services of agriculture in addressing climate change and biodiversity conservation

Please note: If you have submitted a proposal or are a member of a team that is submitting a proposal for DM2008, you may not be eligible to participate in the assessment process.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A DM ASSESSOR?

The DM2008 call for proposals closes on March 21, 2008. Assessors will then review submitted proposals and help select roughly 100 finalists to attend the Marketplace in September.

Timing and Time Commitment for Assessors

- ⇒ Attend a 45 minute orientation of the assessment process (**April 9-17, 2008**).
- ⇒ Read a batch of approximately 35-45 proposals (3-4 pages each) and rank your top 9 proposals for discussion (**April 9-May 1, 2008**).
- ⇒ Participate in a 2 hour discussion with pre-assigned fellow assessors to jointly select the top 9 (± 2) proposals out of the entire batch that will be passed on to the next round of assessment (**May 6-9, 2008**).
- ⇒ Some assessors will be asked to participate in a 2 hour second round discussion to select the best projects within a sub-theme (**June 2-5, 2008**).

If you are interested in being a DM2008 Assessor, please email Carolyn Florey (cflorey@worldbank.org) or Kristina Stefanova (kstefanova1@worldbank.org).