

# **Vacancy for Agripool Mission**

# Youth Kick-Off Workshop in Ethiopia Ref. no. EV. 11143

### Who are we looking for?

1 young and enthusiastic agricultural professionals. You have experience in working with cooperatives or farmer organization and governance of some form. You care about the position of youth and have a big agricultural heart. You know how to reach an audience, like making a connection and debating about issues that matter. This means that you listen and understand, before giving your opinion. You enjoy giving a presentation and creating interaction with your audience. Your English skills are good enough to get your message across. Last but not least: this exciting assignment appeals to you.

#### **Context**

#### **Ethiopian Farmer Cooperatives**

Ethiopia is one of the East African countries where cooperatives are in the spotlight. As part of its effort to transform the agricultural sector, the Ethiopian government has placed large emphasis on promoting cooperatives as one of the main organizational vehicles for enhancing food security and reducing rural poverty. However, the primary cooperatives in rural areas of the country is believed as it belongs to the land owners and farmers. As a result, the cooperative sector in Ethiopia is highly occupied by old member (>40 years old).

The Youth in Ethiopia have a biased perception of agriculture and have not grasped the wealth and potential that lie in agriculture. Most young people would rather migrate to towns and work in offices and as a result they leave farming in the hands of the older generation. It has become critical to attract and train a new generation of farmers, farm leaders and agribusiness workers and managers. Since agriculture is the biggest economic sector in Ethiopia it could be the solution to the rising youth



**Country** Ethiopia

Period

From: May 13 till 19 May 2019

including travel days

**Deadline** 

asap

Number of experts we need

1



## The assignment

A key objective of the Youth Agriculture Event is to encourage organisations in the agriculture sector to invest in the youth in order for them to develop their skills so as to invest back into the economy. In line with this objective, the contribution of Agriterra Ethiopia to the event is to share experiences from the Dutch agricultural sector with promoting youth involvement in agriculture and on how to promote active youth participation in their organizations.

#### Expected results:

- More awareness of youth involvement among event participants and Agriterra clients & partners
- To have more young farmers actively participate and take up leadership positions in cooperatives and farmer organisations
- To have farmer organisations and cooperatives increase their youth membership

The language of the training will be mostly Amharic. Translation to and from the Agripooler will be facilitated.

	Profile 1	Profile 2
Knowledge	Cooperative principles and practice	
Experience	experience in a Youth Dutch	
	agricultural cooperative	
Competences	Flexible, analytical	
	Cultural sensitivity	
Language level	E /F on medium proficiency level	

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