

Call for PhD Student

Thesis title: Strengthening the Flow of Agricultural Knowledge among Stakeholders Involved in the Wheat Value Chain in Morocco: A social and policy analysis

Description of the offer (Summary of the thesis project, global and specific objectives, key words): Strengthening the flow of agricultural knowledge among agricultural stakeholders is crucial for promoting sustainable crop management practices, increasing productivity, and addressing challenges in the wheat value chain. There are many strategies to enhance the exchange of knowledge among stakeholders:

1. Establish Knowledge Sharing Platforms: Create online platforms, forums, or communities where farmers, researchers, extension agents, and policymakers can share their experiences, best practices, and knowledge use social media, websites, or dedicated online portals to facilitate discussions and information exchange and implement appropriate approaches to interact with stakeholders (farm field school for example) and encourage peer-to-peer learning
2. Extension services and training
3. Technology transfer and ICTs
4. Demonstration farms
5. Capacity building workshops: Foster partnerships between agricultural organizations, NGOs, research institutions, and private companies to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, resources, and expertise.
6. Policy support
7. Knowledge transfer and youth engagement
8. Gender equity and social development

Investigating all these components will contribute to develop a model that can be adopted to improve knowledge transfer, promote innovation and sustainable development of the wheat value chain.

Partners involved in the thesis:

INRA, ICARDA, IDRC, IAVH2/University, ONCA, Associations, Farmers

Host institution and location of work:

INRA/CRRA Settat

Qualifications:

Moroccan student or an international student with a Master on Agricultural Economics, Economics, Development, Rural Sociology, Public Policy

Eligible candidates: Eligible candidates are those who have formal pre-registration at the Moroccan Centers for Doctoral Studies (IAV Hassan II, Moroccan Universities). In order to give themselves a chance, candidates must submit their application to these Centers on time.

Application file:

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit the following documents to imane.thamialami@inra.ma and moha.ferrahi@inra.ma:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Purpose (max 2 pages) outlining your research interests and why you are interested in this project.
- Two reference letters

Application Deadline: 15 December 2023

Duration of the contract and amount of the scholarship: the amount of the doctoral scholarship is approximately **5000 MAD/month** for **3 years**, subject to the signing of a contract between **INRA** and the **candidate**.

About the host institution: <https://www.inra.org.ma/>