

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Vacancy Number: **MOA/RTCS/008/26**

Date of Issuance: August 3, 2026

Application Deadline: August 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (GMT)

Subject: Vacancy Announcement

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) invites qualified individuals to apply for the position below.

No.	Position	Number of vacancies
1.	Root and Tuber Crop Specialist	5

Applications must meet all requirements in this Vacancy Announcement. Incomplete, unsigned, or late applications will not be considered. Applicants should keep copies of all submitted documents for their records.

The Ministry of Agriculture will assess applications based on the qualifications, experience, and competencies specified in this Vacancy Announcement. The Ministry promotes diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity and encourages qualified individuals, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities who meet the minimum qualifications and job requirements to apply.

The Ministry reserves the right not to make an appointment under this Vacancy Announcement or to cancel the recruitment process at any stage without liability. The Ministry will not reimburse any costs applicants incur in preparing or submitting their applications.

Any questions regarding this Vacancy Announcement should be submitted in writing to the Human Resources Department at: vacancy@moa.gov.lr

Sincerely,

Agatha Mangou

Director of Human Resources

POSITION DESCRIPTION

ROOT AND TUBER CROP SPECIALIST

SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP	The incumbent reports to the Regional Agriculture Coordinator and works closely with County Agriculture Coordinators, District Agriculture Officers, and other Regional Specialists.
SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY	The incumbent has no direct supervisory responsibility but provides technical guidance, mentoring, and advisory support to Ministry staff and stakeholders involved in the production of root and tuber crop.

INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS	• Ministry of Agriculture Technical and Extension Departments • Research institutions • MoA Project Implementation Units • Development partners • Private sector actors • Cooperatives and farmer organizations
ISSUANCE DATE	August 3, 2026
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POSITION SUMMARY The Root and Tuber Crop Specialist supports planning, coordination, and implementation of regional root and tuber crop development programs to improve productivity, resilience, and food security. The position provides technical leadership in research, varietal evaluation, seed multiplication, technology dissemination, and sustainable production of cassava, yam, sweet potato, taro, and cocoyam. The role coordinates with extension services, CARI, SDCA, development partners, and private sector stakeholders. It maintains production databases, supports monitoring and evaluation, and prepares technical reports to inform evidence-based planning and decision-making.	
KEY RESULT AREAS • Production and productivity of priority root and tuber crops • Availability and distribution of quality planting materials • Adoption of improved root and tuber crop production technologies • Commercialization and value addition of root and tuber crops • Information Management, Monitoring, and Reporting	
MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES a. GENERAL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES: • Support the planning, coordination, and implementation of root and tuber crop development programs and projects within the assigned region. • Coordinate root and tuber crop interventions with County Agriculture Coordinators, extension personnel, CARI, SDCA, development partners, and private sector actors. • Prepare and submit timely technical reports, work plans, progress updates, and recommendations in accordance with Ministry of Agriculture reporting requirements. • Maintain accurate records and databases on root and tuber crop production, farmer groups, improved varieties, planting materials, field demonstrations, and related interventions. • Support monitoring and evaluation of root and tuber crop projects and ensure compliance with approved technical guidelines and standards. • Provide technical inputs into agricultural policies, strategies, investment programs, and initiatives related to root and tuber crop development.	

b. CORE TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES: • Formulate and submit root and tuber crop research proposals to stakeholders. • Conduct research and develop improved production technologies for cassava, yam, sweet potato, taro, and cocoyam. • Carry out varietal trials, seed multiplication, and distribution programs in collaboration with partners. • Provide technical expertise in the development of root and tuber crop management tools, manuals, and guidelines. • Host training sessions for extension agents, seed producers, farmers, and farmer organizations. • Provide technical backstopping in root and tuber crop production and management at CARI. • Conduct yield forecasting and participate in risk management assessments related to root and tuber crop production. • Participate in technical discussions and activities related to the design of Ministry of Agriculture programs and projects in root and tuber crop production. • Conduct field assessments of root and tuber crop performance and sustainability. • Promote climate-smart and environmentally sustainable practices in root and tuber crop production.
DUTY STATION: Applicants must indicate the Regional Office for which they are applying. The Ministry of Agriculture has five Regional Offices. Region 1 – Tubmanburg (Bomi County); Region 2 – Gbarnga (Bong County); Region 3 – Buchanan (Grand Bassa County); Region 4 – Zwedru (Grand Gedeh County); and Region 5 – Barclayville (Grand Kru County).
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION: Education: Master of Science (MSc.) degree in Agronomy, Crop Science, Plant Breeding, or related field with specialization in root and tuber crops. Prior Work Experience: Minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible professional experience in root and tuber crop production, agricultural extension, crop development programs, or related technical agricultural work. Technical Knowledge: Demonstrated knowledge of root and tuber crop production systems, agronomic practices, and climate-smart agriculture approaches. Skills and Competencies: • Strong analytical, communication, report-writing, and stakeholder engagement skills. • Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint). • Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team. • Ability to ride a motorcycle and undertake extensive field travel.
CORE VALUES: • Integrity • Credibility • Ethical Conduct • Transparency • Accountability • Teamwork
APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: • Applicants must submit a signed letter of application and a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) not exceeding three (3) pages. • Applicants must submit copies of academic diplomas, certificates, or any other supporting documents relevant to the position.

- Applicants must provide the names and contact information for three (3) professional references.
- Applications must be received on or before the closing date and time specified in Section I and submitted to vacancy@moa.gov.lr
- Applications must clearly reference the Vacancy Announcement Number.
- Incomplete, unsigned, or late applications will not be considered.

NOTE: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The Ministry of Agriculture is committed to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, especially women, youth, and persons with disabilities who meet the minimum eligibility requirements.