CALL FOR ARTICLES

ICT Update magazine: call for articles on ICT entrepreneurship in agriculture

ICT Update magazine is looking for articles for their forthcoming issue, which will deal with ICT entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector (or e-agriculture entrepreneurship), especially by young entrepreneurs.

Owing to the improved penetration of digital communication technologies, an increasing number of commercial and social innovation ventures have emerged around the use of ICTs in the agricultural sector. Mobile applications and e-platforms have developed, offering services to agricultural stakeholders in African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries, with various levels of success for crop, livestock, fisheries and forestry production and management.

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), which is the publisher of the ICT Update magazine, would like to hear from anyone who is involved in e-agriculture start-ups, activities with incubators and accelerators, or activities of national and international institutions supporting tech entrepreneurship.

The Centre is interested in articles that explore and present case studies on ICT for agriculture entrepreneurship, especially led by young entrepreneurs (below 40 years of age). More specifically, we are interested in articles dealing with the opportunities and challenges that occur in e-agriculture entrepreneurship, the nature and market of that kind of entrepreneurship, opportunities for youth employment, the impacts of ICT entrepreneurship on agricultural development, and the implementation of profitable business models. Other relevant topics include funding and investments issues, women entrepreneurs, tips for e-agriculture entrepreneurs for collaboration with telecom operators, etc.

We are particularly interested in cases and analyses describing work carried out in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific, although relevant writing focused on other world regions will be considered.

Interested authors are requested to please send a brief description of their intended article for consideration. The deadline to receive the description is 4 July 2016.

Chosen writers will be sent comments for production of their article (between 700 and 1200 words). Some interesting articles which will not be selected for ICT Update could be published on other platforms.

Additionally, please share with us any online resources, publications, papers, and reports related to ICT for agriculture entrepreneurship for inclusion in the ICT Update issue.

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