

Bees for Development - Professional

Beekeeping is an income-generating activity much practised in developing commonwealth countries in Africa. Bees are less expensive than other forms of livestock, they do not need daily care and feeding and yet the market for good quality honey and beeswax is thriving.

In Ghana cashew-farmers who keep bees produce twice as many cashew nuts than farmers without bees, due to the pollination the bees provide.

The Fellowship will provide exposure, new knowledge and enhanced capacity to professionals who are dedicated to supporting this otherwise marginalised sector.

On returning to their home countries the Fellows will return to their roles as change-agents and work for organisations who serve beekeepers nationwide and in addition to delivering services directly (knowledge, information, scientific advances) they will also catalyse like-minded organisations to support the sector.

Eligibility

Our programme focuses on fellows working in the beekeeping development sector. We welcome applications from early-career and mid career professionals interested to develop skills in beekeeping training, education and development of training resources. We are looking for talented and enthusiastic people working directly with grassroots communities and wish to develop their skills in engaging with communities, designing and fundraising for beekeeping projects, supporting people to access markets for honey and beeswax and communicating the importance of apiculture development for poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation.

Proposed Programme Dates: 15/03/2027 to 23/04/2027

Priority Theme: Promoting innovation and entrepreneurship

Recruiting from an established network: No

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