



## **Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship 2008**

### **for research on conservation and use of forest genetic resources in Sub-Saharan Africa**

Bioversity International is pleased to announce the Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship for the year 2008.

The Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship scheme was launched in 2002 to honour the memory and celebrate the work of Dr Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo on forest genetic resources. Dr Ouédraogo led Bioversity International's forestry programme from 1993-1999. As Bioversity's Director for Sub-Saharan Africa he led the organization's activities in the region until his untimely death in a plane crash in January 2001. As founding Director of the Forest Tree Seed Centre in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and Coordinator of the FAO/CILSS regional forest genetic resources programme, he made a tremendous impact nationally and regionally, taking his skills to the international level through serving on various FAO, CIRAD-Forêt, IUFRO and IUCN committees. Dr Ouédraogo left an indelible mark on Bioversity International and the world forestry community as a whole. At the time of his death he was exploring ways to bring young African scientists into the international research environment; his ideas are incorporated into the Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship.

**National scientists from Sub-Saharan Africa are now invited to apply for the Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship for 2008**, to work with Bioversity International for a period of up to six months, in one of the organization's locations in Africa (Nairobi, Cotonou, Douala, Kampala). Bioversity International will support the travel, subsistence and research expenses of the Fellow up to an amount of US\$10,000.

The proposed work should fall within the area of conservation and use of forest genetic resources and be linked to, or complement, Bioversity's research programme, details of which can be found at <http://www.bioversityinternational.org>. Proposals that link Bioversity's work to that of other research and development institutes in Africa will be particularly welcome.

Application forms and guidelines for preparation of the research proposals in English and French are available at: [http://www.bioversityinternational.org/About\\_Us/Fellowships/Abdou-Salam\\_Oueadrogo\\_Fellowship/index.asp](http://www.bioversityinternational.org/About_Us/Fellowships/Abdou-Salam_Oueadrogo_Fellowship/index.asp) or can be requested by email.

Applications must include a cover letter, application form, full *curriculum vitae*, and a letter of support. Short-listed candidates will then be invited to develop a full proposal from which the final selection will be made.

**Applications must be received at Bioversity International by 30 May 2008** to the following address: Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship, Attn. Ms. Elisabetta Rossetti, Bioversity International, Via dei Tre Denari 472 /a, 00057 Maccarese, Rome, Italy, Fax: +39 06 61979661; Email: [e.rossetti@cgiar.org](mailto:e.rossetti@cgiar.org)

Short-listed candidates will be contacted by 15 June 2008, and will be invited to submit a full research proposal by 15 July 2008. The final decision will be made by 1 September. The successful candidate is required to take up his/her fellowship before 1 October 2008.

The Abdou-Salam Ouédraogo Fellowship Scheme is funded by donations from Dr. Ouédraogo's friends, colleagues and institutional collaborators. Donations from other

sources are matched by a donation from Bioversity. Contributions to the fund are welcome (contact: Ms. J.Luzon, Bioversity International, Via dei Tre Denari 472/a, 00057 Maccarese, Rome, Italy; [j.luzon@cgiar.org](mailto:j.luzon@cgiar.org)).