



**Position: Non-Executive Director**

**Location: Africa-based**

**Commitment: 1 day per month, including 2x in-person meetings per year, minimum 2 year term**

## **About iSDA**

iSDA is redefining what's possible in African agriculture.

We're the organisation behind **Virtual Agronomist** - Africa's fastest-growing AI-powered advisory platform - built to boost the incomes and resilience of millions of small-scale farmers. With science at our core and scale as our goal, we're delivering expert, hyperlocal advice to farmers across the continent - at a fraction of the cost of traditional extension services.

Since launching Virtual Agronomist in 2024, we've reached over 250,000 farmers across multiple countries - with proven impact on yields and profitability. Our diverse and ambitious team operates across Africa and Europe, and we're just getting started.

Born out of leading scientific institutions (Rothamsted Research, IITA, World Agroforestry) and backed by the Gates Foundation, iSDA is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organisation using digital innovation to tackle real-world farming challenges across Africa.

As we scale, we're looking for a seasoned, strategic and values-aligned Non-Executive Director to help guide our next phase of growth.

## **The Role**

As a Non-Executive Director, you'll bring independent insight, challenge, and guidance to the Board and leadership team. You'll help us stay bold, focused, and accountable - ensuring we remain effective stewards of our mission as we grow.

This is a unique opportunity to shape the future of one of the most exciting and impactful digital ag-advisory platforms on the continent.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide independent strategic input and challenge to the executive team
- Contribute to long-term planning, innovation, and performance oversight
- Support governance, compliance, and risk management
- Help strengthen external relationships, partnerships, and visibility



- Champion iSDA's mission and values as an ambassador for our work

### **Who We're Looking For**

You are a senior leader with a strong track record in African agriculture, innovation, or development - and a belief in the power of technology to drive real, lasting impact.

You bring:

- A deep commitment to improving smallholder livelihoods across Africa
- Experience at board or senior leadership level
- Strong strategic thinking and sound judgement
- A collaborative approach to support and challenge executive teams
- Familiarity with governance, risk, and regulatory frameworks
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills

We especially welcome candidates with expertise in:

- Government relations or public-private partnerships
- Legal or financial governance
- Digital innovation or communications strategy

### **Why Join Us?**

- Play a pivotal role in a mission-led organisation scaling fast across Africa
- Help shape the future of agtech and smallholder support
- Work with a committed, high-performing Board and leadership team
- Make a measurable difference to millions of lives

### **How to Apply**

To express your interest, please send your CV and a short cover letter outlining your suitability to: **[info@isda-africa.com](mailto:info@isda-africa.com)**

We plan to hold final in-person interviews at **AGRF in Dakar, September 2025**, with virtual alternatives available for exceptional candidates.

iSDA is committed to diversity and inclusion and welcomes applications from all backgrounds.