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Job position

1. Team leader (Agronomy, forestry or economics)
2. Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) expert
3. Value chains expert
4. Private sector and investments expert
5. Communication expert

Project description

Technical support to the Donor's Headquarter and its country offices abroad but much more to the partner countries to ensure sustainable forest management, reduce deforestation/forest degradation, promote sustainable investments and decent jobs in the frame of the SDGs, Paris Agreement and New-York Declaration on forests.

Duration

4 years

Starting Date

October 2019

Place of work

Brussels, with 3 to 5 missions abroad per year

Requested profile / Qualifications

1. Team Leader, overall coordination and quality assurance – Estimated working days: 220 days per year

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in Agronomy Natural Sciences, Economics or equivalent. An MSc degree is required, while a PhD degree is an asset.
- Excellent analysis, synthesis and drafting skills.
- Excellent organisational and coordination skills.
- Fluent writing and speaking English and French. Knowledge of other languages widely used in developing countries is an asset.
- Sound knowledge of the project cycle management. In particular, a good understanding of the European Commission programming and project procedures for development cooperation is an asset.
- Good knowledge of forest-related and development-related international processes, initiatives or commitments, e.g. New-York Declaration on Forest, UNFF, COFO, UNFCCC, ITTO, Agenda 2030, aid effectiveness agenda, EU policies and strategies (e.g. EU FLEGT Action Plan; new EU Consensus on Development, new Africa – Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs).

General professional experience

- At least 15 years of professional experience in project management and/or policy dialogue related to development cooperation, in the forest sector or natural resources.



Specific professional experience

- Experience as a team leader for at least 5 years.
- At least 5 years of professional experience in programme management in the area of forest in or for developing countries. Previous professional experience with EU funded projects is an asset.
- At least 5 years of field experience in developing countries.
- Experience in negotiation, participatory and consultative processes, including facilitating workshops, stakeholder consultations, project evaluation and policy reform processes.
- Experience of technical expertise on forest issues, e.g. project reports, consultancy reports, training sessions on the theme, project management, scientific papers.
- Experience in climate-related projects (REDD+ mechanisms, National Determined Contribution, adaptation, zero-deforestation agriculture) is an asset.
- Specific work in sector reform programmes and budget support programmes is an asset.

2. Senior Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) expert – Estimated working days: 200 days per year

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in Agronomy Natural Sciences, Economics or equivalent. An MSc degree is required, while a PhD degree is an asset.
- Excellent analysis, synthesis and drafting skills.
- Excellent organisational and coordination skills.
- Fluent writing and speaking English. Knowledge of French and other languages widely used in developing countries is an asset.
- Sound knowledge of the SFM practices.
- Knowledge of forest-related trade regulation, EU policies and strategies (e.g. EU FLEGT Action Plan; new EU Consensus on Development, new Africa – Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs).

General professional experience

- At least 12 years of professional experience in analysing, reviewing and developing SFM strategies and programmes.

Specific professional experience

- At least 7 years of professional experience in programme management and/or policy design in the area of forest in or for developing countries. Previous professional experience with EU funded projects is an asset.
- At least 5 years of field experience in developing countries.
- Experience of technical expertise on forest issues, e.g. project reports, consultancy reports, training sessions on the theme, project management, scientific papers.
- Experience in establishing and managing participatory and consultative processes, project evaluation and regulatory reform processes is an asset.



3. Value chains expert – Estimated working days: 200 days per year

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in Agronomy Natural Sciences, Economics or equivalent. An MSc degree is required, while a PhD degree is an asset.
- Excellent analysis, synthesis and drafting skills.
- Fluent writing and speaking English. Knowledge of French and other languages widely used in developing countries is an asset.

General professional experience

- At least 12 years of professional experience in the forest and/or agriculture sectors, of which at least 5 in developing countries.

Specific professional experience

- At least 4 years of professional experience in analysis, developing and implementing sustainable forest-related and/or deforestation-free agriculture value chains.
- Experience in traceability, certification systems and forest monitoring.
- Good knowledge of private sector interventions in free-deforestation commodities supply chain.
- Good knowledge of wood products manufacturing and trade
- Experience in participatory and consultative processes, including facilitating workshops, stakeholder consultations, project evaluation and policy reform processes.

4. Private sector and investments expert – Estimated working days: 200 days per year

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in Economics, Business or equivalent. An MSc degree is required, while a PhD degree is an asset.
- Excellent analysis, synthesis and drafting skills.
- Excellent organisational and coordination skills.
- Fluent writing and speaking English. Knowledge of French and other languages widely used in developing countries is an asset.
- Sound knowledge of the business climate and private sector related to forest.
- Good knowledge of forest-related investment and commercial activities and of financial mechanisms (blending, guarantee funds, credit funds, trust funds,...).

General professional experience

- At least 10 years of professional experience in analysing, reviewing and developing investment projects, of which at least 5 years for investments in developing countries.

Specific professional experience

- At least 3 years of professional experience in investment programme management in the area of forest or natural resources in or for developing countries. Previous professional experience with EU blending mechanisms is an asset.
- Experience in negotiation, pre-feasibility study/evaluation and stakeholder consultations.
- Knowledge of the forest-related value chains and/or wood industry is an asset.



5. Communication expert – Estimated working days: 120 days per year

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in Journalism, Communication sciences, Publicity or Marketing or equivalent professional experience (3 years in the field of communication).
- Excellent communication skills.
- Fluent written and spoken English and French. Knowledge of other languages widely used in developing countries is an asset.
- Sound knowledge of current communication tools and technologies (including social media).
- Familiar with professional software for laying out/editing documents and preparing presentations.

General professional experience

- At least 5 years of professional experience in the field of communication, organisation of events and learning process.

Specific professional experience

- At least 3 years of experience in coordinating and delivering communication and visibility campaigns using various tools, in the field of development cooperation or forest.
- Experience in the field of journalism or copywriting for publications, websites and social media.
- Ability to adapt style to a variety of audiences, e.g. expert, general public.
- Previous professional experience with the development and promotion of methodological tools or learning materials is an asset.

In addition to the individual expertise, the team must offer the following skills:

- Experience related to investments
- Knowledge of Public Finance Management, fiscal policies and incentives
- Good knowledge of Spanish
- Knowledge of the landscape approach, nexus agriculture-forest, nexus forest-climate change/biodiversity
- Sound knowledge of the European Commission Aid Delivery methods. Good understanding of the European Commission programming and project procedures for development cooperation, particularly regarding project cycle management and budget support.