

The World Wide Fund for Nature seeks an **CLIMATE CHANGE & REDD+ COORDINATOR**

WWF Cameroon Country Program Office (CCPO) supported by the WWF Network, implements its National Strategic Plan in alignment with the Government's Biodiversity Conservation Vision (NBSAP, PRO-PSFE), the Green Heart Of Africa (GHOA) regional conservation strategy and to contribute to WWF's global conservation objectives.

Within the Framework of its National Strategic Plan, WWF Cameroon supports the Cameroonian Government with the development of a National Strategy to "Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)". This National REDD+ Strategy is expected to outline Cameroon's future REDD+ engagement including objectives, planning, implementation and monitoring systems and benefit sharing mechanisms for REDD+ Projects and Programs that contribute to the protection and sustainable management of forest resources to reduce carbon emissions. REDD+-pilot projects are to be established within larger administrative (jurisdictional) units and are expected to serve as testing grounds for effective carbon sequestration and for the participation and benefit sharing of relevant stakeholders, namely local communities. As such, experiences from pilot projects will help to inform the development of a national, country-wide REDD+- strategy.

We are looking for a Climate Change & REDD+ Coordinator who will act as focal point for CCPO Climate Change & REDD support and will liaise with and support the REDD+-mandated Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) in all technical aspects related to the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, the promotion of jurisdictional REDD Projects and the development of the country's REDD+ Forest Investment Plan.

Location: Yaounde, Cameroon

Type of contract: Fixed Term contract (01 year, renewable)

Main responsibilities:

- Contribute to the global policy agenda and to the national dialogue on Climate change (CC) & REDD+, and ensure that relevant issues and conclusions are translated into policy actions at the regional and national levels;
- Assist the Cameroon Government, in particular the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) to fulfil relevant criteria for accessing Carbon Funds under the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), to prepare a corresponding comprehensive proposal and to help apply for additional/alternative donors (e.g. voluntary carbon funds);
- Assist the Cameroon Government, in particular the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) with the elaboration of a Forest Carbon Investment Plan;
- Prepare Climate change & REDD-related concept notes and proposals as requested by donors;
- As CC & REDD-Focal Point organize and/or represent WWF as needed in REDD+ or Climate Change-related meetings, workshops, conferences, events at national level and help to consolidate WWF's role as one of the Government's key partner organizations for REDD development;

- Establish close cooperation and partnerships with stakeholders and institutions crucial for the further development of a national REDD Strategy in Cameroon, especially decision-makers within governments, inter-government agencies, private sector, CSOs;
- Network with CC & REDD projects and experts in other countries and within the WWF network to seek support and guidance based on experiences and lessons learnt that are relevant in the Cameroonian context
- Assist with the planning, implementation and monitoring of jurisdictional REDD pilot projects according to donor expectations and funding requirements;
- Ensure proper participation of local communities and local CSOs in the development of pilot projects with particular consideration of established 'Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)' guidelines;
- Support the REDD-related capacity development of key actors at regional and local levels;
- Prepare, organize and evaluate REDD-related studies and consulting missions to address on specific technical topics within the context of pilot projects;
- Attend CC& REDD-related meetings and workshops at regional and local levels as requested by WWF Program Managers and Government Authorities;
- Prepare and review technical reports on CC& REDD.

What you need:

Required Qualifications

- An advanced degree in natural science, biological science, social sciences, forestry sciences, agricultural sciences public policy or related field. Specific qualifications in the field of Climate Change or REDD will be an advantage;
- Technical proficiency in the field of conservation, natural-resource management and international development;
- Comprehensive knowledge and good understanding of on-going CC & REDD+ processes in Cameroon;
- Good knowledge in forestry and environmental legislative and regulatory framework;
- A minimum of 5 years related professional experience, including some in Africa, ideally in the Congo Basin region.

Required Skills and Competencies

- Strong working knowledge of forest management, REDD+ policy and project development and carbon finance;
- Strong capacity and methodological skills to facilitate participatory processes;
- Demonstrated experience in public policy related to climate and/or biodiversity conservation, including requirements for FCPF funding mechanisms;
- Demonstrated experience in proposal development and fundraising;
- Successful experience in working closely with Government counterparts and other key partners from national to community level;
- Adhere to WWF's values: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging.

How to apply?

Email a cover letter and a resume to recruit-cam@wwfcam.org.

The subject should read CCR.

Deadline for applications: **18th October 2015**

PLEASE Kindly note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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