

Vacancy in our Africa Department

Consultant in Forest Management / Natural Resources Economics

Project Period:	Starting as soon as possible
Assignment duration:	2-years contract with option of extension
Country / Duty Station:	Germany – Hamburg (Head Office)
Job Code:	JOB08AFR/3

Project Description:

GFA's Africa Department is dynamic and fast growing. We are a team of enthusiastic colleagues representing a broad range of professional skills. For our strategic business area Natural Resource Management we are looking for an eager Young Professional. The new colleague will be introduced by senior team members into the consulting business and is expected to carry out assignments independently after about two years.

The candidate should have a diploma/ M.Sc. in forest management / tropical forest management / with knowledge of issues currently on the development cooperation agendas. Familiarity with forest management and administration, good governance in forestry, forest management and wood certification and capacity development in forest management would be an added advantage.

Job Description:

The Consultant will be team member of the Africa Department. He / She will be responsible for individual tasks assigned and will work in close cooperation with his / her team colleagues as well as with experts from other departments and projects. His / Her tasks will be:

- Implementation of short term studies in Africa and other regions (as part of an expert team).
- Elaboration of reports in cooperation with other team members.
- Elaboration and coordination of technical and financial proposals for tenders in cooperation with other staff members.
- Backstopping and administrative coordination of projects and studies.

- Development of own technical competence in the field of sustainable forest management, natural resources management including nature conservation and rural development etc. through training on the job, short-term missions and technical proposals preparation.
- Providing input to the technical competence of the department, particularly in the field of economic analysis and other fields of relevance.
- Contribution to GFA public relations (journal articles, presentations).
- Willingness to carry out frequent short and mid term project assignments is a prerequisite.
- Willingness to carry out long term assignments in development projects in Africa or other regions will be assumed.

Qualifications:

- Diploma / M.Sc. / Ing. in forestry / tropical forest management / development economics or related topics in forestry.
- PhD or "German Referendariat" would be preferred, alternatively 2 years of working experience in a forest administration in Germany or abroad are highly desirable.
- Experiences in developing countries should have been acquired but is not a pre-requisite. However, readiness to frequently work in Africa on long term and short term assignments is a must.
- Good knowledge of German and English is obligatory. At least knowledge of French (or Portuguese, or Spanish) is desirable.
- Client oriented communication, curiosity, flexibility, pragmatism, demanding in terms of own working standards, social competence, stress resistance and team player.

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