

“Specialist in Economics and Climate Finance ”

Internal-External vacancy
Reference 04ESEFC0621

Unit: Economy, Environment and Sustainable Agribusiness
Immediate supervisor: Unit Coordinator
Headquarters: CATIE
Type of position: National / International personnel
Duration: 1 year initially with extension subject to performance

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

Support the implementation of IKI Scaling up ecosystem-based adaptation (AbE) measures in rural areas of Latin America which aims to increase the resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems in rural areas of Ecuador, Guatemala and Costa Rica. The project will be developing and implementing proven, innovative and cost-effective AbE approaches across ecosystems. AbE practices should be integrated into the revised NDCs, sectoral plans (especially agriculture and water) and the National Adaptation Plan to achieve national adaptation targets. Sustainability will be ensured through the development of innovative financial instruments, better governance and knowledge sharing.

The project is implemented by catie's Sustainable Economy, Environment and Agribusiness Unit (UEAAS).

• DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contribute to the intervention strategy of the unity of Economy, Environment and Sustainable Agribusiness. (UEAAS) at the regional level in the technical, scientific, technical cooperation and training fields.
- Moderation of participatory processes with key actors ensuring good cooperation, coordination with implementation partners IUCN and GIZ
- Coordinate well-documented evidence of the benefits of integrating the AbE approach into financial and insurance products.
- Lead support for an enabling environment for private and financial sector development to reduce the risk of investments and loans to the agricultural sector.
- Lead strategic partnerships with key private sector clients, financial institutions and commercial banks to finance the implementation of AbE
- Monitor and report the integration of AbE into financial instruments in Guatemala and Costa Rica
- Responsible for the design of a tool that helps the financial and insurance system to measure the climate risk of credit / insurance products aimed at the productive sectors of interest of the project.
- Ensure the coherence and complementarity of services with other services provided by the project at the local and national levels.
- Personnel management, by defining Terms of Reference and monitoring of short-term assignments ensuring the quality of products.
- Coordinate financial activities in Guatemala and Ecuador.
- Periodic reports according to deadlines.
- Responsibility to verify the use of funds and financial planning in consultation with the regional project manager.
- Provide advice on climate finance to financial sector partners, national counterparts, and partners at all levels.
- Conceptualize and prepare training and information materials, as well as conceptualize and implement capacity development programs related to climate finance methodologies, tools and programs for national stakeholders.



- Review documents to ensure proper quality and consistency.
- Facilitates workshops and training meetings and being responsible for developing agendas to achieve stated goals, documenting progress, agreements, and issues, and providing follow-up assistance as needed.
- Manages internal and external training logistics, including virtual sessions.
- Periodic reports according to deadlines
- Responsibility to verify the use of funds and financial planning in consultation with the regional project manager.
- Develop the tools for baseline surveying in the project's intervention areas.
- Identify funding opportunities for research and/or development projects.
- Prepare technical and financial proposals for national and international projects in the strategic areas of the unity
- Assist in knowledge management activities: prepare material to publicize the results of the unit's projects (Power Point presentations, pamphlets, website, etc., for different target groups (decision makers, students, producers).
- Assist in teaching activities, specifically in tutorials/internships.

PERSONAL COMPETENCES:

- Search for information
- Initiative
- Good oral and written communication Analytical capacity
- Focused on continuous improvement Experience working with multidisciplinary teams
- Results orientation: directing performance continuously towards the achievement of goals and results
- Planning and Organization
- Teamwork
- Focus on customer satisfaction
- Handling multiple tasks

TECHNICAL COMPETENCES:

- **Academic level:** Master's degree in agricultural economics, finance or related subject.
- Desirable Doctorate
- **Experience:**
- General professional experience: 5 years of professional experience in the development of projects, of which 3 years in another continent (international context)
- Training experience: 5 years of documented experience training professionals in the region.
- Regional experience: 4 years of training experience or work experience in Central America, of which 3 years in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Ecuador.
- Experience in development cooperation (CD): 5 years of experience working on development projects with international cooperation
- Indispensable, high level of English language (verbal and written)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Good oral, written and reading comprehension of the Spanish and English language
- Willingness to travel in and out of the country
- Competence in the use of digital communication tools (e-mail, internet, social networks and graphic design).
- Fluid handling of computer packages (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, etc.)
- Up-to-date passport
- License to drive light vehicles

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Deadline: July 18, 2021

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