

Job Opportunity: Proforest

TFA Regional Coordinator for Africa

Proforest Africa Office in Ghana is seeking on behalf of the Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA), Africa Regional Coordinator who will coordinate the TFA initiatives and activities in Africa in close collaboration with Proforest.

About Proforest

Proforest is a non-profit organisation with a global presence. Our head office is in the UK with regional offices in Malaysia, Ghana, Colombia, and Brazil and other country offices in Indonesia, Mexico and the Netherlands. Proforest has established itself as a leader in the development and implementation of sustainable production and sourcing of natural resources, including timber and a range of agricultural commodities (eg. palm oil, soy, cocoa, sugar etc), helping companies, governments, non-governmental and civil society organisations to achieve sustainable production and use of the world's natural resources.

Proforest provides practical support to producers, processors, purchasers and investors to help them meet their sustainability commitments. We work at every stage of the supply chain, from production and processing, through to purchasing and investment. Our experience covers the management of forests, oil palm, soy, sugarcane, rubber, beef, coffee, shea and cotton at a range of scales that includes smallholders, communities and forest-dependent people through to multinational businesses.

Proforest is made up of a non-profit (charitable) arm which focuses on long-term support for small producers and wider capacity building, particularly in developing countries and a consultancy arm which provides direct support and services to the private sector companies.

Project Overview and Role

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The Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA) is a global public-private partnership in which partners take voluntary actions, individually and in combination, to reduce the tropical deforestation associated with the sourcing of commodities such as palm oil, soy, beef, and paper and pulp. It is a key aspect of delivering sustainable and inclusive rural economic development in tropical forest countries. For more information see www.tropicalforestalliance.org.

Purpose of Role

The Secretariat of TFA is hosted at the World Economic Forum (WEF) and supported by a grant of the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The Proforest Africa Regional Office in Accra is currently the institutional home of TFA in Africa.

The Regional Coordinator for Africa will have the dual role of catalysing the further development and raising the profile of the TFA in Africa while supporting the development and implementation of regional strategic activities of the TFA that accelerate progress toward reaching deforestation goals through supply chain-based commitments and action.

The Regional Coordinator will achieve these objectives in collaboration with Proforest and national level teams through facilitating and leading stakeholder engagement in the region including organising and facilitating Working Groups. The Regional Coordinator will play a leading role in organizing regional meetings and contribute to regional communication and collaboration activities.

The TFA Regional Coordinator for Africa to be hosted within Proforest Africa Regional Office in Accra, Ghana, and will report to the Proforest Africa Regional Director.

Position summary

This position is an exciting opportunity to join the Proforest team and develop your skills and experience, working closely with senior project and programme managers to support implementation. As you gain experience, demonstrate competence you will be able to take an ever-increasing role supported by our internal development programme which provides a combination of formal training courses and supervised field experience.

Main Responsibilities

Specifically, the Regional Coordinator will:

- Serve as the lead regional facilitator and organiser of TFA, and in coordination with Proforest and the TFA Secretariat, lead stakeholder engagement in the region on behalf of TFA.
- Contribute to the preparation and execution of the regional and global communication activities of the TFA.
- Work with Proforest and TFA Secretariat to host the TFA APOI Regional Meetings and support with the national and regional engagement processes in advancing the consolidation of the Marrakesh Declaration towards CoP27
- Support multistakeholder engagement on promoting Forest Positive strategies in deforestation risk supply chains.
- Support the development of the Investment cases research for Sustainable Palm Oil Production in Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Cameroon.

The Regional Coordinator is expected to drive the TFA partnership towards the following outcomes:

- Engagement and participation of regional stakeholders: Increased understanding of the opportunity of the TFA platform by regional stakeholders, increased ownership of the TFA agenda by national and sub-national governments, the private sector and forest country civil society organisations.

This will include in particular:

- Supporting the continued implementation of the Africa Palm Oil Initiative in cooperation with partners and Proforest.

- Supporting the piloting of outcomes for Investment Cases for Sustainable Palm Oil Production based on the identified specific investment opportunities that could become a pilot to foster investments in the sector
- Engaging with and supporting active membership in TFA of West and Central African Government members of TFA.
- Connectivity and communication of partners initiatives: Improved transparency on the initiatives of TFA Partners in the region, facilitating action-focused collaboration and learning opportunities both within region and across regions

Qualifications, Experience, Qualities

Essential Qualifications, Experience, Skills:

- Master degree or equivalent in a relevant field
- A minimum of 7 years professional experience in a relevant business or not-for-profit organization including consulting or academia, with experience in land use, forest, climate topics and multistakeholder process.
- Relevant experience in sustainability in markets and supply chains for agricultural, or forest commodities associated with deforestation, such as palm oil, cocoa, rubber, timber products etc.
- Experience in working with a broad range of stakeholders; facilitating and mainstreaming complex processes amongst civil society, private sector and governments in West and Central Africa
- Demonstrable experience in outreach, networking and partnership building across a range of stakeholders, particularly in regard to the development of new innovative initiatives involving the private sector
- Strong problem solving, analytical, and synthesizing skills and the ability to communicate complex information succinctly
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and French; other West and Central African languages will be considered as an advantage
- Strong personal qualities, including integrity, results oriented, commitment to excellence, equality, openness, inclusiveness, collegiality and solving problems even in very difficult situations
- Prepared for extensive travel, both inside and outside the region
- Highly developed interpersonal and team working skills, as well as proven ability to operate in a multi-cultural environment
- Excellent report writing and verbal skills
- Excellent communications skills to share lessons learned from on-the-ground implementation activities:
 - Internally, to translate and integrate practical lessons learned into guidance for use in other places and contexts, and to support global initiatives
 - Externally, to help scale up/replicate successes, reduce redundancies, and optimise resources
 - To explain complex technical challenges and activities to a range of different audiences

To apply

Send your CV, confirmation that you are eligible to work and be based in Ghana and cover letter, no longer than two pages to Africa@proforest.net



Application Deadline: Monday July 11th 2022

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Monday July 18th, 2022

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