

Consultancy Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic small team that guides a growing network of colleagues from all over the world in integrating climate risks into their work. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva.

To support Climate Centre programs in West Africa, we are immediately looking for a:

Technical Advisor West Africa (32/40 hours/week)

Envisaged start date: May 2020.

Task Description

The Climate Centre seeks to hire a Climate Advisor to support its programs in West Africa. This is a regional position. Broadly speaking this position will provide technical support to the following priorities: 1) Partners for Resilience, an alliance focused on policy dialogues and capacity strengthening for CSO dialogues around climate action and ecosystem based disaster risk reduction; 2) various Forecast-based Financing projects which are focused on enhancing anticipatory humanitarian action in response to forecasts of heightened risk of extreme weather or climate events before a disaster strikes; 3) technical support to the IFRC and its member National Societies on climate science, policy and practice; 4) technical support to the ICRC on integration of climate risk management practices into its operations in conflict settings. This position would work closely alongside the senior advisor for the region.

Responsibilities

- Provide technical support to National Societies and its partners in West Africa and the Sahel in the areas of climate risk management, early warning early action, climate change adaptation etc.
- Support National Societies to build sustainable partnerships with relevant national actors such as the national meteorological office.
- Support National Societies and partners to engage in relevant climate related policy dialogues and discussions in a national and regional setting.
- Assess specific climate-related training and capacity building needs of National Societies in West Africa and utilize Climate Centre and IFRC toolkits, resources and experts to facilitate trainings.
- Represent the Climate Centre, when appropriate and requested, in regional and global events or engagements relating to the climate agenda.
- Provide regular updates on climate related news, policy and science.
- Contribute to the development of web-stories, case studies, lessons learnt and academic papers.
- Work in close collaboration with the IFRC offices in the region.
- Provide remote technical support to ICRC operations in the region.

- Although the consultant will be working quite independently there will also be close collaboration with the Climate Centre team

Qualifications

Education: Bachelor's degree or above in a relevant discipline. Graduate level education is preferred.
Experience: Minimum of 5-7 years' experience working on climate change adaptation in West Africa, experience in disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction is a strong added value. Knowledge of the Red Cross Red Crescent system is an added value. Experience in any of the following areas is not required but may be an advantage: social protection, food security management, urban adaptation, conflict, ecosystem based adaptation.

Skills and Abilities: Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills. Ability to work in a virtual setting which is highly reliant on email as a primary mode of communication. Proven track record of collaboration, facilitation, problem solving, and partnership management. Able to work across cultures and with a wide variety of stakeholders. Demonstrated ability to provide clear, concise and client oriented advice to decision-makers. Experience in developing and delivering trainings.

Travel: Estimated travel is 25 - 50%

Language: Must be proficient/fluent in French. Advanced English language skills is a strong added value.

Location: The successful candidate must live in West Africa, this consultancy is not tied to a specific country in that region.

We offer: A competitive fee based on experience and the consultancy profile.

How to apply:

We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Marije Taat, HR officer at the Climate Centre at before 7 March 2020 to application@climatecentre.org
If you have any questions about this vacancy, please mail to hr@climatecentre.org