National/International Consultant to Develop the Zambia carbon strategy and pipeline portfolio

WeForest asbl/vzw (non-profit)
Position based in Zambia
Consultancy contract

Organization Info
Founded 2009

About Us
Mission: Our mission is to conserve and restore the ecological integrity of forests and landscapes, engaging communities to implement and deliver lasting solutions for climate, nature and people.
Programs: WeForest is a Belgium-based non-profit organization, which works with communities and local partners to develop scalable Forest Landscape Restoration projects mostly in tropical regions to sustain nature’s diversity, benefit our climate, and support human well-being. Since 2009 we have grown very fast: after having restored 25,000ha in 2018, we recently developed a project capacity to reach a total of 85,000ha by 2025.

Position summary
WeForest is creating a new consultancy position to develop carbon projects (ARR, IFM, ANR, REDD+, SALM) in Zambia. You will join our agile, passionate and professional Zambian team and you will report to the Zambia Country Director and the WeForest Science team (HQ).

Scope
The scope of the consultancy in the specific context of Zambia is to identify the feasibility and readiness for carbon projects in Zambia. The consultant will research and build on cooperation and strategic engagement to create an enabling environment for WeForest to operate in Zambia on carbon project development. A further task is to drive the sourcing and origination of potential carbon certified project opportunities for Forest Landscape restoration and REDD+ to help build WeForest’s new forest carbon project portfolio in Zambia.

Areas of responsibility
• Drafting a working policy paper: overview of existing carbon policies in Zambia and of relevant actors for carbon projects development; provide analysis and recommendations on implementing voluntary carbon projects, jurisdictional REDD+ and nested projects;
• Reading key papers and publications and participating in relevant meetings and conferences;
• Proactive networking with relevant organizations such as potential project owners, technology providers, multilateral organizations, government agencies and others;
• Recommending and testing potential for carbon project development in existing forest carbon opportunity of WeForest in and around the Chintumukulu conservancy;
• Working with the WeForest country operations and HQ to source at least 3 potential new carbon project opportunities;
• Building carbon contacts network (government, potential project partners, project proponents).

Duration of contract
The Consultant shall be engaged for a period of 3 months with possibility of extension of up to 6 months in Zambia or in one of other WeForest projects.

Educational Background
An MSc. in a subject related to environmental management or climate policies

Skills/Experience
• A minimum of 6 years of relevant experience in the field of climate change and carbon markets;
• Familiarity with the Paris Agreement and NDC process;
• Familiarity with the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
• Demonstrated successful leadership in the design and implementation of forest carbon projects;
• Strong negotiation skills.

How to Apply
Please send your complete application to recruitment@weforest.org (mentioning the job title in the subject of the email) which must include your CV, a motivation letter, 2 recent referees (who will only be contacted after selection stage), by September 5th, 2021.