



TERMS OF REFERENCE

LAND USE CARBON MRV EXPERT

Background

UNIQUE is a leading consulting firm for sustainable natural resource management, with a specific focus on forestry, agriculture and climate change. Since establishment in 1998, we have carried out over 550 projects in more than 60 countries. UNIQUE's headquarter is located in Freiburg, in the Southwest of Germany. We have offices in Uganda, Paraguay, Vietnam and Kyrgyzstan. Our team consists of forestry and agricultural engineers, economists and political scientists. With more than 50 permanent staff members, we have a large and diverse team of experts. This allows us to deliver high quality consultancies in different fields of relevance for the land use sector.

For our monitoring/ MRV team within the climate division we seek to employ a carbon monitoring/ MRV expert, in particular to support the design and the validation of land use carbon projects.

The expert should have a background in a related field and extensive experience in carbon project monitoring including afforestation & reforestation, agriculture and REDD+ projects. Experience in certification, standard operating procedures and management information systems would be highly valued. Excellent analytical skills and experience in compiling concise project design documents is expected. Since many of our projects are in francophone Africa, Latin America and Asia we expect that the person is proficient in English and French; proficiency in Spanish is an asset.

Our aim is to support our clients in developing innovative approaches for the land use sector which help improving rural livelihoods and deforestation free commodity chains, and that enhance the social, environmental and economic performance within productive landscapes.

Tasks and Responsibilities

The carbon project monitoring / MRV expert will have the following major responsibilities and tasks:

1. Developing and managing carbon monitoring / MRV projects together with NGO and industry partners
2. Supporting the validation and verification of mitigation projects applying internationally recognized standards, including VCS and Gold Standard
3. Coaching project developers to implement standard operating procedures and management information systems, including GIS and database interfaces
4. Compiling concise project design documents, developing innovative environmental and social performance monitoring methodologies and guidelines
5. Delivering high quality results, also under tight timelines

Required qualifications and expertise

The successful candidate should have the following expertise and qualification:

1. Postgraduate degree (minimum Master's degree) in agriculture, forestry or environmental science
2. Minimum of 4 years of professional experience in an international work environment
3. Demonstrated track record in carbon monitoring and experience with project validation and verification
4. Working experience in tropical countries is essential, in particular francophone Africa
5. Excellent analytical, communication and writing skills
6. Willingness to travel to UNIQUE's project countries (app. 80 days/year)
7. Fluency in English and French is essential (German and/or Spanish would be an asset)

We offer a position in a strong and dynamic team working on an exciting project portfolio with leading private industry partners and financial institutions. UNIQUE's working atmosphere is outstanding and characterized by flat hierarchies, flexibility and innovativeness. Our salary and benefits package is competitive.

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter) to Mr. Johannes Woelcke:
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The position is supposed to be filled as soon as possible.