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Consultant – GLF Project officer – Africa (Ref. No. 202352)
Communications, Outreach and Engagement (COE) Team

The Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) envision a more equitable world where forestry and landscapes enhance the environment and well-being for all. CIFOR-ICRAF are non-profit, scientific institutions that conduct research on the most pressing challenges of forest and landscape management around the world. Using a global, multidisciplinary approach, we aim to improve human well-being, protect the environment, and increase equity. Our work focuses on innovative research, developing partners’ capacity, and actively engaging in dialogue with all stakeholders to inform policies and practices that affect forests and people. Our work spans the globe, with expertise in the ‘global South’. Founded in 1993 and 1978 respectively, CIFOR-ICRAF are members of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food secure future dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources.

CIFOR-ICRAF is looking for a:

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Overview
The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) was first launched in 2013 by CIFOR with core partners including UNEP, the World Bank, and the Government of Germany. Meaningful engagement of youth and other typically marginalized stakeholders was a cornerstone of GLF’s operation from the beginning.

Today, the GLF is the world’s largest knowledge-led platform on sustainable land use, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement.

Building on a decade of successful conferencing during which we achieved the mainstreaming of the landscape approach the GLF has evolved to five innovation areas each set up to contribute to strengthening and enabling decentralized local action towards ecosystem restoration. These include: 1) Creating a Digital Knowledge Commons (having reached a billion people in 185 countries); 2) Pioneering Youth Leadership (60,000, 160 countries); 3) GLF Learning Program (Landscape Academy (22,000 learners); 4) GLF Investment Case, sustainable finance, and value chains, and 5) GLFx and GLF Communities of Practice. GLFx, is our program to decentralize the Forum to create community led GLF chapters, and communities of practice, that are designed to carry out restoration and other activities (including advocacy) on the ground while creating a learning hub at the national and subnational level.

GLF is supported by its Charter Members, 33 leading sustainable development organisations who invest in and co-create activities on the GLF platform and offer opportunities for intergenerational learning and exchange.

GLF is a place where a farmer can inform action, pathways, and policies; where international organizations can learn from the private sector and vice versa; and where CEOs, community leaders, communicators and scientists can share, learn, connect, and act together.

From building the investment case for sustainable landscapes, to conserving and restoring peatlands, to supporting restoration in Africa, GLF has been at the cutting edge in hosting and facilitating all
manner of discussions to accelerate positive action for people, for the environment, and for the achievement of global climate and SDGs.

**Overall Objective:** The Project Officer for the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) to be based in Nairobi, Africa, will be responsible for supporting the Regional Coordinator with engaging stakeholders and contributing to fundraising efforts while collaborating with the other GLF innovation leads in coordinating and implementing GLF initiatives and activities within the African region.

**Key responsibilities:**

1. **Stakeholder Engagement:**
   - Identify and build relationships with key stakeholders including government agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, private sector entities, and local communities working with the Regional Coordinator and the Partnerships team.
   - Support the organization of stakeholder consultations, workshops, and events to promote collaboration on landscape-related challenges.

2. **Fundraising:**
   - Play a supportive active role in fundraising efforts by identifying potential funding sources and assisting in drafting grant proposals and cultivating donor relationships in Africa in collaborating with the Regional Coordinator, Partnerships team and the Global team.
   - Support collaboration between the partnerships team and the innovation leads to ensure alignment between project objectives and donor priorities for projects implemented in Africa.

3. **Partnership Development:**
   - Work with the Regional Coordinator to identify and explore potential collaboration opportunities with organizations, institutions, and initiatives aligned with GLF’s goals in Africa.

4. **Project Planning and Coordination:**
   - Work closely with the Regional Coordinator Africa and innovation leads to develop comprehensive project plans and strategies for GLF initiatives in Africa.
   - Ensure seamless coordination of project activities, timelines, and resources to achieve project objectives.
   - Regularly monitor project progress, identifying and addressing potential bottlenecks or issues.

5. **Event Management:**
   - Contribute to the planning and execution of GLF events, conferences, and webinars within Africa.

6. **Knowledge Management:**
   - Working with the knowledge team contribute to the establishment and upkeep of a knowledge repository focused on landscape restoration, conservation, and sustainable development in Africa.
   - Curate and disseminate resources, research findings, and best practices across the GLF network in Africa.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**
   - Assist the Regional coordinator, Innovation leads and the Monitoring and evaluation officer in designing and implementing effective monitoring and evaluation frameworks for projects, assessing their impact and outcomes in Africa.
• Contribute to the preparation of reports highlighting project achievements, lessons learned, and recommendations.

Qualifications

• Bachelors in environmental science, natural resource management, sustainable development, or a related field.
• Proven experience in project coordination, stakeholder engagement, event management, fundraising, and working within a team.
• Deep understanding of landscape-related challenges and opportunities in Africa.
• Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
• Strong interpersonal skills for effective collaboration in a diverse and interdisciplinary team.
• Proficiency in English (knowledge of additional languages, particularly French and Kiswahili, is advantageous).
• Familiarity with landscape-related initiatives, organizations, and networks in Africa.

Terms and conditions

• This is a full-time consultancy position.
• The period of the consultancy is expected to be October 2023 – March 2024, with the possibility for extension.
• Work location: Hybrid and preferably in Nairobi, Kenya (EAT time zone).

Application process

• Interested candidates should submit their CV, along with a cover letter outlining their relevant experience and motivation for the role by the 15 September 2023.
• We will acknowledge all applications but will only contact short-listed candidates.

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