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Research Assistant (Ref. No. 2372)
Indonesia Country Program, Bogor

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) envision a more equitable world where trees in all landscapes, from drylands to the humid tropics, enhance the environment and well-being for all. CIFOR and ICRAF are non-profit science institutions that build and apply evidence to today’s most pressing challenges, including energy insecurity and the climate and biodiversity crises. Over a combined total of 65 years, we have built vast knowledge on forests and trees outside of forests in agricultural landscapes (agroforestry). Using a multidisciplinary approach, we seek to improve lives and to protect and restore ecosystems. Our work focuses on innovative research, partnering for impact, and engaging with stakeholders on policies and practices to benefit people and the planet. Founded in 1993 and 1978, CIFOR and 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:

Research Assistant

Overview

To undertake qualitative research using a political-economy approach on peatland governance in the Mawas Conservation Area, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia, supported by a Small Research Activity grant from the Australian Centre for Agricultural Research.

Summary of responsibilities

Research

- To assist the primary data collection for political economy analysis to understand the influential actors and the state of governance in the Mawas peat dome at both the national and provincial levels. The data will include:
  - Explore the existing co-governance structure in the context of Mawas peat dome, both formal and informal.
  - Conducting social network survey on peatland governance, including semi-structure interviews with stakeholders.
  - Conducting interviews with stakeholders at the national, provincial level, and district level.
- To assist in coordinating the primary data collection at the national, provincial and district levels including making interview appointment
- To assist in the data management of the research, including transcribing and translating from Bahasa Indonesia to English manually or using relevant software.
- To contribute to report writing, these include:
  1. Final report
  2. One journal article
3. One blog
4. One proposal for the next ACIAR project

Project management
• Preparation of validation workshop at Palangkaraya and Co-organize the outcomes and reporting from the event.

Other Responsibilities
• Identify and mitigate potential risks within your work area.
• Take reasonable care of own occupational health and safety and that of others as obliged by CIFOR-ICRAF’s Occupational Health and Safety Policy and cooperate with CIFOR-ICRAF in complying with requirements under any statutory health and safety provisions of relevant Country laws.
• Participate in Climate Change, Energy, and Low Carbon Development Team and Indonesia Country Program projects as may be required.

Requirements

Education, knowledge, and experience:
• Bachelor’s degree in social sciences, natural resource management, forestry, or environmental sciences.
• Strong computer skills in database management, text analysis (preferably NVivo and/or MAXQDA), word processing and other relevant Microsoft Office applications.
• Minimum of three years of working experience in research organizations preferred.
• Good English language skills, both oral and written, are essential.
• Familiarity with forests and climate change/REDD+ is helpful.
• Excellent interpersonal skills and capacity to work in a team.

Personal Attributes and Competencies
• Competent in personal organization and priority setting, with the ability to work effectively under time pressure and manage multiple priorities.
• Demonstrates initiative, capable of working independently and as an effective team player.
• Good interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to effectively interact with people in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment.
• Experience working with a wide and diverse network of groups and individuals.

Terms and conditions
• This is a Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) position. CIFOR-ICRAF offers competitive remuneration in local currency, commensurate with skills and experience.
• The appointment will be for 1 (one) year, inclusive of a three-month probationary period, with the possibility of extension contingent upon performance, continued relevance of the position and available resources.
• The duty station will be in Bogor.
**Application process**
- The application deadline is **31 December 2023**.
- We will acknowledge all applications but will only contact short-listed candidates.

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CIFOR-ICRAF promotes Gender Diversity – Applications from women professionals are encouraged.

CIFOR-ICRAF is an equal opportunity employer. It fosters a multicultural work environment that values gender equality, teamwork, and respect for diversity.