

TERMS OF REFERENCE: CDKN Country Engagement Lead - Kenya

Duration: Fixed contract till December 2020, through SouthSouthNorth (Africa partner for CDKN)

Start date: 1 May 2019 (or before)

Anticipated remuneration: Day rates of USD 250 – USD 350 per day depending on experience. This is a part time position for up to 8 days a month, although there are opportunities for expanding this role to a near full time position through SouthSouthNorth (see separate Terms of Reference on www.southsouthnorth.org).

Role summary:

Representing CDKN in the capacity of Country Engagement Lead for Kenya, the role is comprised of three main areas of activity:

- 1 **Engagement:** Continuous building of relationships between CDKN and the Government of Kenya especially at County level, academia, development partners, donors and other stakeholders. Identify needs and opportunities for brokering CDKN knowledge products and tools, and needs and opportunities for peer learning.
- 2 **CDKN Global Learning:** Contribute actively to CDKN global learning through hosting and attending events, contributing to publications and writing blogs.
- 3 **Country Strategy:** Provide independent and informed advice to guide CDKN's longer-term engagement strategy in the country. Participate in shaping, developing and implementing the CDKN Kenya country programme, providing strategic input, and identifying and advising on future funding opportunities.

About CDKN

Established in 2010, the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) has supported developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to achieve climate compatible development goals, providing knowledge, technical assistance, and research services. SouthSouthNorth managed the Africa programme of CDKN, and from March 2018 to March 2021 will be managing another project in the CDKN portfolio: the three-year Knowledge Accelerator project. This project is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS) and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and will be delivered in Africa, Asia and Latin America. ICLEI South Asia and FFLA will manage the Asia and Latin America hubs, respectively.

The overall goal of the CDKN Knowledge Accelerator is to create an enabling environment to drive gender-responsive and socially inclusive climate action at scale, which enhances the quality of life for the poorest and most vulnerable to climate change.

The project seeks to achieve this goal by synthesising and packaging the latest information and learning on climate change into a variety of knowledge and learning products and tools, in response to country needs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The project shares and brokers this new tailored knowledge through a highly strategic and targeted engagement programme to ensure it is used and applied by countries to inform the implementation of climate resilient, low carbon development actions. CDKN also facilitates peer learning on climate compatible development, bringing countries together to share their experiences.

Roles and Responsibilities

The CDKN Country Engagement Lead for Kenya will:

- Represent CDKN in Kenya: identifying, building and sustaining good relationships with Government and other key stakeholders (including Government of Kenya especially at County level, academia, development partners, donors), developing new relationships at national and county level. Attend key meetings and events including relevant non-CDKN events.
- Communicate the Kenyan context for engagement with the CDKN team, and identify needs, opportunities and actors for brokering CDKN knowledge and learning products and tools, and needs and opportunities for peer learning.
- Ensure knowledge acceleration activities promote gender-responsive and socially-equitable climate action.
- Contribute to CDKN learning e.g. through active participation in events and production of publications, contributing to monitoring and evaluation activities, proposing participation from Kenya and 'telling the story' of CDKN's Kenya programmes.
- Be the link between CDKN and activities in Kenya, ensuring open and regular communication with CDKN global team (in Cape Town).

- Facilitate/troubleshoot as needed any on-going CDKN activities or projects in Kenya.
- Review, refresh, and update the country engagement plans for Kenya (no more than once a year).
- Provide advice on potential subsequent CDKN programmes and/or new projects in Kenya, and support new CDKN initiatives/funding approaches in-country.

Competences and personal qualities

Essential

- Minimum of 5 years' experience working and engaging with African stakeholders, especially government, also including research institutions and private sector
- Experience and skills in knowledge brokering, convening and facilitating the use of research into action for climate or a similar field
- An understanding of the Kenya climate and development landscape and the key actors involved, as well as the global and regional landscape
- Experience of working with local and international partners, relationship-building, and excellent people and communication skills
- Ability to influence and inspire others, explain complex issues clearly, and foster innovation, relationships across multiple disciplines and collective action
- Available to travel within Africa and internationally
- Excellent verbal and written skills in English, including writing for publication
- Experience working as part of a virtual team and familiarity with virtual convening tools for both internal coordination and external communication
- A high level of interest and sound knowledge of climate change and development issues

Qualifications

Relevant tertiary qualification (preferably Masters) related to climate change and development (e.g. Environment, Public policy, International Development, social sciences).

Opportunities for further work

There is also scope for an additional part-time position representing SouthSouthNorth (SSN) on the Mobilising Investment for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Programme for up to 10 days per month. The same candidate may apply for both this role and the SSN role should their profile be suitable for both. There is no obligation to apply for or be considered for both opportunities. The SSN role will also be advertised separately on www.southsouthnorth.org. Please indicate whether you would like to be considered for both roles.

Application process

To apply, please email your CV and a covering letter including your motivation for the position via the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/ymZgCgCWHlwtoHR83>. Candidates should be based in and have the right to work in Kenya. Qualified female candidates and Kenya nationals are highly encouraged to apply.

Applications will close at 17.00 (EAT) on 12th March 2019. No late applications will be permitted. Interviews will be held between 21st and 28th March and we will contact shortlisted candidates by 19th March. If you are not contacted within this time period please consider your application unsuccessful. Unfortunately we are not able to offer feedback on any application made for this job posting. CDKN reserves the right not to make an appointment.