

ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please respond by: 31st January 2019

I. Position Information

Project Associate – (1 Position)

II. Organizational Context

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability is the leading global network of more than 1,750 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. By helping our Members to make their cities sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, we impact over 25% of the global population. ICLEI works with local governments through international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs.

ICLEI's South Asia secretariat is presently operating from New Delhi, India. In its result based approach, ICLEI brings cities around the world together to build partnerships and share techniques to promote participation and the effectiveness of environmental protection through local-level initiatives. ICLEI help cities strengthen their technical capacity, improve awareness of sustainability issues among elected representatives, administrators and citizens, provide information, and develop a greater capacity for cities to deliver basic services in the most sustainable manner.

ICLEI's substantive focus is helping cities build and share solutions to the challenges of:

- climate change
- biodiversity
- water and air pollution
- waste management
- energy
- built environment
- sustainable transportation
- disaster management
- environmental management systems

Projects related to thematic areas of biodiversity, energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change, mobility, built environment, sustainability management, water, green growth etc are executed by ICLEI South Asia through support from several donors (BMUB, British High Commission, European Commission, GIZ, SHAKTI Foundation,

Rockefeller Foundation, USDOS, USAEP, USAID, etc.) and ministries in Government of India and various state government funding sources.

III. Project Details

Supported by the UNDP, this component of the SECURE Himalaya project aims to identify the areas of intensive degradation which have the potential of impacting the habitat characteristics of the landscapes and prescribing interventions for eco-restoration in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul-Pangi and Kinnaur landscapes.

IV. Position Description

Project Associate: 1 Position

Supervisor: Programme Coordinator

Duty Station: Himachal Pradesh (Lahaul- Pangi and Kinnaur landscapes)

Type of Contract: Full Time Employee

Functions

The Project Associate will be based in Himachal Pradesh and work to support the execution (liaising with authorities, data collection, research, project management, advocacy) of the project.

- Support in carrying out biodiversity surveys in both the landscapes
- Support in carrying out socio-economic surveys
- Support in conducting discussions and interviews with pastoralists
- Support in data collection for mapping in the landscapes
- Support in organizing and executing project events such as training programmes and workshops
- Assist with developing and maintaining content for project website, and keeping project information updated on the ICLEI South Asia and related websites
- Ensure close co-ordination with local governments/executing agencies, support provision of top quality services and facilitation of knowledge building and management
- Undertake project related travel
- Provide project updates to managers or superiors on a regular basis

Competencies

Candidate should:

- Have an educational background in biodiversity conservation/natural resources management
- Have excellent local language skills
- Be able to support mapping exercises and biodiversity surveys
- Be able to work independently and pro-actively
- Have an ability to work under tight deadlines and under pressure

- Have an ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Have excellent leadership skills and ability to negotiate with various stakeholders
- Be able to travel and trek in mountainous terrain extensively
- Have an enthusiastic attitude and willingness to learn, adapt and take on a wide range of tasks

In addition

- Experience working in high altitudes in the Himalayas

Recruitment Qualifications

Bachelors in Ecology/ Biodiversity Conservation/ Wildlife Sciences/ Environmental Sciences/ Forestry with 2 years of experience or Masters in Ecology/ Biodiversity Conservation/ Wildlife Sciences/ Environmental Sciences/ Forestry with 1 year experience

Experience

Minimum 1-2 years of relevant, post qualification, professional experience in biodiversity conservation sector in a similar capacity

Computing Skills

Use of MS office, GIS

V. Contact Information

Interested candidates are requested to submit CV (along with one-page note describing your suitability for the position and two references) by email to iclei-southasia@iclei.org and monalisa.sen@iclei.org

Closing Date: 31st January 2019