



Environmental Policy and Strategy Specialist Recruitment

Position Title:	Environmental Policy and Strategy Consultant
Status:	Full time
Contractually reports to:	Coordinate on a day-to-day basis with the WA BiCC-supported Advisor and report to the WA BiCC Capacity Development Specialist and the WA BiCC Policy and Sustainable Development Specialist under the auspices of the ECOWAS Directorate of Environment Director or her/his Designee
Staff to supervise:	None
Location:	Abuja, Nigeria
Duration:	2 months
Remuneration:	The remuneration will be determined by Pact World according to USAID rules and regulations.

BACKGROUND

TetraTech ARD (Tt/ARD) and its consortium partners – Palladium Group (formally dTS), Columbia University's Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), PCI Media Impact (PCI), Wetlands International Africa (WIA) and Pact World – were awarded the USAID contract for the implementation of West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) activities from May 2015 to May 2020. This Program is designed to strengthen the resiliency and sustainability of West African institutions, ecosystems, and communities.

The ECOWAS Environment Directorate and WA BiCC are collaborating to develop new or improve existing systems aimed at improving overall performance. Under this SOW, WA BiCC will work with the ECOWAS Environment Directorate to review and update the ECOWAS Environmental Action Plan. ECOWAS Environmental Policy exists at the regional level and ECOWAS Commission had developed an Action Plan for its implementation. The Directorate will revise and update the current Action Plan to better reflect the evolving strategic orientations of the policy and to integrate new challenges of environment. The review should also ensure that the Environmental Action Plan takes into account emerging environmental challenges as well as the views and interests of Member States and internal and external stakeholders.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

The overall objective is to review and update the Environmental Action Plan. The specific objectives will be to work with the Directorate in order to:

- Review and revise the Environmental Action Plan to be in line with the current regional context to assist the ECOWAS Commission to reinforce and consolidate its leadership position in promoting environmentally sustainable development.
- Identify capacity building and resources needs at the internal level and among stakeholders and national institutions to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- Organize an Environmental Action Plan Validation Workshop as per the protocols in place for ECOWAS-level action on policy review and approval by Member States.
- Provide recommendations for Monitoring and Evaluation and next steps including long-term funding to ensure sustainability.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.
- Travel occasionally in Ghana or Nigeria.



REQUIREMENTS

- An advanced degree (Master's or above) and a minimum of ten (10) years of regional/international experience in environmental law, policy reform and/or natural resources management development programs, with at least five (5) of these being in West Africa with regional and national organizations/entities.
- Strong experience in developing regional or national environmental strategic plan and natural resources management strategies for regional institutions or national governments.
- Demonstrated knowledge in working with regional or national institutions on sound and workable laws, policies and regulations in natural resource management, environment protection and enhancement of ecosystem services, sustainability development.
- Strong facilitation, research and analytical skills;
- Ability to work independently and produce timely and high quality results;
- Knowledge of USAID rules and regulations;
- Candidates who are nationals of an ECOWAS member state preferred;
- Be fluent both in English and French.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates are solicited to send their application no later than **Friday May 27th 2016 by 5:00pm GMT** to the following email address: wabiccrecruit@gmail.com

Please include "ECOWAS Environment Action Plan and Policy Specialist" in the subject of the email. To be considered, applicants must submit the following as part of this on-line application process:

- A letter of application explaining individual qualifications for this opportunity
- A current CV in reverse chronological format
- A list of at least 4 professional references including name, contact information, and statement of relationship to the reference

All of the information should be in one file not exceeding 4 pages.