

**The European Forest Institute**  
**is seeking a**  
**Technical Expert to support processes and dialogue on the sustainable use of palm oil**  
**Based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 member organisations. EFI's Headquarters are in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several offices across Europe and a project office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which supports FLEGT and REDD processes in the Asia Region.

As part of the "Keberlanjutan sAwit Malaysia dan Indonesia", i.e. "sustainability of Malaysian and Indonesian palm oil" or KAMI project, EFI is supporting national processes in Malaysia and Indonesia and international dialogue on the sustainable use of natural resources, with specific focus on palm oil. The KAMI project is aimed at: 1) developing further understanding of relevant national, international, and EU policies towards the establishment of sustainable and inclusive value chains, 2) taking stock of progress achieved in this sector, and 3) promoting cooperation and exchange with international, national, and sub-national stakeholders in Malaysia and Indonesia, including palm oil producers, on the different aspects of sustainability at meaningful scale.

#### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The Technical Expert for Malaysia will be responsible for supporting policy dialogues, and project planning, outreach, implementation and reporting in Malaysia, working in close coordination with the Malaysian government, other project partners and stakeholders, as well as the EU Delegation to Malaysia.

The Technical Expert for Malaysia will:

- Support the Project Manager and relevant stakeholders to advance the planning, implementation, and monitoring of all project activities in Malaysia;
- Support KAMI engagement with national and subnational stakeholders in Malaysia;
- Support establishment and operation of a KAMI multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee to establish Sustainability Performance Indicators and Verifiers and support associated data collection, online data platform development, and policy dialogue on sustainable palm oil;
- Liaise with relevant EFI staff members and external stakeholders on all matters related to the project implementation in Malaysia;
- Prepare technical reports, briefs, presentations, and documentation related to in-country activities to inform relevant stakeholders;
- Support KAMI communication related to Malaysia in close liaison with the KAMI Communications Expert and all project partners;
- Manage operational aspects of the project in coordination with relevant team members.

#### **Qualifications**

- Minimum of four years relevant working experience in forestry, agriculture, and/or natural resource management, climate change, governance, or related field, preferably in Malaysia.
- University degree in natural resource management, forestry, agriculture, environmental science, economics, or a related and suitable field. A higher degree is an asset.

- Excellent understanding of land-use governance processes and sustainable palm oil supply chain approaches, and their implementation challenges, in both Peninsular and East Malaysia. Good understanding of REDD+ is an asset.
- Excellent analytical and networking skills, including ability to work on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, private sector, international actors, NGOs, and civil society.
- Solid writing, reporting, and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated project management skills.
- Professional proficiency in English and Bahasa Malaysia is required.

### **Duty station and travel**

The Technical Expert for Malaysia will be based at EFI's office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with frequent missions within Malaysia. Some missions to Indonesia and Europe are foreseen.

### **Employment conditions**

EFI offers competitive benefits and salary package. The duration of employment will be two years, including a six-month probationary period, with a possibility for extension.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by **28th September 2020**, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Jeremy Broadhead ([jeremy.broadhead@efi.int](mailto:jeremy.broadhead@efi.int)).

EFI is an equal opportunity employer. All applications will be treated confidentially.

Please note that only candidates that have been shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.