

European Forest Institute

is seeking a

Forest and Land-Use Governance Expert to reinforce the EU REDD Facility and its portfolio in Asia

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 is located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several offices across Europe, and the FLEGT and REDD Unit is located in Barcelona, Spain and has a project office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

EFI hosts the EU REDD Facility, which supports partner countries, the European Commission, EU Delegations and European countries in addressing drivers of tropical deforestation through improved land-use governance and sustainable supply chains approaches. Further information about the EU REDD Facility is available at www.euredd.efi.int.

Tasks and Responsibilities

The Forest and Land-Use Governance Expert will provide technical, as well as strategic advice and inputs to activities implemented through the EU REDD Facility in South East Asia, including in Vietnam, Lao PDR and Thailand. The Expert will be responsible for:

- Managing and supervising EU REDD Facility projects and interventions in the field of forest and landuse governance and sustainable commodity production, aimed at addressing drivers of deforestation in support of global climate commitments
- Providing technical and policy support to a broad range of stakeholders on matters related to legal and illegal forest conversion, supply chain transparency and sustainable land-use planning and finance, drawing on lessons from EU REDD Facility work in Asia, Africa and Latin America
- Contributing to the design and implementation of approaches to improve forest and land-use governance and promote sustainable commodity production in support of partner countries' National Determined Contributions (NDC), forest and land-use policy reform processes or in the context of emerging public-private partnerships, working with a broad array of stakeholders, including partner country stakeholders, the European Union and its Member States, donors, multilateral partners, private sector actors and others
- Documenting, analysing and sharing innovations and experiences from partner countries in improving forest and land-use governance and promoting deforestation-free supply chain approaches informing national, EU and global audiences, through written reports including technical documents to policy briefs and other miscellaneous publications.

Qualifications

- MSc or higher university degree in forestry, natural resource management, environmental science, natural resource economics, environmental law or a related and suitable field.
- Minimum five years of relevant working experience in South East Asia, either through permanent residence in the region or frequent travelling. Relevant working experience in the Mekong region is an asset.
- Excellent understanding of forest and land-use governance processes, and their implementation challenges, in South East Asia. Good understanding of REDD+ and FLEGT processes is an asset.
- Good understanding of socio-political and cultural context of natural resource management and forest and land-use governance in South East Asia. Experience working on relevant legal frameworks in South East Asian countries is an asset.
- Having established connections with forest and land-use sector stakeholders, including private sector actors, involved in national processes related to climate, forest and land-use, and sustainable commodity production in South East Asia, is an asset.
- Capacity to take initiative, and track record of creative, structured and strategic thinking and pragmatic problem-solving.
- Ability to work on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, private sector, international actors, NGOs and civil society.
- Excellent writing, communication, networking and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary teams in multi-cultural environments.
- Professional proficiency in English is required. Understanding of one or more South East Asian languages is an asset.

Duty station and travel

The Expert will be based at EFI's project office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with frequent travel within South East Asia.

Employment conditions

EFI offers competitive benefits and salary package. The duration of employment will be two years, including a 6-month probation period, with a possibility for extension.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by 7th February 2021, using our <u>online</u> application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Christophe Van Orshoven, REDD Team Leader, FLEGT and REDD Unit, email: <u>christophe.vanorshoven@efi.int</u>.

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.