

Carbon Finance Officer – Latin America

Overview

E+Co is a non-profit investment company that tackles climate change and poverty by investing in clean energy businesses in Africa, Asia and Latin America. E+Co creates its impact by investing in individual energy enterprises and building a portfolio of companies that provide clean energy products and services. With offices in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America, E+Co has pioneered and is the leading practitioner of the enterprise-centered model of investing in the small scale, clean energy sector.

E+Co's goal is to be the market leader in energy enterprise development, connecting organizations, programs, and human and financial resources worldwide to the thousands of small enterprises required for a sustainable energy future in developing countries. For more information, visit www.eandco.net and www.energycures.org.

E+Co is seeking outstanding candidates for the role of Carbon Finance Officer, who will implement carbon offset projects in Latin America. This position will be based in either San José, Costa Rica or Salvador, Brazil with travel throughout the region. The Carbon Finance Officer will report to the Carbon Finance Manager.

Responsibilities

The Carbon Finance Officer is expected to:

- Manage both the voluntary and compliance carbon market project cycle of E+Co's projects, from origination to successful registration of all projects within the region (writing project design documents (PDDs), gaining designated national authority (DNA) approval, conducting stakeholder consultations, validation, verification/certification, registration).
- Work with E+Co's regional staff to foster and maintain relationships, negotiate carbon contract terms and further business development among E+Co investees and partner companies.
- Interact with carbon stakeholders in the region, (DNAs, designated operational entities (DOEs), relevant NGOs, competitors, etc.) keeping abreast of current, region-specific market developments and trends.
- Remain updated and seek new technical information about the compliance and voluntary carbon market, offering new information to E+Co's carbon team.
- Write Project Idea Notes (PINs) and PDDs, performing the necessary primary and secondary research required.
- Work with project partners and third parties such as DOEs to facilitate project validation and verification.
- Negotiate and manage service contracts with DOEs and other third party service providers.

- Collaborate with E+Co's monitoring and evaluation staff to design and implement effective, project-specific carbon monitoring and evaluation programs.

Qualifications

- Advanced degree in environmental science, engineering, business or a related degree

Experience

- Experience developing PINs, PDDs and new methodologies as well as assisting project developers through the carbon finance project cycle is preferred but not essential
- Experience and familiarity with clean energy technologies
- Demonstrated passion for addressing climate change and a belief in environmental markets and their ability to mitigate environmental, social and economic problems

Skills

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work effectively both as part of a team and independently
- Ability to manage own work effectively and prioritize tasks
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Outstanding English written and oral communication skills. Excellent Spanish and/or Portuguese written and oral communication skills
- Mastery of Microsoft Office suite, including the ability to model project cash flow calculations in Excel

Applications

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit a resume and cover letter to Erik Wurster at carbonjobs@eandco.net no later than August 8, 2008. Expected start date will be in early September, 2008.

Compensation

Applicants can expect competitive compensation and a benefits package commensurate with experience and based on the local economy.