



Vacancy – Water Footprint Network

Position: Project Officer
Start Date: 01 September 2013
Based in: Enschede, the Netherlands

The Water Footprint Network (WFN) is a dynamic, international, continuous learning community with hundreds of partners worldwide committed to promoting sustainable, equitable and efficient water use through the advancement of the Water Footprint. Established in 2008 with partners from academia, NGOs, international organisations and business sectors, WFN is a fast growing organization at the cutting edge of the methodology, data, tools and application of the water footprint concept and Water Footprint Assessment. Currently the Water Footprint Network is seeking a Project Officer (m/f).

Background

The Water Footprint Network is the leading international organization supporting the development of the water footprint concept and the application of Water Footprint Assessment. This is a rapidly growing and innovative field which requires quick capture and dissemination of advances. As a small organization seeking to have global impact, the Water Footprint Network must facilitate international, cross-sector application of Water Footprint Assessment and engage key stakeholders – public and private – in transforming the way we use water such that it is sustainable, efficient and equitable. As a centre of excellence for the water footprint and Water Footprint Assessment, the Water Footprint Network's work programme consists of:

1. Developing standards, methods, guidelines and criteria for Water Footprint Assessment;
2. Facilitating Water Footprint Assessment research and development;
3. Promoting training, knowledge exchange & dissemination;
4. Developing practical tools for Water Footprint Assessment;
5. Supporting organizations in conducting a Water Footprint Assessment and developing a sustainable and fair water policy; and
6. Reviewing and certifying the use of the Water Footprint concept.

The Project Officer will contribute to the delivery of the work programme as part of the WFN Team, in association with WFN partners and with lead responsibility for specific projects and initiatives. S/he will contribute to



project delivery, e.g., the application of WFA in the textile or other sectors and/or catchments or river basins.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Project implementation including:
 - Data compilation, validation and use in WFA
 - Performing background literature study in support of database development and project reports
 - Completing WFA calculations, assessment and interpretation and delivering technical assistance in WFA
 - Writing and reviewing reports
 - Managing administrative aspects of project delivery
 - Developing project concepts, proposals and work plans
 - Sharing and disseminating learning from projects
- Deliver face-to-face and online Water Footprint training and engagement activities including:
 - Participation in training events, webinars, conferences, seminars, workshops
 - Preparation of training and presentation materials
 - Delivery of training courses and presentations
 - Evaluation and follow up from training and engagement activities
- Contribute to WFN partner activities including:
 - Maintaining regular communications through email and phone
 - Planning and organizing WFN partner meetings
 - Contributing to a practitioner's community
 - Facilitating working groups or other ad hoc partner activities
- Represent WFN through:
 - Participation in sounding boards, working groups or other contributing groups
 - Attending and presenting at meetings, conferences and other fora
 - Responding to various issues and debates in our social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn etc.

Working Relationships

The Project Officer is part of the Water Footprint Network Team which works together to deliver all activities of Water Footprint Network. S/he is responsive to the Water Footprint Network Partners.



Profile

For this exciting position, we are looking for an energetic, amiable person, with high professional standards who can handle technical content as well as complex relationships. S/he can inspire others to take actions in alignment with Water Footprint Network's mission. Ideally, s/he will be able to work well with both the public and private sector due to an understanding of the environmental, social and economic perspectives of sustainable water use. By joining the Water Footprint Network Team, the candidate will be a leader in Water Footprint studies and will need to bring critical thinking, excellent people skills and enthusiasm to the position.

Qualifications:

- Master degree and 2-3 years of experience in water quality, water resources, environmental sciences, ecology, engineering or related field
- Strong technical skills, quick comprehension of concepts and ability to implement them
- Attention to detail and ability to contribute to complex projects
- Excellent communication skills in English – writing, speaking and listening, other languages a plus
- Knowledge of the textile sector is desired
- Excellent time management, ability to manage competing demands with grace and to work well under pressure
- Ability to work as part of a close-knit team and to carry projects forward independently
- Experience working in an international context and ability to work well with people from different cultures and backgrounds
- Willingness to travel intermittently
- Proven commitment to the Water Footprint Network's mission
- Must hold prior permission to work in the Netherlands or be citizen of an EU country

Offer

The position is offered initially for one year, with possible extension. Salary is dependent on the experience and qualifications of the candidate. The salary is based on a work week of 40 hours (1 Full Time Equivalent). Preferred start date of the job is 01 September 2013. The job will be located in Enschede, The Netherlands.

Information and applications



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For more information about this job offer please email info@waterfootprint.org with "Project Officer" in the subject heading. More information about the Water Footprint Network is available at www.waterfootprint.org.

Your written application, provided with a CV and three references should be submitted no later than 21 July 2013 by e-mail to info@waterfootprint.org with reference to the vacancy 'Project Officer'.