

Integrated Landscape & Climate Change Planner

Winrock International, an international not for profit organization, is seeking applications for the position of Integrated Landscape & Climate Change Planner in a multi-year USAID-funded Vietnam Forests and Deltas (VFD) program. The program supports the acceleration of Vietnam's transition to climate-resilient, low emission, sustainable development by strengthening adaptation practices in vulnerable communities and by improving forest and natural resource management. Activities for building resilience to climate change will focus not only on local level disaster risk reduction and improved livelihood approaches, but also on strengthened planning practices at district, provincial and national levels. Managing threats from existing, as well as future, climate-related hazards requires a sound understanding of natural hazards, the likely influence of climate change and planning practices for land-use change which integrate a range of environmental constraints to minimize future risks.

VFD is a five year project with a total value of approximately \$26.5 million USD. The project comprises of 3 technical components as Sustainable Landscapes, Adaptation and Coordination & Policy Support at National Level.

Responsibilities:

- Lead planning activities designed to promote mainstreaming of climate change (CC) into government planning processes as well as direct development away from areas exposed to high climate risk.
- Work with commune and district level officials to develop CC action plans integrated with socio-economic development plans.
- Manage, as well as undertake, various technical investigations, including assessment of CC risks, analysis of trends in socio-economic development and the application of spatial planning methodologies.
- Consult with government staff and other stakeholders at all levels to assess current practice for CC mainstreaming and to identify capacity development needs.
- Work closely with national and local partners to develop processes and systems that can be applied and replicated to address CC risk with spatial planning.
- Work closely with national and local partners to design and conduct initiatives to pilot CC mainstreaming in planning as well as lead capacity building activities for provincial officers on spatial planning as a tool to address CC risk.
- Prepare and facilitate workshops and training sessions for advocacy, awareness raising and capacity building on CC and spatial planning issues.
- Promote the principles of green growth and lead activities for emissions reduction across sectors.
- Consult with government and private sector stakeholders to develop innovative incentive mechanisms to encourage development away from high-risk areas.
- Work closely with the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) specialist to ensure development and proper application of M&E tools.

Qualifications:

- Master's level qualifications from a recognized university in a field directly related to planning, environment, geography or the applied sciences
- At least 8 years relevant experience, including ODA projects involving spatial planning, land use planning, natural resource management or strategic environmental assessment
- Demonstrated experience with planning systems, land administration and land management in Vietnam
- Knowledge and experience with climate change adaptation, climate change mitigation and natural disaster risk management
- Strong technical skills in spatial planning, and familiarity with GIS presentation tools is highly regarded
- Demonstrated ability to work with the private sector as well as with different levels of government in Vietnam including provincial, district and commune levels
- Knowledge and experience with developing and delivering training sessions as well as participatory workshops
- Excellent interpersonal and oral and written communication skills (English and Vietnamese)
- Demonstrated and proven record to working in a multidisciplinary team under changeable and complex circumstances.

Applicants should send a current resume and the names and contact details of 3 references to winrockvfd@gmail.com by May 24, 2013. Only qualified candidates will be contacted.