

Associate Professional Officer - Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-60

1. General Information

Post-Title:	Associate Professional Officer (APO) Consultant (JPO - Programme)
Unit/Agency:	Amazon Unit: Sustainable Forest Management
Duty Station:	IDB Headquarters, Washington D.C., USA with possibility of assignment to an IDB Group Country Office in an Amazon country during the term of contract
Type of Contract:	Consultant Full-Time /Associate Professional Officer (APO)
Duration:	24 months

Please note that for participants of the JPO-Programme two years work experience are mandatory! Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

2. Background

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is looking for an energetic, collaborative, and highly motivated individual to join our team as a junior professional with deep knowledge of forest management and understanding of the major initiatives related to forest and land use sectors, experience in the implementation of development projects and strategic dialogues with counterparts and development partners in the region, to support the Bank in effectively leveraging sustainability funding in close coherence with its operational portfolio.

3. The Team

The Amazon Coordination Unit is part of the Climate Change and Sustainability (CSD) Sector within the IDB Vice-Presidency of Sectors and Knowledge (VPS). CSD conceptualizes, prepares, supports the execution, and oversees sustainability-focused Bank operations in borrowing member countries. Our main activities include lending operations, technical assistance, and knowledge generation related to urban and rural development, sustainable cities, agriculture, tourism, environment, disaster risk management and climate change. Due to the cross-cutting nature of sustainability and climate change, we work predominantly in a multi-sectoral fashion and in close collaboration with other VPS sectors, country departments and representations, as well as those areas of the Bank that lead on institutional partnerships, fiduciary matters, and development effectiveness. The position reports to the Sector Manager for CSD.

4. Description of Activities

- Designs, plans, and implements technical assistance activities in legislation, regulation, national and regional systems, and guidelines to support the valuing of natural capital/forest assets, including systems for environmental-economic modelling or accounting and other mechanisms to protect tropical forests and sustainable development, and other enabling and institutional strengthening activities.
- Participates in dialogues with LAC countries at national and regional levels to identify opportunities to contribute to the achievement of NDCs. Promotes and advises member countries on policies, strategies and methods of forest management and protection with a view to facilitating the contribution of forests and trees to improved livelihoods, rural development, and food security.
- Provides technical support to enhance mobilization of private capital and resources towards forest management and conservation activities within the framework of the Amazon Initiative.
- Plans, designs, and implements programs and activities in member countries and at a regional level for forest management, protection, and private mobilization, including project formulation, and technical backstopping.
- Participates in the dialogues and contributes to identifying business opportunities with private sector entities jointly with IDB Invest and IDB Lab.
- Provides technical support to technical divisions of the IDB Group on planning and executing activities related to rangelands management, climate smart agriculture and conservation agriculture.
- Provides technical support/analysis to assessments, studies and initiatives related to projects in forest management.
- Collaborates in, provides technical knowledge to, and ensures the quality / effectiveness of forest-related activities to be financed by different source of funding of the Amazon Initiative.
- Participates in multi-disciplinary teams and working groups/teams and collaborates to promote best practices.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices with IDB group staff and clients and provides support to stakeholder consultations.

5. Qualifications

Academic background: **Master´s degree** in a field of the social sciences or humanities that is relevant to sustainable and inclusive development.

Professional Experience:

- You have a minimum of 2 years of experience related to advancing sustainable and/or inclusive development
- Experience with advancing the sustainable development agenda.
- You have experience conducting political and strategic-level technical dialogues with diverse stakeholder groups (e.g. public sector, private sector, NGOs, civil society, indigenous and/or traditional communities), including dialogues in matters related to the sustainable development. A working understanding of multilateral development banks is highly desirable.
- You have some experience in connecting strategic-level discussions with realities at the operational level.
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- At least a basic familiarity with the fundamental economic, socio-cultural and environmental characteristics of the Amazon territories is highly desirable.

Skills:

- Knowledge and understanding of the international negotiations on REDD+, voluntary carbon markets and Article 6 related discussions is highly desirable.
- Knowledge of forest management in diverse forest types and ecosystems.
- Relevant experience in analyzing technical and institutional/governance aspects and providing policy advice on forest management and private investments.
- You support strategic dialogues with due attention to both results and relationships.
- You are skilled at leading difficult conversations to constructive outcomes.
- You are able to quickly adapt to changing circumstances while maintaining focus on quality, priorities and results.
- You have a collaborative spirit that allows you to integrate quickly and contribute effectively to a wide variety of settings with a variety of stakeholders.

Language:

- Proficiency in English is required
- Proficiency in Spanish (written and spoken) would be strongly recommended.
- Proficiency in Portuguese is desirable.
- Proficiency in French is a plus

You are expected to abide by the IDB Groups values and behaviors as set forth in the institutional Code of Conduct.

What you will need:

- **Citizenship:** Must be citizens of a Bank donor member country. We may offer assistance with relocation and visa applications for you and your eligible dependents.
- **Consanguinity:** You have no family members (up to fourth degree of consanguinity and second degree of affinity, including spouse) working at the IDB Group.
- **Experience:** Have a minimum of 2 years of relevant professional experience working with government agencies and local partners, multilateral institutions on projects for both the public and private sector is desirable. Understanding of projects related to Forest management and conservation.
- **Age:** Be under 33 years of age as of January 1st of the year of contract commencement date, or 38th birthday for Diversity groups defined by the Bank as peoples with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, and the LGBTQ+ community.
- Be exempt from any military obligation for the duration of the program.

6. Our Culture

Our people are committed and passionate about improving lives in Latin-America and the Caribbean, and they get to do what they love in a diverse, collaborative and stimulating work environment. We are the first Latin American and Caribbean development institution to be awarded the EDGE certification, recognizing our strong commitment to gender equality. As an employee you can be part of internal resource groups that connect our diverse community around common interests.

Because we are committed to providing equal opportunities in employment, we embrace all diversity and encourage women, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, afro-descendants, and indigenous people to apply.

The organization requires a COVID-19 vaccination for in-person business in the United States. Therefore, everyone working in HQ is required to present proof of vaccination status upon hire unless they qualify for a medical or religious exemption, subject to the Bank's approval.

7. About us:

At the IDB, we're committed to improving lives. Since 1959, we've been a leading source of long-term financing for economic, social, and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. We do more than lending though. We partner with our [48-member countries](#) to provide Latin America and the Caribbean with cutting-edge research about relevant development issues, policy advice to inform their decisions, and technical assistance to improve on the planning and execution of projects. For this, we need people who not only have the right skills, but also are passionate about improving lives.

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Büro Führungskräfte zu Internationalen Organisationen (BFIO)
unter Angabe der Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-60 auf dem
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