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**Scientist (Ref. No. 2125)**
**Climate Change, Energy and Low Carbon Development (CCE) Team**

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) envision a more equitable world where forestry and landscapes enhance the environment and well-being for all. CIFOR-ICRAF are non-profit, scientific institutions that conduct research on the most pressing challenges of forest and landscape management around the world. Using a global, multidisciplinary approach, we aim to improve human well-being, protect the environment, and increase equity. Our work focuses on innovative research, developing partners' capacity, and actively engaging in dialogue with all stakeholders to inform policies and practices that affect forests and people. Our work spans the globe, with expertise in the 'global South'. Founded in 1993 and 1978 respectively, CIFOR-ICRAF are members of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food secure future dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources.

CIFOR is looking for a:
*Scientist*

## Overview

CIFOR-ICRAF's Global Comparative Study (GCS) on REDD+ (https://www2.cifor.org/gcs/) has produced information, analysis, and tools to promote effective, efficient and equitable (3E) REDD+ outcomes, including secure rights and livelihoods for indigenous peoples and local communities. The project is entering its fourth phase (2021-2023) with a focus on using science to help overcome the barriers to implementation of 3E REDD+ policies and actions in Peru, Brazil, DRC, and Indonesia in light of growing finance for forests.

This Scientist will coordinate GCS REDD+ implementation in DRC, in close coordination with global and national research team members and partners.

The Scientist will work within the Climate Change, Energy & Low Carbon Development Team, directly supervised by the GCS REDD+ project leader.

## Summary of responsibilities

1. **Scientific coordination of GCS REDD+ activities in DRC**
   - Facilitate science-policy dialogues with key stakeholders in DRC to co-produce a deforestation and forest degradation diagnostic framework and policy scenarios.
   - Lead and support research on drivers of deforestation in DRC, assessment of interventions to address these drivers, political economy of forest policies and timber trade and REDD+ benefit sharing and safeguards.
   - Connect near-real-time forest disturbance alerts (RADD alerts developed at partner WUR) to an assessment of the quality of timber trade data and data-sharing protocols (e.g. between the Ministry of Finance and the Minister of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism) to reduce illegality.
   - Support efforts in the Yangambi Engagement Landscape through aligned activities.

- Write and supervise publications and other scientific communications related to research activities.
- Represent CIFOR-ICRAF at subnational, national, and global workshops and events.
- Cultivate strong in-country partnerships with researchers, civil society and grassroots organizations, government agencies, private companies, and funding partners (including the Royal Norwegian Embassy) working on REDD+ and forests and climate change issues more broadly.
- Communicate scientific findings effectively through presentations and blogs.

**2. Resource mobilization**
- Contribute to GCS REDD+ reporting and maintaining good relationships with key donors.
- Contribute to other research proposals in support of CIFOR-ICRAF's interests.
- Explore potential funding opportunities.

## Requirements

*Education, knowledge and experience:*
- A PhD in forestry, ecology, geography, environmental science, or a related field
- At least 5 years of experience in collaborative natural resource management or social science research
- Good understanding of deforestation and forest degradation issues in DRC; specific knowledge of national REDD+ processes an advantage
- Experience in project management, including large budgets, and facilitating and managing partnerships
- Established networks with government and other key stakeholders in DRC
- Strong communication skills, and excellent spoken and written English and French.

*Personal attributes and competencies:*
- Excellent analytical skills.
- Proven leadership and management with excellent interpersonal and communication skills, experienced in working with multicultural and multidisciplinary research teams.
- Initiative and capability to work independently while being an effective team member.
- Competency in personal organization, priority setting and managing multiple tasks.
- Values the sharing of information and continuous improvement in a cooperative atmosphere of constructive evaluation and learning.

## Terms and conditions
- This is a Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) position. CIFOR offers competitive remuneration in local currency, commensurate with skills and experience.
- The appointment will be for a period of 1 year, inclusive of a 6-month probationary period, with the possibility of extension contingent upon performance, continued relevance of the position and available resources.
- The duty station will be in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Application process
- The application deadline is **26 June 2021.**
- We will acknowledge all applications, but will only contact short-listed candidates.

To apply, please visit our career site at:
https://www.cifor.org/careers

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https://www.cifor.org and www.worldagroforestry.org

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