

## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGER**

### **ABOUT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL**

For 30 years, Conservation International (CI) has been protecting nature for the benefit of everyone on Earth. But we are not a run-of-the-mill environmental organization; we are more like a human organization. We know that human beings are totally dependent on nature, and that when we work to save nature we are really working to save ourselves. CI has a staff of over 1,000 employees working in more than 30 countries to build a healthier, more prosperous and more productive planet. Our goal is to protect the most fundamental things that nature provides to all of us: our food, fresh water, our livelihoods, and a stable climate. CI works at every level, from remote villages to the offices of presidents and CEOs, to find these solutions.

### **ABOUT THE POSITION**

Climate change is no longer an issue of the future—it is one of the greatest threats humanity is facing today. Changes in seasons, more frequent and intense storms, severe flooding, heat waves and droughts are already being observed, resulting in harm to ecosystems and the people that depend on them. As a result, addressing climate change is essential to Conservation International (CI) achieving its mission of safeguarding nature for the human well-being.

The Climate Change Manager, that we are seeking to recruit, will be responsible for planning, supporting and implementing innovative solutions to address the climate change challenges Africa is facing today. Working within the framework of CI's Africa strategy as well as CI's institutional Climate Change strategy, this position will be an integral member of CI's team in Africa, embedded within the GDSA .

The Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa (GDSA) is an African-led initiative for sustainable development, initiated in 2012 by African Heads of State. GDSA's objective is "to ensure that the contributions of natural capital to sustainable economic growth, maintenance and improvement of social capital and human well-being are quantified and integrated into development and business practice". Conservation International has been given the delegated responsibility of undertaking the executive functions of acting as the Secretariat which currently serves 12 member states. The Director, Climate Change will be a core team member of the GDSA Secretariat and will work as a trusted advisor to support / guide member states to achieve their commitments under the Paris Agreement, including their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This will involve working with CI's global teams in unlocking finance for implementation of these commitments through various funding options including the Green Climate Fund.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Climate Change Manager will work with the CI Africa team / partners / GDSA member states to:

- help mitigate climate change through the conservation and restoration of high-carbon forest ecosystems, including through addressing the drivers of deforestation; and the protection and restoration of coastal ecosystems (blue carbon).
- support the adaptation of vulnerable populations to climate change through the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of ecosystems that are critical for resilience to the impacts of climate change to help communities' capacity to adapt and ensure the continued provision of ecosystem services upon which they depend including the implementation of climate-smart agriculture
- operationalize CI's climate change strategy in the region, enabling CI to both directly, and as a catalyst, achieve specific contributions to global efforts on nature-based solutions for mitigation and adaptation

Duties are performed under the general direction of the Executive Secretary of the GDSA. The Climate Change Manager will be based out of Botswana (GDSA Office, Gaborone). **Applicants must have the legal ability to work in Botswana without employer sponsorship.**

### **TO APPLY**

For a more detailed job description, please visit our website, [www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org), and go to the Careers tab to apply directly through our online job application form. The deadline for receipt of applications is **August 13, 2018**.