



SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT WATCH (SUSWATCH KENYA)

Driving Sustainable Processes

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Vacancy announcement

Background

Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (Suswatch Kenya) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization since March 2011. It is a network composed of Civil Society Organizations engaged in varied thematic issues contributing towards sustainable development. Before its official registration, Suswatch has been operating since 2002 as a loose network of civil society organizations. It draws its membership from various institutions spread across the country. It is a member of the East Africa Sustainability Watch (EA SusWatch) which was formed in 2005 and comprises of networks of NGOs from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. It is also a member of the East Africa Chapter of the International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE) which is headquartered in Aarhus, Denmark.

Suswatch Kenya's vision: "A nation where citizens are mobilized on Sustainable Development, Climate Change issues, and livelihood interventions for improved quality of life."

The mission is: "To lobby and influence the government as well as other national, regional and global decision-making bodies to fulfill national, regional and international commitments on climate change and sustainable development"

In collaboration with three Western Kenya-based NGOs, SUSWATCH is implementing the "Decentralisation and Climate Change in the Lake Victoria Basin (DACCA) " project. Focused on strengthening climate resilience for smallholder farmers, the program aims to alleviate poverty in rural communities.

Vacant position: Project Officer – Decentralisation and Climate Change in the Lake Victoria Basin Program (DACCA)

Position Type: Fixed Term

Reporting to: Advocacy Working Group Chair- DACCA program

Position Overview: The Project Officer will be a key member of the Advocacy Working Group within the DACCA Program. The role primarily focuses on facilitating engagement with county governments, coordinating community initiatives, implementing advocacy campaigns, and ensuring social accountability measures are effectively integrated into program activities.

Responsibilities:

County Government Engagement:



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- Develop and maintain strong relationships with relevant departments and officials within county governments to promote awareness and understanding of climate change adaptation initiatives.
- Coordinate meetings, workshops, and consultations with county government stakeholders to facilitate dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing on climate change adaptation strategies and priorities.
- Provide technical support and guidance to county governments in the development, implementation, and monitoring of climate change adaptation plans and policies.
- Represent the organization in county-level forums, working groups, and stakeholder engagements related to climate change and devolution.

Community Engagement and Advocacy:

- Plan, organize, and implement community outreach activities aimed at raising awareness of climate change impacts, adaptation measures, and the importance of community participation in decision-making processes.
- Conduct advocacy campaigns to mobilize community members, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to advocate for policy changes, resource allocation, and accountability mechanisms related to climate change adaptation.
- Facilitate capacity-building workshops, training sessions, and awareness-raising events for community members on climate change adaptation, advocacy strategies, and social accountability tools.
- Collaborate with local partners and community leaders to identify and address climate-related challenges and priorities at the grassroots level.

Social Accountability:

- Ensure that social accountability mechanisms are integrated into program activities to promote transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in climate change adaptation efforts.
- Support the establishment and functionality of community-based monitoring and feedback mechanisms to track the implementation of climate change adaptation projects, monitor service delivery, and address grievances.
- Facilitate participatory budgeting processes and public expenditure tracking initiatives to enhance community oversight of climate finance allocations and utilization.
- Compile and analyze data on social accountability outcomes, community feedback, and project impacts to inform program planning, decision-making, and advocacy efforts.

3. Qualifications and Experience:



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- Diploma or Bachelor's degree in environmental studies, development studies, public policy, or a related field.
- At least 3 years of professional experience in project management, advocacy, community engagement, or related fields, with a focus on climate change adaptation or environmental governance.
- Strong understanding of devolution processes, local government structures, and policy frameworks in Kenya, particularly as they relate to climate change adaptation and resilience.
- Experience in designing and implementing advocacy campaigns, community mobilization initiatives, and social accountability projects.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and networking skills, with the ability to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders, including government officials, community leaders, civil society organizations, and donors.
- Proven ability to work independently, manage multiple tasks simultaneously, and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite and familiarity with data analysis and visualization tools is an advantage.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili, both written and spoken.

4. Reporting: The Project Officer will report directly to the Chair of the Advocacy Working Group, with additional reporting lines to the SusWatch Kenya National Coordinator. They will collaborate closely with fellow members of the Advocacy Working Group, as well as with program partners and stakeholders at both county and community levels.

5. Duration and Location: This is a full-time position based in Kisumu, with occasional travel to project sites and partner organizations within the Lake Victoria Basin counties as required.

6. Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae (CV), and contact information for three professional references to suswatchkenya@gmail.com and copy info@suswatchkenya.org by COB 22nd March 2024. Please include your salary expectations.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.