

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) – University of Bonn offers the following position:

Postdoctoral fellowship

(limited to 4 years, 100 percent of a full-time employment)

Salary: Entgeltgruppe 13 TVL, dependent on personal qualifications

Supporting the Work Programme of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in regard to capacity building and networking activities in West Africa

Background:

The position is part of the WABES project (www.wabes.net), an initiative to facilitate networking and capacity-building across West Africa and beyond in support of the Work Programme of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and in particular the assessments. Main goal is to connect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service (BES) experts from West African universities, research institutions, and existing science-policy interfaces via annual workshops and a Master of Science program in Côte d'Ivoire. WABES is funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

Topic/job description:

- Support all project activities from the German end and contribute to the establishment of expert networks via workshop facilitation and via web-based activities
- Engage at the Science/Policy interface with regard to the IPBES work plan
- Participate in workshops in West Africa and give lectures at the Master's program in Côte d'Ivoire
- Support the project coordinator in project management issues, such as monitoring project progress and financial resources, and prepare regular updates and reports

Requirements / expected profile:

- Doctoral degree in natural or social sciences with reference to environmental sciences
- Background knowledge in regard to the implementation of the IPBES work plan
- Ideally, previous experience in the science policy interface, such as experience with policy processes, platforms or initiatives, or with policy/knowledge synthesis
- Interest in capacity building activities and science management
- Eagerness to engage in an inter- and transdisciplinary development research context
- Willingness to travel abroad
- Fluent in English, knowledge in French and/or German is a strong asset

We offer:

A challenging task in a creative, international, inter- and transdisciplinary environment, a work at the Science/Policy interface in a development research context, the opportunity to engage in capacity building activities, project management, and teaching at university level.

The position can start as soon as possible, deadline for applications is October 31st 2017 or until the position is filled. Please send your application including a cover letter describing your motivation, research interests & relevant experience, a complete curriculum vitae including list of publications, grants and honors, the contact information of 2 former professor(s)/supervisor(s) who are willing to serve as referees, copies of Master's, Bachelor's (or equivalent) and Doctoral degree certificates. Please email your application files within one single pdf file (max. 5 MB) to Dr. Jan Henning Sommer hs@uni-bonn.de. Please also contact him in case you have any further questions.

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