



Connecting the world of Cocoa

VACANCY: PROJECT OFFICER SUSTAINABLE COCOA

The company

Cocoanect BV is a cocoa trading company based in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. We are a young and fast-growing company with our headquarters and 30+ FTE in Rotterdam, and with representation offices and 40+ FTE in Latin America and West-Africa. Cocoanect is part of COUNT, a multinational company group active in trade, storage, and logistical operations with more than 75 offices worldwide.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a key pillar of Cocoanect. We source our beans from origins all around the world, and together with smallholder farmers, exporters, and other partners we build dedicated supply chains to improve the daily lives of our farmers. Our projects cover a broad range of topics including biodiversity, gender, climate change, and child labour. At the base we ensure that our farmers receive international sustainable training packages of UTZ Certified, Rainforest Alliance, or Fairtrade international, and on top of that we build partnerships with external experts for so-called cert+ activities to increase our impact.

We always thrive for innovation and efficiency, with permanent presence in origins and close ties to our farmers. Our program is currently reaching more than 50.000 farmer households, mainly in Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, and Cameroon. We are expanding activities to East Africa and Lat. America, and we invite you to be part of this adventure!

The Job

Cocoanect is looking for a project officer to re-enforce our Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), project reporting, and project execution. The key responsibilities of the candidate are to:

- 30% Integrate a smartphone data collection tool in our supply chains, mainly at the farmer level.
- 25% Prepare both donor and client (chocolate makers) progress reports.
- 25% Support the team on project management & fundraising.
- 10% Control data quality, perform cross-check analyses, and optimize data collection surveys.
- 10% Develop new KPI's and structured reporting.

The team

You will be working in our dynamic sustainability team that is spread over The Netherlands (Rotterdam) and West Africa (Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, and Cameroon). In The Netherlands, you will be working with a small management team. In the origins, you will collaborate with the operational teams of our sustainability department (20+ FTE) as well as our project partners.



We are looking for;

- An academic degree in international development studies, agriculture, or other related fields.
- At least 4 years of experience in the international development sector.
- Fluent in English and working proficiency in French.
- A structured and analytical mind-set; you will need to develop and integrate key reporting templates that will fit in different programs across different origins.
- Excellent data management, analyses, and reporting skills.
- Being a fast-growing company, we are looking for a self-starter. You need to be efficient on an independent basis as well as in a team, and flexible to be able to adapt to shifting priorities.
- Prepared to travel on a regular basis to West Africa (ca 4 times per year).

What we offer you

You will be part of a fast-growing company and broad network with excellent future career opportunities. We offer substantial freedom in your work, daily sustainability topics, and personal development. You will experience and understand the difficulties and opportunities of rural development in third world countries, both from a trade business, ethic and socio-economic perspective. You will learn about the newest tools and programs to bring a positive change to cocoa farmer livelihoods and environment.

Work Status

40 hours per week.

Location

Based in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with the possibility to work from a flex-office in Utrecht 1-2 days per week. Regular travels to West- African countries.

Submitting

Please send your motivation letter and C.V to HR@cocoanect.com latest Thursday the 28th of February.

