



Connecting the world of Cocoa

VACANCY GHANA: Project Officer Cocoa Agroforestry

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 Program Manager to manage sustainability projects and partnerships in Ghana. The key responsibilities of the candidate are to:

- Manage execution of projects related to environmental conservation & agroforestry with suppliers and external partners like Agro Eco, Rainforest Alliance, GIZ and the Ghanaian government.
- Coordinate sessions for farmer trainings and coaching on agronomy & climate protection (Farm Development Plan, Climate Smart Cocoa, etc)
- Supervise the construction of nurseries for cocoa seedlings and multi-purpose trees, as well as the distribution and shade tree registration.
- Establish and maintain demo-farms to demonstrate Good Agricultural Practices to farmers
- Monitor progress of certification activities of our cocoa suppliers in the field
- Support our M&E digital data collection with field staff from our cocoa suppliers

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 Ghana, you will be working with a small team of 2 program managers and another project officer and in close collaboration the dedicated sustainability teams of our cocoa suppliers. Internationally, you will be in contact with the operational teams of our sustainability department (20+ FTE) as well as our project partners.



We are looking for

- Practically oriented and a self-starter
- Experience with certification (UTZ, Rainforest Alliance, FairTrade) is pre
- An academic degree in agriculture, and/or (agro)forestry;
- At least 2 years of experience in project management and/or commodities;
- A passionate and ambitious worker;
- You need to be innovative and driven to continuously improve our projects and procedures
- Fluent in English and good command of applicable local languages (Twi)
- Able to drive a motorbike and bush proof, as you will be in the field half of the time
- Local candidates only

Stationed

Kumasi, Ghana

What we offer you

You will be part of a fast-growing international company and broad network with excellent future career opportunities. We offer substantial freedom in your work, daily sustainability topics, and personal development. 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 Kumasi, Ghana, with regular trips to the cocoa region and to Accra. Yearly travel to a West-African country for knowledge sharing between our sustainability teams.

Submitting

Please send your motivation letter and C.V to HR@cocoanect.com latest Saturday the 30th of March.

