

POSITION OPENING
Economic Team Leader/Program Officer

Background: Conservation International (CI) aims to empower societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature for the well-being of humanity. In recent years, learning from its own experience as well as developments at the international level, following this mission has meant that CI is increasingly focusing on the human aspects of environmental stewardship. Currently CI – Liberia has a strong focus in at least three components where conservation brings financial advantage to regular communities. This includes national level opportunities to monetize natural assets while pursuing its development objectives more closely aligned with conservation of Liberia’s natural heritage; landscape level ecosystem services analyses to identify the tradeoffs to human populations between undertaking conservation and development as usual; and industry level work on value-chain analysis to determine how key industries in the country can be made friendlier to conservation while retaining profitability.

Position description: Reporting to the Technical Program Director, the Economics Team Leader (ETL) will be responsible for coordinating, and heavily involved with, CI – Liberia’s work on the national-level Green Economy, the landscape-level ecosystem services analysis and follow-up programming, value chain analysis and development of sustainable financing activities. The work will involve equal components of:

1. *Coordination and administrative support:* assume primary responsibility for ensuring that the economics programs are well-functioning day to day and are connected with similar efforts in Liberia and around the world.
2. *Analysis and research:* play a lead role in conducting the research and analysis including determining the value of ecosystem services, the potential for carbon credits to be generated in various sectors, and value chain analyses and facilitating value chain development in key sectors of the Green Economy Initiative.
3. *Program and project development:* serve as necessary a convening role to support development of projects and programs working with partner NGOs and local communities that put into practice financially beneficial support for conservation. This will involve extensive networking and information-sharing across the government, as well as technical and capacity-building support to partner NGOs and community structures, and fundraising support for CI Liberia.
4. *Policy support:* provide technical assistance with the Country and Technical Program Director to government and partners developing or revising policies in line with the Green Economies approach.

Qualifications: Candidate should be/have:

- Fluent in economics concepts,
- Demonstrated quantitative analytical skills,
- Proven record of delivering long-term projects as well as timely, effective technical support responsive to emerging needs
- Master's degree in economics, public policy, business, or a related field and/or with extensive work experience.
- Familiar with work, research, and/or policy in a Liberian or African context and should be familiar with NGO world.
- Proven experience in research, project implementation and fieldwork
- Proven ability to engage and apply research that affects private sector decision making.
- Proven strength is teamwork and in coordinating activities of multiple partners.
- The ideal candidate would also have fundraising/ grant writing experience.
- It is CI-Liberia's goal to employ Liberians whenever possible.

Application: Please send cover letter and CV to

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