

VOICE Network

Job Description Head of Strategic Partnerships

3-4 days/week

The VOICE Network is a global association of NGOs and Trade Unions working on sustainability in cocoa. VOICE's mission is to be a watchdog and catalyst for a reformed cocoa sector. Our core activities are advocacy and research. We are a strongly member driven network, working in a very dynamic sector, leading the way in sustainable global value chains.

The position

The Head of Strategic Partnerships is responsible for strengthening the network and its allies, as well as engaging with relevant actors based in the West African and Latin American to improve greater sustainability in the cocoa sector, including government, industry, international organisations, civil society, and others. The Head of Strategic Partnerships supports advocacy efforts of civil society and farmer-based organizations and their capacity building by promoting South-South exchanges and learnings. This position will be based in West Africa.

Deliverables

Building Partnerships

- Building strong relationships with VOICE members and allies.
- Supporting producing country members with capacity building, advocacy efforts, and promote South-South exchanges and learnings.
- Ensuring there is a good flow of information within the network, including member care and internal communication, in close collaboration with the Coordinator.
- Supporting the Managing Director in coordinating internal consultation processes on various topics relevant to the VOICE members and VOICE board. Collect feedback, input, suggestions, etc. and coordinate alignment to ensure an inclusive and balanced decision-making process, together with the Managing Director.

Strategy and advocacy

- Supporting the Managing Director in strategy development, planning, fundraising and reporting.
- Representing the network in external meetings and events, and engaging in advocacy with external relations, with a key focus on producing countries. This includes outreach to civil society and farmer-based organisations, outreach to multilateral initiatives such as the ICCO, CIGCHI, and other relevant policy and private sector actors.

Our culture

You would be finding a place in a small and dedicated global team. As a team, we care deeply about our work, and we don't mind working hard to see the world become a better place. At the same time, we also care deeply about our team-mates, and so we are committed to guarding a healthy work-life balance.

Requirements

- You have a relevant master's degree and 10 years of relevant work experience, and a strong network in the cocoa civil society space.
- You are interested in global trade justice and strong motivation to challenge the current food system and create positive impact for the income of cocoa farmers and the corporate responsibility of companies.
- You possess excellent communication and networking skills, proactive.
- You have good written and verbal language skills in both English and French. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus.
- You are highly organised, dependable, and reliable.



- You are able to work effectively in an international and multicultural environment and awareness of and willingness to combat the legacy of inequality and racism in the global economic system.
- Experience in the NGO sector.
- Candidates from West Africa, as well as female candidates, are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Labour conditions

One year consultancy contract with excellent benefits, with the aim of extension.

About the process

- Applications close April 7th.
- Job interviews will be held on a rolling basis.
- Please send your applications including CV and motivation letter to Claire Biason Lohier, claire@voicenetwork.cc