
Climate Vulnerability Specialist

Financial Access Consulting Services (FACS) is looking for a Climate Vulnerability Consultant for one of our implementation Projects in Zambia.

About the company

FACS (www.facsglobal.com) designs and delivers solutions to accelerate financial inclusion at scale in rural markets in Africa and Southeast Asia. We use our data-driven analytics, agrisector knowledge and operational banking experience to develop less risky, scalable and sustainable farmer financing models and customized investment opportunities for banks, microfinance institutions and (impact) investors, at lower cost.

FACS is part of the Financial Access group, the ex-ING Bank emerging markets financial sector advisory business taken private by management. FACS operates from its Head Office in Amsterdam and has operations in East Africa (Kenya and Uganda) and Indonesia. Combined with its ING track record, FACS has successfully completed more than 300 assignments in 45 countries since 1991.

In 2019 FACS has developed LendXS (www.lendxs.com), a fintech platform for financial institutions enabling them to lend to smallholder farmers at lower cost and reduced risk through the use of digital data collection and the deployment of credit workflow management and credit scoring tools.

Description of Roles and Activities

- Understanding climate-related changes, which may adversely affect peace and security such as; floods, drought, and other extreme weather events that may exacerbate underlying vulnerabilities and inequalities
- Perform climate vulnerability assessments (to natural resources) and gap analyses to determine current and future priority intervention areas
- Working closely with partners at the local, national, regional and global levels, and create unique approaches that tackle vulnerability to climate change at its roots using a transformative adaptation framework
- Act as FACS/LendXS key contact person for the customers in Zambia during implementation, go-live and throughout the lifecycle of the customer
- Supervise projects in close collaboration with LendXS Project manager, Product and Business Owners to ensure that they meet client requirements and are implemented on time and within their specified budgets
- Maintaining project timeframes, budgeting estimates and deliver status reports

- Use project management tools to track project performance and report on schedule adherence and conduct risk assessments for projects
- Plan for and conduct data collection, user training together with the product owner and the client engagement manager
- Develop and execute Agri finance, impact investment advisory and create climate smart solutions on behalf of banks, microfinance institutions, impact investors, NGOs and private companies in Africa
- Perform financial sector and value chain analyses and design financial structures and impact investment, risk management and financial inclusion solutions for FACS clients
- Project coordination and reporting, including managing external consultants and relevant stakeholders

Qualifications and experience

- MBA or Master's degree in Climate, Environment Related Studies, Economics, or Finance
- 5-7 years of work experience in Climate and Environmental areas, international business, banking, financial consulting, investment or financial analysis
- Strong experience in producing analysis/studies in sustainable development, climate change & disaster risk reduction projects
- Strong experience in capacity building facilitation and professional training regarding environment and climate change public awareness raising
- An understanding of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and databases in line with Climate Vulnerability Assessments (CVA) is an added advantage
- Work experience in Africa and experience with project and stakeholder management
- Experience with agrifinance and fintech is strongly preferred
- Strong analytical skills
- Team player with excellent interpersonal skills
- Fluency in English
- Flexible, energetic, hands-on, and self-motivated
- Willingness to travel

Requirements

Must be a resident of Zambia speaking the Local language

If interested or know someone suited for the role, please send your/their CV and Cover Letter in English to Paul Njoroge at paul.njoroge@financialxs.com.