

## PROJECT MANAGER - DEFORESTATION SPECIALIST

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**Location:** London

**Duration:** 24 month contract, with possibility of extension for the right candidate

**Start date:** This position is immediately available

**Remuneration:** £38-45K, plus benefits

**Closing date:** 25 September 2017

### ROLE SUMMARY

This role provides many opportunities to work with the PRI's extensive global network of investors and other non-governmental organisations. It also provides opportunities to travel and present in at major investment conferences and provides an excellent opportunities to build a profile in the responsible investment industry.

This role requires travel within Europe and internationally and to occasionally conduct conference calls in different time zones outside normal working hours.

### Core Responsibilities:

- Working closely with PRI signatories and PRI and Ceres staff, coordinate the activities of the new global investor working group on deforestation and ESG risks related to soft commodities such as cattle, soy, palm, and timber, pulp and paper. This will include:
  - leading signatory meetings and conference calls,
  - coordinating, procuring or undertaking supporting research,
  - developing and tracking project progress, including active oversight of investors' engagement with companies that takes place as part of the initiative,
  - monitoring developments and resources relevant to the project, and
  - drafting guidance or documents on lessons learned and project outcomes.
- Support and help coordinate the activities of a local Brazilian working group for engagement, in collaboration with local staff members. Ensure strong alignment between the Brazilian investor group and its global counterpart.
- Support awareness raising on deforestation and ESG risks related to soft commodities through means such as briefing papers, issue research, engagement guidance, investor trips, company-investor roundtables, or content for the PRI in Person annual conference.
- Coordinate with other ESGE staff to keep abreast of social and other ESG issues related to soft

commodities that should be integrated to the working group's activities.

- Develop and maintain positive and effective relationships with partner organisations and relevant external stakeholders.
- Participate or speak at PRI and external events as relevant and agreed with others in the team.
- Encourage participation of signatories in activities through conducting outreach, meeting signatories and ensuring relevant messages are shared with communications for media and social media outreach.
- Support internal knowledge sharing on environmental issues within the PRI, through organising relevant speakers, disseminating information and sharing project updates as relevant.
- Help supervise the work of an Officer who will provide part time support to the project.
- Contribute to efforts to continually improve the work of the team and organisation at large.

## Competencies, Knowledge and Experience:

- Degree in a field related to finance, responsible investment and/or sustainability. A postgraduate qualifications in a similar field is desirable.
- Relevant work experience in responsible investment and/or corporate sustainability. Experience on environmental issues within RI or sustainability would be advantageous.
- Existing knowledge of ESG issues related to soft commodities, particularly deforestation, is highly desirable, as is an understanding of such risks as they apply to agricultural supply chains.
- Experience or understanding of shareholder engagement activities.
- Excellent project management skills with strong attention to detail.
- Confidence to relate to and interact with a wide range of investment professionals from different regions.
- Able to learn quickly.
- Diplomacy, tact, and ability to work well in teams.
- Excellent verbal communication skills, including presentation skills and the ability to facilitate effective group discussions.
- Strong written communications skills, including the ability to plan, write and deliver high quality written outputs such as research reports or briefings with minimal revisions.
- Good knowledge of relevant IT (e.g. Excel, Word, PowerPoint and CRM software).
- Fluent in English and ideally another language relevant to financial markets. Portuguese and/or Spanish would be highly desirable.

If you would like to apply please email a copy of your CV and cover letter to: [careers@unpri.org](mailto:careers@unpri.org). Closing date: 25 September 2017.