

## Job Description: Programme Manager, Nature

Reports to: Senior Programme Manager, Nature

Place of work: Central London / hybrid

Time: 5 days/week - full time

Contract Length: 12-month fixed term, with potential extension

Starting date: As soon as possible

Salary: Competitive plus benefits, depending on experience

#### **About IIGCC**

IIGCC brings the investment community together to work towards a net zero and climate resilient future. We create change the world needs by unlocking investor action on climate change.

Our work supports investors in generating returns for clients and beneficiaries, which in turn provides financial wellbeing for future generations. We work with our members to address climate risk and ensure they are well positioned to make the most of investment opportunities offered by climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, ensuring that their investments contribute towards a better world for us all to live in.

Our team collaborates with investors to create practical solutions that can make a real difference in tackling climate change – facilitating investment practices, policies and corporate behaviours that have real impact and deliver change that the world needs. For more information visit <a href="www.iigcc.org">www.iigcc.org</a> and <a href="@@iigccnews">@iigccnews</a>.

Over recent years, IIGCC has launched a number of the most significant investor climate initiatives through the Corporate Programme. These include Climate Action 100+, the world's largest investor engagement; Nature Action 100 (NA100); the Banks Working Group, and the Net Zero Engagement Initiative (NZEI). More recently, IIGCC has become the Secretariat for the Finance Sector Deforestation Action (FSDA) initiative.

#### The Role

You will join us as one of the programme managers of IIGCC's Corporate Programme, specifically focused on supporting the Finance Sector Deforestation Action and Nature Action 100 initiatives. The role is focused on expanding the reach of investor corporate engagement to combat deforestation and nature loss.

Launched at COP26, <u>Finance Sector Deforestation Action (FSDA)</u> brings together 36 financial institutions with more than £7 trillion in AUM/A who are working toward eliminating agricultural commodity-driven deforestation (for palm oil, soy, beef, pulp & paper) from their investment and lending portfolios by 2025. The commitment letter signed by each of these financial institutions is available <u>here</u>. FSDA was initiated by the UN High Level Climate Champions together with efforts by the UK Government and other NGO members. FSDA's work is exemplified by <u>this case study with Storebrand</u>.

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NA100 is a global investor engagement initiative designed to drive greater corporate ambition and action to combat nature loss. Participating investors call on companies to achieve six key asks, including assessing and disclosing their nature-related issues and setting science-based targets. NA100 now has over 200 participating investors representing over £21 trillion in assets under management or advice (AUM/A).

As the programme manager, you will contribute to the development and implementation of the strategy of these two pioneering initiatives. One nimble and highly ambitious specifically targeting commodity-driven deforestation and one broad and far-reaching with the scope to support multiple engagement strategies. You will be responsible for tracking the progress of engagements, managing initiative databases and responding to participating investor inquiries, among other tasks.

There will also be opportunities to work across workstreams, including stewardship, specific sector work and transition research, while working collaboratively with the Investor Strategies and Policy programmes.

### **Main responsibilities**

The work will comprise the following key activities:

- Support the management of the <u>Finance Sector Deforestation Action</u> and Nature Action 100 initiatives.
- Manage databases to track and report on engagement progress.
- Work closely with IIGCC members to facilitate effective collaborative engagement; for example, producing tools and guidance, convening working groups and providing technical assistance.
- Assist with the overall project management and research needs of the Corporate Programme in order to support investor engagement with companies on deforestation and nature loss.
- Collaborate with partner networks, data providers and other third parties.

### Skills and capabilities

### **Essential:**

- Experience of working on issues relating to deforestation and nature loss AND/OR experience working in stewardship, corporate sustainability or in the financial sector.
- Excellent data management skills, including mastery of Excel.
- Proven motivation to lead and deliver on a workplan, demonstrating flexibility where required.
- Proven ability to work as a team, and successfully manage internal and external stakeholders.
- Excellent project management, coordination and organisational skills.
- Strong stakeholder engagement and management capabilities.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with a high level of attention to detail.

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- Clear motivation to work on issues related to deforestation, nature loss and climate change.
- Competency in routine IT tools including Microsoft Office including Word, Power Point and Adobe PDF.
- Written and spoken fluency in English.

### **Desirable:**

- Understanding and demonstrable interest in financial markets, the investment industry and their role in sustainability.
- Knowledge and understanding of best practices in corporate nature reporting (e.g. TNFD, SBTN).
- Experience working on a specific issue related to nature loss (e.g., deforestation, water use, pollution).
- Fluency in other languages.

## Why work at IIGCC?

People join IIGCC because they care deeply about making a difference in supporting our mission that brings the investment community together to make significant progress towards a net zero and climate resilient future by 2030. In return, IIGCC offers its employees a competitive salary with a wide range of benefits and supportive ways of working. You can find the full list of our benefits <a href="https://example.com/here/benefits/bere">here</a>.

## **Applications**

Interested applicants should submit a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter detailing their relevant skills, capabilities and experience for the role by completing the application form <a href="here">here</a>.

If you have any queries, please email vacancy@iigcc.org.

### **Recruitment timeline:**

- Deadline for applications: 9am on 15 April 2024
- Ist round interviews (virtual): w/c 22 April 2024
- 2d round interviews (in person): 1 2 May 2024

We reserve the right to extend the deadline or close this vacancy early depending on the applications we receive. We recommend that you submit your application as early as possible.

### Please note:

- Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.
- We do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, religion, marital status, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.