



JOB DESCRIPTION

Senior Project Manager (m/f/d)

Start: January 2021

Yunus Environment Hub is looking for an experienced Senior Project Manager (m/f/d) to lead an international project to develop and establish a global and independent process standard for transparent calculation, verification and validation of Plastic Credits.

Reporting to the top-level management, as the Senior Project Manager (m/f/d), you will analyse global plastic credit standards and compare it to current industry practices. You will be actively consulting with internal and external stakeholders, such as Plastic Credit platforms, FMCGs and waste management organisations.

You enjoy working in an international environment and are passionate about social business and the waste management sector. You are a highly structured personality and enjoy transforming complex issues into accessible and insightful content.

ABOUT THE ROLE

As part of an international consortium, the Yunus Environment Hub is designing and testing an internationally independent and transparent standard process model for Plastic Credit systems.

The Plastic Credits approach leans on the well-established trade of CO₂ emission certificates with the goal to co-finance carbon-reducing initiatives. Analogue to emission trading, organizations have adopted certificates for the reduction of plastic waste in the environment, so-called “plastic credits” as a tool for acquiring co-funding through organizations that introduce plastic packaging into the market and therefore generate large amounts of plastic waste. The valuation of plastic credits is currently based on individual criteria of the issuing organizations (the plastic credit platform). There is currently no transparent, international standard process model available to calculate and validate plastic credits for waste collection and recycling projects involving the informal sector. For instance, current models do not allow the transfer of credits between different stages in the recycling value chain and typically only cover the collection and not the following stages of processing and recycling. Furthermore, the documentation of individual project results and respective contributions are not supported by a digital solution based on a standard process model.

These challenges will be addressed to achieve the ultimate goal of scaling the impact of plastic credit systems to improve waste management activities globally.

Responsibilities

- Review and analyse existing e.g Verra's plastic standard or similar existing standards
- Design a standard process model based on an assessment of existing credit systems, identification of gaps and challenges, using process modelling techniques
- Support the development of a digital application
- Define and monitor usability tests on 5 pilot projects in low and middle-income countries
- Evaluation of test results, derive improvements, document the progress
- Documentation of project results and reporting to consortium members and various stakeholders
- Promote the standard process model across diverse stakeholder groups, acquisition of advisory board members, moderate stakeholder communication processes

Requirements

- Min. 10 years of work experience in waste management or Carbon Credit market
- Master's degree or higher in waste management, environmental studies, business administration, international economics or related areas
- Experience with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes
- Good understanding of the informal waste sector
- Experience with stakeholder engagement processes
- Know-how of standardization and certification processes
- Fluent in English, German is a plus
- Based in Wiesbaden, Germany or remotely elsewhere in Europe
- Willingness to travel internationally for testing phase
- Full-time position, starting in January 2021 with a project period of 18 months

Benefits

- Meaningful project and mission-driven company
- A versatile and flexible work environment with organisations using business as a means for social and environmental impact
- A growing dynamic team of passionate professionals from various disciplines
- Remote work and productive office environment
- Competitive salary package

YUNUS ENVIRONMENT HUB

Yunus Environment Hub (YEH) is the global social business network that creates solutions for the environmental crisis. Co-founded and led by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus the YEH supports and develops Social Business solutions addressing environmental issues in a financially self-sustainable way.

We are a team of passionate professionals with backgrounds in engineering, business, social & political sciences, environmental studies or economics. Our growing team has its headquarters in Germany with local teams in India, Vietnam, Colombia and East Africa where we currently run larger social business programs. We truly believe that social business is part of the solution to address our global environment crisis. While our daily work can be challenging, we are convinced that every individual can make a change leading to collective impact. Together we make the impossible possible.

Please send your CV, cover letter, salary expectation and earliest starting date to Christina Jäger (christina.jaeger@yunuseh.com) until 18 December 2020.