



Director – Kenya Commercial Forestry Programme

Location: Nairobi

Closing date: 14th August 2016

Could you lead the start-up of an innovative long-term programme to transform a key sector in Kenya? Do you have strategic vision, a sharp analytical and creative mind, and proven leadership skills in complex sector development/M4P programmes, along with experience of commercial forestry or agribusiness, and senior operational management experience in East Africa?

Kenya faces a serious and worsening wood supply deficit: high rates of urbanisation and growth are driving increased demand, while supply is projected to stagnate or fall. Gatsby Africa is developing a commercial forestry sector development programme to tackle this high-level supply challenge in a manner aligned with market requirements. The Kenya Commercial Forestry Programme (KCFP) aims to build on market dynamics to deliver opportunities for inclusive economic growth and long-term competitiveness of the sector.

The challenging role of KCFP Director requires a dynamic, thoughtful and mature professional with substantial in-depth experience of managing and delivering sector or market-based development programmes. With the ability to engage in the details of both technical and operational oversight, the ideal candidate will have excellent strategic leadership skills, sound judgement and private sector DNA. While experience of managing interventions to enhance competitiveness in the forestry sector is valuable, we would seriously consider candidates with similar experience managing other large-scale agro-commodity programmes.

With at least 12-15 years' experience, the successful candidate will have a strong track record of successfully running multi-stakeholder programmes, working with government, and building high performing teams and productive external partnerships. Some understanding of commercial forestry would be an advantage, but is not essential: the ability to both define strategy and execute effectively, commercial acumen, track record and an open adaptive learning attitude are more important.

To find out more and apply for the post, please go to http://oxfordhr.co.uk/job/director_kcfp_gatsby_africa where you can download the Candidate Pack and apply online. Applications are welcome until the deadline of 14th August 2016 (by midnight GMT).