

# CARBON MARKETS ADVISOR



# BACKGROUND

The Office of the Special Climate Envoy in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya is charged to advise the President of Kenya on matters related to climate change policy and action and represent Kenya in regional and international forums and negotiations on climate change. The Office also coordinates with other stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, and development partners, to mobilize resources and support for Kenya's climate change agenda.

The Office has a special focus on carbon markets aligned with Kenya's Nationally Determined Contribution commitment to the Paris Agreement to abate 32% of its emissions by 2030. Kenya's NDC is to be implemented through domestic and international support including participation in the international carbon market and non-market mechanisms. In this regard, the Carbon Markets Advisor will support the Senior Advisor with a focus on research and insights, convening and influence, reporting and performance, and coordination support.

The position reports directly to the Special Climate Envoy for Kenya. The position is full time, with a duration of 18 months (renewable), based in Nairobi, Kenya.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Research and Insights

- Lead the design, delivery and ongoing review of data, market analysis and research focused on voluntary and compliance carbon markets to ensure accurate analytical and strategic information provision to The Office.
- Develop and deliver high-integrity quality insights on voluntary and compliance carbon markets, policy and regulatory briefs, sector/ thematic insights, global and local landscape developments briefs etc.
- Lead the development of research and insights that drive executive decision making in The Office.
- Lead the development and delivery of meaningful and actionable analytics and insights that inform and influence key stakeholders.
- Support the development of appropriate communications in relation to the carbon market developments, including through press releases and social media.
- Other tasks as assigned.

### Convening and Influence

- Facilitate and proactively contribute to policy dialogues on issues relating to carbon markets, including engagement with non-government stakeholders such as private sector, development partner, civil society etc.
- Support the preparation and execution of the stakeholder engagement plan.

- Support preparations for and participation in key local and international events in climate diplomacy and thought leadership focused on carbon markets.
- Support participation and understanding in meetings/events on carbon markets.
- Shape carbon market deliverables for major events and support specific carbon markets-related events and meetings.
- Support the development of speeches, talking points, and briefs for the Office on issues related to carbon markets, carbon pricing, carbon trading, etc.
- Contribute to the task of routine preparation of speeches, notes, briefs, and reports as necessary.
- Other tasks as assigned.

### Reporting and Performance

- Develop reports on the performance of The Office's ambitions and goals and identify key bottlenecks and areas for improvement with a focus on carbon markets.
- Develop progress reports (quarterly) with narrative and budget insights that enable The Office to improve on the performance and delivery of its mandate in carbon markets.
- Identify areas of inefficiencies and delays and provide expert advice on how to improve the performance of The Office with a focus on carbon markets.
- Track achievements and impact of The Office to demonstrate and share the value delivered by The Office in carbon markets.
- Other tasks as assigned.

### Coordination Support

- Support engagement with different Ministries and State Corporations to identify and advance opportunities for carbon market participation across key sectors such as Energy, Agriculture and Land Use, Forestry and Transportation.
- Support participation and articulation of issues in meetings or events related to carbon markets.
- Lead in the follow up engagement with key stakeholders on priority issues to ensure progress on action items and priority projects.
- Other tasks as assigned.

# QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Master's Degree or equivalent in environmental science, sustainable development, economics or related field in climate change with demonstrated skillset or qualifications in carbon markets.
- Deep technical expertise relating to key issues in voluntary and compliance carbon markets, including regulation, standards, benefits sharing, and MRV.
- Knowledge of UNFCCC climate change negotiations including the Paris Agreement (Article 6 & NDC Implementation).

# SKILLS AND QUALITIES

- Self-starter with entrepreneurial mindset, and adaptive and collaborative approach to driving results.
- Experience engaging senior government decision makers on issues of policy and strategy relation to carbon markets.
- Experience working with private sector developers of carbon projects and an understanding of the process of bringing carbon credits to market.
- A clear communicator and influencer who can explain complex topics clearly to senior audiences.
- Flexibility and ability to work in a fast-paced and sometimes ambiguous environment, adapting to the changing demands of a rapidly growing sector.
- Demonstrated fluency in English, fluency in Kiswahili an added advantage.
- Competence in the use of Microsoft applications including Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
- Ability and willingness to travel internationally.

# HOW TO APPLY

Shortlist ([www.shortlist.net](http://www.shortlist.net)) is **FSD Kenya's** exclusive recruitment partner for this role. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is closed, though early applications are strongly encouraged.

To apply, ask a question, or refer someone in your immediate network, please write to the shortlist team with your CV or LinkedIn profiles using the following contacts:

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