Subject: Assistant Project Manager for Sudan

Background and context

CIMA Research Foundation is a non-profit research organization promoting the study, scientific research, technological development and higher education in engineering and environmental sciences. Actives in the fields of civil protection, disaster risk reduction, climate change impact and aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems safeguard.

CIMA promotes the continuous improvement in early warning and risk reduction, through the implementation of research, applied research and cooperation projects at the national (Italian) and international scale. In Sudan, CIMA foreseen to implement an initiative aimed at strengthening Sudan's technical and operational capacities in disaster prevention and management, through the implementation of an operational Early Warning System aimed at reducing deaths, human suffering and economic damage caused by floods and droughts.

In this context, CIMA is looking for motivated young professional to support its activities in Sudan, acting as Assistant Project Manager based in Khartoum.

Initiative overview

Sudan, due to its morpho-climatic characteristics and the vulnerability of its population, is particularly exposed to the consequences of ongoing climate change and to water-related disasters, such as floods and droughts. The initiative aims at enhancing disaster preparedness at the national scale in Sudan, establishing a comprehensive Early Warning System at the central level. This objective will be targeted by implementing capacity development and technological transfer activities including: enhancement of meteorological forecasts for Sudan, implementation of a flood forecasting chain and of a drought monitoring tool, enhancement of the weather monitoring network, definition of Standard Operating Procedures for Early Warning, configuration of a Civil Protection Operation Room for Early Warning coordination, provision of a multiple-stakeholder platform for risk-related data sharing.

Key responsibilities

The Assistant Project Manager will be required to provide support in Sudan to CIMA Project Manager and Thematic Area Experts in:

- Planning and supervising the project activities.
- Liaising with national institutions and agencies involved in the project implementation.
- Monitoring of project time schedule and indicators.
- Reporting of project activities and outcomes.
- Contracting and management of local experts.
- Planning and delivery of field missions in Sudan and/or Italy.
Expected profile

- Advanced university degree (Master’s degree, equivalent or higher) in fields of Disaster Risk Reduction / Natural Hazards / Management is required.
- A relevant first-level university degree in the above fields in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.
- Professional experience in the management and implementation of technical projects.
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English.
- Communication skills (spoken, written and presentation).
- Organisation, planning and analytical skills.
- Willingness to travel abroad for medium to long missions.

Desirable assets:

- Experience in Sudan or neighbouring countries.
- Knowledge of Arabic.
- Experience in reporting.
- Knowledge in Early Warning Systems and Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Experience in hydrometeorology.
- Good knowledge of GIS instruments.

CIMA offers:

- an interesting job in a young interdisciplinary and fast-growing research Foundation.
- the opportunity for professional growth and know-how acquisition.
- the opportunity to work in a motivated and enterprising team.
- the opportunity to work in international projects.
- state-of-the-art technical facilities.

Overview of the assignment:

- Location: Sudan and Italy
- Position: Assistant Project Manager
- Candidates: National and/or International
- Duration: 3 years
- Expected staring date: January 2022
- Reporting to: Project manager at CIMA
Interested candidates should submit their CV to the email ricerca.personale@cimafoundation.org (cover letter and reference letters can be submitted too) within 22.12.2021 at 12:00 Central Europe Time. The subject of the email should be: “Assistant Project Manager in Sudan”.

The candidates, after CV evaluation, will be contacted for an interview. Based on the interview outcomes, a proposal for a position within CIMA will be made to the candidates. The proposed compensation will be commensurate with experience: factors such as demonstrated hard and soft skills, level of education, history in the sector, and relevant work experience will all be evaluated.

The target start date is in January 2022. Any questions on requirements and scope of work can be directed to Dr. Alessandro Masoero (alessandro.masoero@cimafoundation.org).

Savona, 30 November 2021

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