

Vacancy:

West Africa Regional Coordinator for the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

Date: 31 January 2019

Starting date:	As soon as possible
Duration:	6 months, extension possible
Location:	Must be based in a West African country (home based)
Job type:	Full time (35-40 hours/week)

About the FiTI:

The Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) is a global multi-stakeholder initiative. Its purpose is to increase transparency and participation in fisheries governance for the benefit of a more sustainable management of marine fisheries. The FiTI was created in 2015 and is currently hosted by the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform¹ until mid of 2019, when the FiTI International Secretariat will move to the Seychelles.

The FiTI is not owned or operated by one organisation nor does it represent the work of a single interest group. Instead, the diversity of different stakeholders is a central feature of how the FiTI works.

More information can be found at: <http://fisheriestransparency.org/>

Job description:

We are seeking a Regional Coordinator to support FiTI implementations in West African countries. This vacancy is a unique opportunity to play a leading role in supporting the growth of the FiTI in West Africa and to contributing to the global development of this young initiative.

Key responsibilities:

Coordination of FiTI implementation in West Africa

- Supporting countries in implementing the requirements of the FiTI Standard (e.g., Guinea, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sao Tomé e Príncipe, Senegal), in close cooperation with the designated national governmental focal points
- Conducting regular meetings/telephone appointments with designated focal points
- Conducting regular field visits to countries in the region
- Providing guidance to national stakeholders upon request (e.g., revision of FiTI-related documents, roadmaps and strategic workplans)
- Supporting national and regional actors in conceptualising and organising FiTI-relevant events
- Identifying additional stakeholders in targeted countries to expand the current FiTI regional network

Communication

- Representing the FiTI in relevant national and regional events
- Promoting national and regional FiTI activities on social media (e.g., twitter, Facebook)
- Providing regular blog articles on FiTI-related activities for the FiTI website

¹ The HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform is a not-for-profit, limited liability company, based in Berlin / Germany. It promotes democratic processes and multi-stakeholder governance in Germany, Europe and worldwide.
www.governance-platform.org/en/

Support the global administration and governance

- Contributing to the development of the global FiTI conceptual framework (e.g., elaboration of guidance notes and conceptual papers)
- Participating in weekly status calls with the Director of the FiTI International Secretariat
- Supporting global communication/outreach of the FiTI International Secretariat (including official correspondence)
- Supporting the organisation of FiTI International Board meetings (including the elaboration of preparatory papers, preparation of sessions, logistics)
- Providing advice to the FiTI International Board, if requested
- Undertaking other related tasks as assigned by the Director of the FiTI International Secretariat

Qualifications:

The successful candidate should have a solid academic background and more specifically

- a strong motivation and flexibility to work for a young, ambitious international initiative;
- at least 3-5 years relevant professional experience in the fisheries sector, preferably in West Africa;
- proven capacity to draft concept papers and analyses at a high level (in English and in French);
- experience of multi-stakeholder partnerships and working with governmental institutions ;
- excellent communication, presentation and interpersonal skills ;
- proven problem-solving skills;
- readiness to travel on a regular basis within the region (at least one trip per month);
- proven track record of successful project management, experience in fundraising would be an asset;
- French (native speaker) and English (fluent) – Portuguese would be an asset.

Our offer:

- Be part of a friendly and highly-motivated team willing to make a difference for sustainable fisheries
- Unique occasion to contribute to developing a global, impactful initiative
- Access to key national and international decision makers
- Participation in conferences and workshops
- Flexible working hours
- Competitive remuneration, based on qualifications and experience

Interested?

Candidates who meet the above requirements should send their CV and cover letter (in English) explaining their motivation and why they are suited for the position with details of expected salary and start date by email to info@fisheriestransparency.org

Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

The deadline for application is **15 February 2019**.

Due to the anticipated high volume of applications, we will only be able to contact candidates who are shortlisted for an interview.