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Overview

An Intellectual and a professional with training, knowledge, skills and experience in climate change and energy, environmental conservation, and natural resource management, especially project management.

Summary of Qualifications:

- 6 years of experience in energy, climate change, conservation and sustainable natural resource management initiatives.
- Strong strategy writing and content repackaging skills
- Sound knowledge of policies and regulations in the climate and energy sector
- In-depth knowledge of project management –6 projects to date
- Capacity and scalability planning – organized and facilitated workshop trainings
- Strong strategy writing skills
- Networking and partnership skills

Work Experience:

Programme Manager, July 2020 – Present

Clean Cooking Association of Kenya (CCAK), Nairobi, Kenya

- Deputizing the Chief Executive
- Resource mobilization through preparing funding proposals and pursue partnerships
- Establishing organizational sustainability through revenue generating strategies and activities
- Establishing and implementing new CCAK strategic directions
- Influencing policies, regulations, fiscal and administrative frameworks that facilitate a competitive business environment for CCAK Members and other clean cooking sector stakeholders.
- Building the CCAK brand and image, enhancing CCAK governance and accountability structures
- Preparing and implementing action plan and reporting mechanisms for all activities
- Implementing new resource diversification and revenue deepening strategies
- Providing leadership in defining and facilitating program planning and implementation
- Representing CCAK programs to international donors and organizations to leverage new and continued funding
- Managing project budget, determining fiscal requirements and preparing budgetary recommendations and grant reports
- Designing data-driven evaluation to assess progress toward goals, outcomes/impact for improvement initiatives and return on investment
- Managing the program's budget, aligning the deliverables (outputs) to the program's outcome
- Establishing organizational sustainability through revenue generating strategies and activities.
- Overseeing strategic pillar coordination

Project Coordinator, June 2019 – June 2020

Sustainable Energy Access Forum (SEAF-K), Nairobi, Kenya

Sustainable Energy Access Forum (SEAF-K) – a WWF funded initiative - is a membership forum of over 80 member CSOs spread all over Kenya.

- Coordinating all technical and financial reporting aspects: 4 technical reports for 4 workshops organized and implemented; managing and providing oversight of SEAF-K financial expenditure and budgets
- Conducting research on energy trends and potential opportunities for SEAF-K members to benefit.
- Monitoring and evaluating implementation of forum activities and keeping track of finances.
- Documenting and sharing member success stories on energy access innovation.
- Reviewing climate change and energy policies
- Managing and providing oversight of SEAF-K financial expenditure and budgets in accordance with WWF rules and regulations.
- Managing SEAF-K Secretariat and Interim Steering Committee (ISC) comprised of 12 members to implement the Forum's strategic plan
- Coordinating and participating in training and development for new and existing members.
- Tasked with growing SEAF-K membership through rigorous engagement with stakeholders in the Kenyan Energy sector – recruited over 30 members in 5 months.
- Correspondence with 95 SEAF-K members and stakeholders through database management.
- Managing SEAF-K's digital communications and social media channels (twitter, Google list and website)
- Successfully delivered high-impact results within constrained budgets through merging activities to maximize on the available budgets
- Coordinating marketing and fundraising campaigns for SEAF-K
- Undertaking donor mapping research and assessment
- Resource mobilization through proposal writing for SEAF-K to potential donors and partners; written 4 concept notes for funding.
- Engaging with partners and potential donors for funding; held 4 meetings with potential donors, attended 6 partner events

Conservation Strategy Assistant July 2018- March 2019

African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Nairobi, Kenya

- Conducted research for 3 different conservation landscapes in Africa to identify the gaps, threats, challenges, strengths and opportunities for AWF.
- Prepared project profiles and information briefs for 10 landscapes within Africa on past projects implemented by AWF to inform stakeholders and development partners
- Managed AWF knowledge through organizing and analyzing organization information into landscape profiles and libraries for the AWF 38 priority areas
- Prepared and reviewed countries and landscape conservation strategies for 4 landscapes; Tsavo - Mkomazi, Murchison, Mana- Loza, and FARO landscapes; and 1 country strategy for Uganda.

Project Assistant July 2016- June 2018

Capacity Development Project for Sustainable Forest Management (CADEP-SFM)

- Collecting, documenting, storing and sharing best practices on sustainable forest management through training fora and AI-CD website.
- Supported in the project plan, schedule and execution of all stages of CADEP-SMF
- Coordinated and facilitated 3 trainings workshops for CADEP-SFM members countries from 7 Horn of Africa countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan) in Kenya
- Preparing questionnaires for data collection.
- Interviewing farmers with best practices for documentation through administering the questionnaires and oral interviews
- Conducted a 2-day workshop training for 40 participants in South Sudan on collection and documentation of best practices.

- Attended international, regional and local meetings
- Managed the project budget of USD 50000.

Research Assistant, June 2014- June 2016

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)

- Conducted research on adaptation to climate change and natural resources for conference presentations and proposal development
- Coordinated and facilitated delivery of 4 capacity building workshops to government officials in 17 countries in East, Central and southern Africa on adaptation to climate change
- Organized and implemented 2 training workshops for 60 Somalia Government officers on policies and practices for climate change adaptation.
- Compiling, writing and editing technical social forestry reports
- Supported donor financial reporting for JICA and UNDP.
- Disseminated research findings through workshop trainings, publications and presentations
- Represented social forestry department during quality audits evaluations; through preparing audit requirements and writing audit reports after evaluation
- Supported in monitoring and evaluation of social forestry courses
- Reviewed technical journals and manuals, for KEFRI research scientists
- Attended seminars, and participated in professional activities to keep informed on new technology and management systems for environmental programs and practices
- Led and supervised a team of 4 research assistants at KEFRI

Education

Master's Degree in Environmental Studies (Climate change and sustainability) Kenyatta University - on-going

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, Egerton University, 2014

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