

Senior Finance Advisor

About the role

Mekong Strategic Partners is seeking to recruit a Senior Finance Advisor to join the team in Bangkok, Thailand for USAID Green Invest Asia. The US Government's flagship climate finance project which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by catalyzing and scaling up private finance into the agricultural and forestry sectors in South East Asia.

The regionally focused role will support the private sector in countries across South East Asia scale up financing into low-emission land management practices. This will be achieved through developing a pipeline of investible projects and businesses in the agricultural and forestry sectors in South East Asia.

The Senior finance advisor will provide overall technical leadership in increasing investment by banks and other investors and investment vehicles into supporting sustainable, low emission land use practices. S/he will explore innovative and effective approaches to building partnerships and alliances with public and private sector parties (national or regional levels) that are interested in adopting responsible investment practices towards deforestation and degradation free agriculture, agro-forestry and forestry businesses. S/he will coordinate closely with a wide variety of stakeholders and advise across all project initiatives and activities and supervise technical staff and consultants in implementation of project activities.

Key Responsibilities

- > Develop strategies for catalyzing finance into businesses implementing or transitioning towards low emission sustainable landscape practices.
- > Advise banks and other types of investors on financing mechanisms that support low-carbon sustainable landscape projects
- > Design and implement initiatives to expand the number of regional banks and financial institutions adopting environmental and social governance standards.
- > Identify potential investors for low-carbon projects in the agricultural and forestry sectors and work with financial institutions and other investors to assist them in gaining access to a pipeline of investment ready businesses and projects. Build and maintain relationships with relevant private sector partners across South East Asia.
- > Supervise finance staff working to catalyze sustainable and climate friendly landscape investments. Contribute to the preparation and submission of annual work plans and periodic progress reports and assist with monitoring relevant program indicators and evaluating program results.

Basic Requirements

- > Advance degree in finance, business administration, economics or other relevant field.
- > Strong understanding of banking, investment practices and processes, with a proven track record in facilitating and advising on investments.
- > Experience in financial modeling and business analysis
- > Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a broad range of partners, including government officials, private sector, financial institutions and other key stakeholders
- > Ability to travel regularly to South East Asian countries to provide technical expertise and oversee program implementation (as when appropriate and permitted within current Covid-19 situation).
- > Prior experience within the finance and or investment sector in South East Asia.
- > Excellent written and oral communication.

Preferred Qualifications

- > Experience working on investments in sustainable land use and low-carbon projects and businesses in the agricultural and forestry sectors.
- > Knowledge of Southeast Asian environmental and natural resource policies and practices.
- > Proficiency in a Southeast Asian language
- > Experience working in supply chains of commodities produced in Southeast Asia.
- > Demonstrated competence in project management, with knowledge of USAID policies and procedures.

Interested Candidates

Should send their resume and cover letter to Rotha Khiev at rk@mekongstrategic.com

Deadline for Applications

14th June 2020