VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT – MBOUR, SENEGAL

Academics Without Borders/Universitaires sans frontières (AWB) is a Canadian nonprofit organization. Its mission is to help developing countries improve their universities so that they can train their own experts and conduct research to assist in their countries' development. AWB's projects are involved in the full range of university activities from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones. AWB fulfills its mission by sending volunteers on projects that originate in and are owned by developing world institutions. AWB volunteers are reimbursed for their expenses but are not paid a salary.

Project Reference: Environmental Policy and Planning

Number of Volunteers: 1

Partner Organization: African Institute for Mathematical Sciences

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is a pan-African network of centres of excellence for post-graduate training, research, and public engagement in the mathematical sciences. The Institute enables Africa's brightest students to become innovators who propel scientific, educational, and economic self-sufficiency.

AIMS' vision is to lead the transformation of Africa through innovative scientific training, technical advances, and breakthrough discoveries which benefit the whole of society and its mission is to enable Africa's brightest students to flourish as independent thinkers, problem solvers, and innovators capable of propelling Africa's future scientific, educational and economic self-sufficiency.

Founded in 2003, the Institute currently has centres in South Africa, Senegal, Ghana, Cameroon, Tanzania, and Rwanda. It equally has three international chapters based in Canada, UK, and Germany. These entities are coordinated by the Global Secretariat whose role is to ensure that all entities are working together cohesively towards the achievement of the Institute's Strategic Framework.

Location: Mbour, Senegal

Language: English

Job Description:
As a pan-African institution leading human capacity building and innovative research, AIMS has committed to making the environment a priority in its work. To do so in a very comprehensive manner, the organization needs to create its own environmental policy.
The Institute therefore seeks a volunteer to assist in the design of a sustainable environmental policy, policy implementation strategy, and staff/faculty training plan that is aligned with the following principles: to be recognized as an environmentally safe and responsible centre of excellence and a model of environmental responsibility; to facilitate and enhance the decision-making process by seeking opinions, feedback, and participation from the network's stakeholders on environmental management issues; to be in conformity with the principles of the 1990 Talloires Declaration, the 1991 Halifax Declaration, the 1993 Kyoto Declaration on Sustainable Development, the 1993 Swansea Declaration, and the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative; to respect all relevant municipal, provincial, and national environmental legislation of the countries where AIMS operates or receives financial support; to minimize the overconsumption of energy and other resources and the production of waste; to maintain purchasing policies which favour environmentally-benign, post-consumer, bio-degradable, and non-toxic products wherever possible; to encourage all members of the AIMS Global Network to be environmentally aware and the Network's Environmental Policy to be well publicized; and to encourage and develop courses, programs and research projects with environmental and sustainable content.

Requirements: Applicants for the position must have a minimum of a PhD in Climate Science, Environmental Science, or a related discipline with a significant publication record.

Start Date and Duration: The volunteer will ideally spend 4 weeks on site in Mbour in the first or second quarter of 2019. The position may require remote support following the completion of the initial in-country assignment.

Benefits: All expenses: flights, accommodations, local transportation, travel and medical insurance, vaccinations and medications, and other incidentals will be covered by the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences and AWB.

Applications: Please send to Corrie Young, cyoung@awb-usf.org:
• Your CV, including your contact information
• A statement of your motivation in seeking the position
• Dates of availability
• Names and contact details of two (2) references

Deadline: December 14, 2018