

WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL FOUNDATION – VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The World Future Council brings the interests of future generations to the centre of policy making. Our 50 eminent members from around the globe have already successfully promoted change. The Council addresses challenges to our common future and provides decision-makers with effective policy solutions. Learn more at www.worldfuturecouncil.org. We are looking for a full-time

Intern - Forests for People

to be based at the WFC's head office in Hamburg, Germany. Period March to August 2012.

Every year we identify the world's best policies that create better living conditions for current and future generations and honour them with our Future Policy Award. 2011 had been declared the International Year of Forests by the United Nations, with the central theme "Forests for People." Consequently, the World Future Council chose forests as the topic for the Future Policy Award 2011. The Gold Award went to Rwanda's National Forest Policy, initiated in 2004.

To ensure that forests can still provide their multitude of services in the future, we aim to spread policies for the sustainable management, development and conservation of forests. In this context, we are planning to conduct a Parliamentary Hearing on the Rwandan Forest Policy in Kigali in July. We will be inviting parliamentarians from East African countries to show how forests can be a bedrock for society and ecology, to present concrete policy solutions on how sustainable forest management can be achieved and to enable participants to introduce sustainable forest laws in their country.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Research and compile background information and material
- Be part of the event organization team
- Liaise with project partners and media

Profile:

- Academic background, preferably in political science, Africa studies, forestry or law
- Good understanding of national and regional political systems
- Excellent communication skills in English. Language skills in French are an asset.
- Good computer and organizational skills
- Capability of working independently in a fast-paced and multi-tasking environment
- Be reliable and capable of paying close attention to detail
- Be committed to the WFC's vision and mission of long-term sustainability and equity

An EU work permit is required.

The WFC Foundation offers interns coverage of expenses up to EUR 400 per month. To apply, please send a letter of motivation, a CV and work sample as well as your skype contact details to Alexandra Wandel, alexandra.wandel@worldfuturecouncil.org. Subject heading: Internship: your name.

Deadline for applications: 3 February 2012. Only candidates invited for interview will be contacted.