Development Manager Farm Sustainability Assessment - Job Description

Introduction on SAI Platform: www.saiplatform.org:

The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform is the global food and drink industry initiative for sustainable agriculture. SAI Platform is a membership organization for food and beverage companies to collaborate -on a pre-competitive basis- in promoting sustainable agriculture practices and addressing challenges. The Platform is focused on sustainable agricultural production and practices inside the farm gate, and is not a trade or lobbying association.

The work in SAI Platform takes place in working groups and committees where members jointly address commodity specific and cross cutting issues. Outputs from these groups range from new knowledge and insights to tools that support the development of sustainable agriculture.

With over 60 food and beverage company members, the Platform is managed by a team of 6 individuals who are located in different geographies in Europe. SAI Platform has a small office in Brussels.

The role:

The Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) development is attracting considerable and growing interest from a number of food and beverage organizations as a potential tool to both appreciate the sustainability of the agricultural commodities they are sourcing as well as through a benchmarking process, drive efficiency in their sustainable sourcing aspirations.

SAI Platform members are driving the Secretariat to move faster in their delivery of the FSA concept in both number of commodities as well as the associated and necessary support structures that add value to the FSA.

To achieve this speed of delivery, additional and experienced human resources are required to support the FSA manager in delivering against a prioritized set of varied developments.

The successful applicant will be required to work from their home base - and as such appropriate connections required to operate a modern office are essential.

Type of contract:

12 months fixed term contract – full time position.
**Competencies of the candidate:**

- Leadership
- Experience in agricultural production
- Facilitation/coordination skills in driving groups of disparate individuals towards consensus
- Computer literate – especially with databases, spreadsheets and web-tools
- Benchmarking /comparative analysis
- Self starter as well as a team player
- Contract/project management
- Communication skills, both written and verbal
- Fluency in English – other languages beneficial
- Ability to appreciate and drive internationally acceptable outcomes
- Freedom to travel between a range of global countries (approximately 20% of this role will be dedicated to project related travel)

**Remuneration:**

SAI Platform offers a market conform remuneration for a not-for profit organization in a business environment

**Other Benefits:**

SAI Platform will provide:

- If needed, a laptop Computer complete with Office 365 software
- Reimbursement of internet and telephone access