



Director Regenerative Agriculture

The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) plays an important role towards the transformation of food systems through the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices. It brings together over 160 members from the food and beverage industry, including farmer cooperatives, manufacturers, processors and retailers. Affiliate members include agricultural input providers, support services, assurance schemes providers, as well as other industries that source agricultural products.

SAI Platform's Regenerative Agriculture Programme is a recently launched industry flagship initiative to drive the conversion of the agricultural sector towards the adoption of regenerative agricultural practices. The programme will help guide, measure and enable regenerative agriculture outcomes, with the objective of helping farmers to overcome the challenges they face in the implementation and scaling of solutions.

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SAI Platform is recruiting a Regenerative Agriculture Director. This is an exciting role and a unique opportunity for a high calibre individual with a proven track record to lead and further shape the platform's regenerative agriculture programme. The solutions that the SAI Platform develops will ultimately shape the sourcing standards of the food and beverage industry. Given SAI Platform's scope and breath, the Regenerative Agriculture Director is probably one of the most influential positions in the food supply chain today.

Responsibilities

- Provide effective development and leadership of SAI Platform's Regenerative Agriculture Programme
- Ensure connection and integration of existing SAI Platform programmes and industry solutions for dairy, beef and crops
- Further develop the regenerative agriculture strategy, growth plan, business model and resourcing plan building.
- Build stakeholder engagement and commitment, share insights, manage expectations
- Work with members to initiate and develop regenerative agriculture projects that the working groups commit to undertake
- Manage external consultants and service providers effectively and cost-consciously
- Further establish and optimise evaluating and reporting mechanisms to monitor and share progress



- Ensure strong governance of process and budget with related tracking and reporting
- Ensure excellent communications on plans and progress with both internal and external stakeholders

Candidate requirements

- Advanced degree in agronomy/ environmental science with extensive experience in sourcing of agricultural raw materials and value chains development
- Experience in implementing soil, biodiversity, water management practices and precision agriculture technology
- Strong team leadership skills, excited by, and comfortable with managing a dispersed team
- Strong strategic, analytical and conceptual skills
- Decisive result achiever
- Multi-stakeholder orchestration track record,
- Business-oriented and pragmatic approach with a clear understanding of the needs of diverse stakeholders
- Proven success in consulting and large-scale project management
- Excellent organisational and interpersonal effectiveness
- Native or near-native level English speaker with excellent verbal and written skills
- Self-motivated and able to work remotely with a virtual team
- Minimum of 8-10 years of relevant work experience

Applications

With this position SAI Platform offers an influential role in the agricultural raw material sourcing sector. Employment will either be on a freelance or employee contract basis. The role involves some 10-20% of travel. SAI Platform invites candidates of all nationalities, especially those with working permit for North America and Europe.

Please send your application (a CV of no more than two A4 pages, and a one-page cover letter) to acahill@saipatform.org mentioning 'SAI Platform RegenAG Director' in the subject line. Send your application no later than **15 July 2022**. For more information about this position, please send an email with your queries to info@saipatform.org