

Terms of Reference ~ Community Forum Associate

Overview

The Community Forum, a newsletter of the Ecosystem Marketplace, connects suppliers of ecosystem services around the world and all those who work and interact with them. The aim is to serve as a catalyst for disseminating information regarding international payments for ecosystem services (PES) within the community context through: highlighting new community-based PES initiatives; summarizing current debates and trends in PES; reviewing innovative tools and resources for practitioners to use in the local context; and, providing links to relevant funding and educational opportunities. Our goal is to develop a global network of ecosystem service providers that will help make the work of communities and their support institutions more effective. Presently, the Community Forum is producing a newsletter once every six weeks. Past issues of the Community Forum are available at <http://ecosystemmarketplace.com/pages/static/signup.php>.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Review relevant sources of PES information and cull 8-12 articles on topics of PES and communities for each edition, including articles in Spanish and other languages, as appropriate
- For each article, write a brief (approximately 100 word) description and provide links to the article or news item
- Frequency: Initial request of one edition every 6 weeks.
- Contribute to Community Portal website by suggesting articles and information to be posted on the site, and giving suggestions and feedback as the site continues to develop
- Participate in periodic conference calls with other team members

Qualifications

- Familiarity with the basic concepts and practices of community-based conservation and payment for ecosystem services.
- English and Spanish fluency. Working knowledge of other languages a plus.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Must be computer literate and have experience conducting internet-based research.

Compensation

Payment will be made per edition, inclusive of all work contributed to the Community Portal and participation in conference calls. Compensation will be determined based on experience and qualifications.

About the Ecosystem Marketplace

The Ecosystem Marketplace is a leading source of information on markets and payments for ecosystem services. The Ecosystem Marketplace provides a coordinated and informative platform for buyers and sellers of ecosystem services to meet and communicate and seeks to improve the quality and value of ecosystem transactions by providing up-to-date information, news, and expertise. For more information on the Katoomba Group's Ecosystem Marketplace, go to www.ecosystemmarketplace.com.

The Community Portal is a tab on the Ecosystem Marketplace aimed at increasing the knowledge base and accessibility of information on environmental markets and transactions for communities in developing countries. The Portal highlights information to help communities in the process of development and implementation of PES projects in a variety of media formats. The Portal will be launched in early 2008.

Contact

To apply, please e-mail a letter of interest, CV and a short writing sample to Beto Borges and Rachel Miller. *We will begin reviewing applications in early January 2008.*

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