

TERMS OF REFERENCE

MANAGER, TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT (SCF)

Date 22 April 2021

Position Title Manager, Technical Development (SCF)
(reports to Sr. Technical Director)

Position Location Remote working

Contract Period 2 years, with option for extension

General Terms of Reference

Gold Standard is a standards body and thought leader that promotes the best that can be achieved in climate and development projects. It was established in 2003 by [WWF](#) and other international NGOs as a best practice standard to ensure projects that reduced carbon emissions under the UN's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) also delivered sustainable development benefits. Gold Standard now has a broad NGO Supporter Network and 1900+ projects in over 80 countries, creating billions of dollars of shared value from climate and development action worldwide.

The Gold Standard Foundation, in partnership with [R20](#) and [IUCN](#), has received funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to provide technical assistance to support the development of a pipeline of projects for the Global Subnational Climate Fund Initiative (SCF-Global). SCF-Global aims to deploy \$750 million across multiple renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, water & sanitation, waste optimisation and restorative agriculture projects in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Mediterranean region over the next 12-15 years.

Gold Standard Foundation seeks a highly motivated individual to join our team, reporting to the Sr. Technical Director. This is a full-time position responsible for working within the Technical Team at Gold Standard to design new Standard Requirements, climate and other SDG outcome quantification methodologies, templates, tools etc. in line with Gold Standard requirements to be used for certification of the Fund.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Manage the development, review and approval process for Requirements to be developed for fund certification in line with Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG) and emerging EU sustainable finance regulations. Update the requirements based on testing results.
2. Manage the development, review and approval process for new climate and other SDG outcome quantification methodologies to be developed. Lead the process for revision of existing methodologies, where required.
3. Manage the public consultation process for new Requirements and Methodologies that will be developed.
4. Manage development of excel based quantification tools to be used with methodologies, where required.

5. Provide inputs into SDG tools to be developed/updated for reporting SDG outcomes.
6. Conduct research and develop criteria for assessing project alignment with host country NDCs, LEDs, Emerging EU sustainable finance regulation and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, including climate adaptation. Update criteria based on testing with projects.
7. Work with Communications team to update the Gold Standard Registry and Claims Guidelines to clearly and transparently reflect claims made as result of fund certification.
8. Train users to increase understanding of Gold Standard’s fund certification requirements and SDG assessment methodologies including those on climate, health, gender etc. and be the focal point for responding to their queries on application of standard requirements.
9. Represent Gold Standard at key external events, including conferences and workshops, as required.

Required Skills and Experience

- 7-8 years of demonstrated experience in environmental markets or climate finance, including a thorough technical understanding of GHG and/or SDG outcome quantification approaches. Experience with GS4GG an advantage.
- Deep technical understanding of energy projects, such as renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, solid waste and wastewater management sectors **is essential**. Knowledge of agriculture, forestry and nature-based solutions an advantage.
- Interest in climate finance, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate change negotiations.
- Experience of working with standard setting or certification systems like those of ISEAL members is an advantage but not essential.
- Demonstrated organisational and time management skills, with an eye for detail.
- Openness to travel frequently as COVID-19 situation improves.
- Languages: the working language of the Foundation is English; fluency required. Other languages an asset.
- Ability to work under pressure and juggle multiple tasks and projects.

- A good team player with a positive outlook on work and a desire to make a difference in the world.
- Good collaboration and communication skills, with the ability to work with a range of staff based all around the world.
- Competence in MS office tools.

Start date

Start as soon as possible.

Salary Range

The salary for this role will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Contract period

Contract period will be 2 years with possible extension of one year.

Applications

Please send a cover letter and resume to recruitment@goldstandard.org (ref: Manager, Technical Development (SCF)) **by 22 May 2021**. Candidates selected for a first-round interview will be notified by email. Please note that we will not notify you directly if you are not selected for an interview.