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# JOB DESCRIPTION

**Position title**: Initiative Lead/ Coordinator – Influencing Financial Regulators

/Supervisors

Reports to: Implementing Office (WWF Switzerland) - Head Sustainable

Finance / Practice Leader - Finance Practice

**Supervises**: No direct reports

Workload 80%

Date: 2 years contract

#### I. The WWF Initiative "Greening Financial Regulation"

In order to realign financial flows and capital towards the Paris Agreement, change needs to happen at the heart of the financial system. With regards to the behavior of banks and insurers, the most important lever is to transform financial market regulations so that they integrate environmental risks. These determine the cost of and access to capital – i.e., how much money funds which economic activities and under which conditions. This seemed to be impossible a few years ago, but a growing number of central banks and financial supervisors are joining forces under the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), and are starting to take action to measure and manage environmental risks, and to mobilize capital for the transition to a low-carbon and sustainable economy. This is a major opportunity for WWF to advocate for a more systematic integration of climate-related and environmental risks in central banks policies and banking supervision.

WWF has identified four key intervention points:

- 1) Content Development: Provide research to clarify expectations towards NGFS members and set agenda for under-researched issues
- 2) Advocacy: Play an advocacy role by monitoring the progress of individual central banks and supervisors in implementing the recommendations of the NGFS and advocating for regulating environmental risks in financial framework conditions.
- 3) Tools: targeted engagement with NGFS and non-NGFS members and the Bank of International Settlement (BIS) providing science-based tools that leverage on WWF's scientific knowledge.
- 4) Capacity Building: Help build the capacity, both internally at WWF and at the NGFS-member level to ensure practical adoption of NGFS recommendations.

This initiative is supported by the Finance practice and co-designed by several WWF Offices (i.e. Switzerland, Singapore, France, Germany, China, Brazil ...). We have so far identified interest from over 12 different offices from Europe, Asia, the US and Latin America for the initiative.

#### **II.Role summary:**

Further Development and delivery of WWF's Initiative on Greening Financial Regulation:

- Provide strategic and tactical leadership and coordination in the internal development and external implementation of WWF's Initiative on Central Banks and Financial Regulators.
- Maintain an inventory of WWF's relationships and activities across the initiative and maintains key partnerships and external relationships across the network.
- Overall responsibility for delivering against the initiative's objectives

Integrate this Initiative with the Global Finance Practice's overall strategy and ensure coherence with other Network Initiatives, and in particular the New Deal for Nature and People

# **III.Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Further development and implementation of the strategy by defining workstreams, leads, goals and timeline
- Provide strategic and tactical leadership on the topic of central banks and financial regulators.
- Ensure synergy among the different workstreams of the initiative and coordinating regular calls with each workstream lead (no hieratical reporting line)
- Coordinate the WWF network-wide advocacy and outreach activities with central banks and financial supervisors
- Coordinate research on relevance of climate and biodiversity risks to financial stability among the network
- Organize regular updates and report on results and impact to the steering committee
- Create and maintain a common knowledge base for all Initiative participants and the Finance
  Practice at large in regards of updates on the relevant financial market regulation space
  (reports, events, etc.)
- Work closely with other practice and initiative leaders (such as the New Deal for Nature and People) to ensure strategic alignment of WWF priority initiatives.
- Maintain and track key high-level relationships relevant to the Initiative
- Draft a fundraising plan and ensure support from WWF International and WWF offices fundraisers to secure funds for the overall Initiative
- Support WWF engagement and profile building at major external events relevant to the Initiative

#### IV. Profile:

#### **Required Qualifications:**

- 10+ years of combined working knowledge in financial regulation/supervision or Banking as well as project/program management
- Working knowledge in one or more of the following fields: sustainable finance, climate and environmental risks, preferably in an international setting
- Further experience in one or more of the following areas: Knowledge Management,
   Fundraising
- Experience working globally within a network of international stakeholders
- MBA or a post graduate degree in Finance or Economics or related fields;
- Perfect command of the English language. Any other language/s an asset.

## **Required Skills and Competencies:**

- Proven knowledge and understanding of financial market regulation and the intersection with sustainability
- Proven ability to deliver initiatives with sharp project and team management
- Budget management
- Fundraising skills
- Demonstrated experience in building alliances, initiatives or platforms for change that leverage the capacity of partners
- A network of external relationships within financial market regulation that extends WWF's current reach
- Evidence of agile proactive thinking combined with an optimistic approach within a realistic framework
- Self-starter, excellent communication and networking skills
- Ability to interact with senior business leaders
- Ability to work as part of multi-disciplinary teams
- Demonstrates WWF behaviors in way of working: Strive for Impact, Listen Deeply, Collaborate Openly, Innovate Fearlessly;
- Adheres to WWF's values: knowledgeable, optimistic, determined and engaging.

### V. Working Relationships:

**Internal** — Works closely with the sustainable finance experts from the implementing office, Finance Practice core team, coordinator of the ACAI Financial Market Regulation and internal Leads on different workstreams within the initiative. Communicates regularly with Finance Practice community to keep them updated of the Initiative. Engages with the Finance Practice Communications manager to implement external communication strategy

**External** — External partners including NGFS secretariat, leaders within individual central banks, other NGOs working on the topic of micro and macro prudential regulations, leading universities and think tanks, as required

**Location** – Zurich, Switzerland

**Application** - Fabienne Winkelmann is looking forward to receiving your complete application documents until 6th of March 2020 exclusively by e-mail to jobs@wwf.ch.