

Call for Consultancy: VCA Learning Coordinator Support

Position Title: VCA Learning Coordinator (part-time consultant position)

Programme/Hub: VCA

Duration: June 2024 - December 2024 (6 months, with the possibility to extend until November 2025)

Location: remote

About SouthSouthNorth

SouthSouthNorth (SSN) supports national and regional responses to climate change through policy and knowledge interventions, partnerships, and deep collaboration. We do this by connecting people and information, enhancing capability, and mobilising resources to respond innovatively to the challenges and opportunities that climate change presents. Being positioned in the Global South affords SSN a deeper understanding of, and connection to, the climate and development challenges facing the region. We enhance developing countries' access to climate information by brokering climate knowledge through formalised exchanges among various stakeholders. We assist decision-makers in delivering climate-compatible development by informing policy formulation and implementation. We bring good governance to managing donor funds, technical assistance, and project management.

Full details of the projects that SSN currently implements are available at www.southsouthnorth.org.

Background on Programme

1. About the VCA programme

The VCA programme is a Lobby and Advocacy programme being implemented by an alliance of the Worldwide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF-NI), Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA), Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Fundación Avina, SouthSouthNorth (SSN), and Hivos under the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs five-year strategic partnership: "Power of Voices". The VCA program is active in Kenya, Zambia, Tunisia, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Indonesia as well as having a Global Program team.

The VCA programme aims to ensure that by 2025, local civil society and underrepresented groups will have taken on a central role as creators, facilitators, and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions. The programme's overall approach is to work with civil society to build widespread societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach. This includes building a broad-based climate alliance at the country level, and bridging divides (urban-rural, gender, youth) that amplify voices in unusual ways. In

addition, it aims to influence national and global policies and financial flows in support of these locally shaped solutions. Through a climate justice approach, the programme intends to see an expanded civic space where civil society voices, particularly indigenous and marginalised people, are heard on climate action.

The PMEL Taskforce within VCA comprises team members across each of the alliance members and its core role is to design PMEL processes and tools and support their implementation by the regional teams in each of the countries. The taskforce has collectively developed a learning agenda, which aims to support each regional team in guiding their annual reflection and learning process and planning for their learning activities in the following year. It recommends the program hold 1-3 annual events on key learning topics that facilitate cross-learning between the countries and learning synthesis across the entire program.

The VCA program uses Outcome Harvesting as its main monitoring tool during the program implementation, and harvested outcomes are also intended to feed into programmatic learning.

Role Summary:

This role supports the SSN VCA team's delivery of the Learning Agenda as part of the PMEL of the VCA program.

We seek an experienced consultant with strong learning and knowledge synthesis skills and experience developing and delivering programmatic learning in development programs similar to VCA. This role will report to the SSN PMEL taskforce representative and collaborate with them to implement advisory and coordination activities to support the implementation of the VCA Learning Agenda.

The Learning Agenda outlines VCA's approach to programmatic learning. Its objective is to guide the programme and its different regional teams in testing the assumptions of the Theories of Change, and support adaptive management. It also aims to support peer-to-peer learning and the exchange of experiences between regions to improve strategies for influence. Learning should feed directly into the development of annual plans and annual reporting, particularly to shape the last 1-2 years of the program implementation. Finally, the agenda aims to support the synthesis and sharing of lessons from VCA to inform other programs and frameworks of donors and other actors.

Roles and responsibilities

Coordinate and support the implementation of the VCA Learning Agenda across all 7 countries.

- Hold periodic (likely to be quarterly) workshops with each of the 7 regional teams to provide advisory support to them as they define their learning questions/topics and

implement learning activities and synthesise the learning outputs of their annual reflection workshops.

- Design and deliver 3 annual thematic learning events (online) that bring together VCA partners across the countries around specific, high-level learning topics, which may include topics such as: Advancing climate finance for local climate solutions; Integrating gender and social inclusion into local projects; Methodologies for mutual capacity strengthening for civil society organizations; Strengthening communications strategies for impact; Implementing joint lobby and advocacy strategies at the national level; and others
- Synthesise high-level lessons from learning events, and provide these as inputs for further action and adaptive management by governance structures in VCA.

Supporting knowledge management activities and developing knowledge synthesis outputs to enhance internal learning within VCA, such as:

- Develop and write overview summaries of the many outcomes harvested from each regional team. For each country, develop a 1-2 page overview summarising some of the successful and/or challenging outcomes from each region, and any key themes that might be emerging. Drawing insights also from country team reports and baseline studies.

Key deliverables:

1. Introductory workshop to re-introduce the learning agenda
2. Quarterly meetings with each of the 7 country teams
3. Provide advice to each of the 7 country teams on their learning approach and activities
4. Design and host 3 VCA learning events, with an output summarising key lessons and actions to take them forward for adaptive management
5. Summaries of harvested outcomes for each country team

Skill and Experience Requirements

- Demonstrated skill and experience in project monitoring, evaluation, and learning methodologies, particularly outcome harvesting and learning-based methodologies
- Excellent communication and synthesis skills, verbally and in writing
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to work independently and on a team
- Strong attention to detail; meticulous
- Proficiency in Microsoft suite, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint:
- Technical experience hosting Zoom meetings and webinars
- Based in the Global South or in one of the VCA countries (Indonesia, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Zambia, Kenya, Tunisia)

Advantageous

- Experience with themes related to climate justice, locally-led solutions, nature-based solutions, social movement building, etc.
- Experience working with projects or teams based in Indonesia, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Zambia, Kenya and/or Tunisia
- Working language proficiency in French, Spanish, Indonesia Bahasa and/or Brazilian Portuguese

Qualifications:

Relevant Degree and preferably 5 or more years of relevant work experience.

- 5 years of work experience, demonstrating a track record of developing or implementing similar learning methodologies, preferably related to climate change programs
- A research or tertiary study background in any of the following areas: Climate change and climate justice; Food or Water justice; Just transitions; Climate finance; Nature-based solutions; Locally-led adaptation; M&E for advocacy projects

Expected days: 10-15 days per month

Expected time frame: June 2024 - December 2024 (6 months, with the possibility for an extension until September 2025 depending on delivery, availability, and need of the program)

Budget: USD 100-200/day depending on experience

Application process

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter, including your day rate to the following email: infovca@southsouthnorth.org

Applications will close at midnight **1 May 2024**. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within two weeks of the closing date. If you are not contacted within this time period, please consider your application unsuccessful. Unfortunately, we cannot offer feedback on any application made for this posting.

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