

## **Africa Carbon Partners Recruitment Opportunity**

*Government Liaison Officer – Abuja, Nigeria*

### **The Company**

Africa Carbon Partners (ACP) is Nigeria's leading nature-based solutions carbon development company. ACP aims to be the leading developer of high integrity carbon projects across Africa, protecting vital biodiversity and ensuring communities benefit from carbon. With 700,000 ha already under management, by 2030 we aim support the protection of 3 million ha and bring to market 30 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e.

### **The Opportunity**

We are seeking a highly skilled **Government Liaison Officer** to join our team in Abuja. This role will be responsible for representing ACP and our implementation partner - [African Nature Investors \(ANI\) Foundation](#) - positions on key policy and regulatory issues, engaging and negotiating with government representatives on critical agreements. This role involves developing and managing strategic relationships with key government actors, as well as participating in and facilitating stakeholder roundtables and forums to advance ACP's objectives both in Nigeria and regionally.

You can expect to be involved in the following:

- **Government Relations:** Develop and maintain strong relationships with key government agencies, officials, and regulatory bodies to ensure ACP's projects are supported and compliant with national and local regulations.
- **Policy and Regulatory Advocacy:** Engage with government actors to represent ACP's and ANI Foundation's positions on key policy and regulatory issues, ensuring that our interests are well-represented and understood.
- **Agreement Negotiation:** Engage in negotiations with government representatives on key agreements critical to the success of ACP's initiatives.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Develop and manage key government relationships, participating in and facilitating stakeholder roundtables and forums relevant to ACP's activities in Nigeria and regionally.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Monitor and interpret relevant laws, policies, and regulations that impact our operations, ensuring all projects adhere to legal requirements and secure necessary permits and approvals.
- **Reporting and Documentation:** Prepare detailed reports and documentation for submission to government bodies, ensuring accuracy and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

The role will be based in Abuja. The candidate will be engaged on a part-time basis, with the opportunity to evolve into a full-time role. Compensation will be competitive with role requirements and candidate experience.

## The Profile

### Qualifications:

- **Educational Background:** A minimum of a Bachelor's degree from a reputable university. An advanced degree is desirable.
- **Professional Experience:** At least 5 years of senior stakeholder engagement experience from private or public sector role.

### Key Competencies:

- **Stakeholder Engagement Expertise:** Proven experience engaging with senior stakeholders in both the private and public sectors, with the ability to manage complex relationships and negotiations.
- **Carbon and Climate Knowledge:** Strong content knowledge in the carbon and climate space, with an understanding of the regulatory and policy environment in Nigeria.
- **Community and Government Initiatives:** Experience in managing community and government stakeholder initiatives, with a focus on achieving positive outcomes for all parties involved.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to effectively engage and influence government officials and other stakeholders.

### Additional Requirements:

- **Cultural Competence:** Experience working in Nigeria or similar contexts, with a deep understanding of the local political and cultural landscape.
- **Network:** A well-established network within the Nigerian government and related agencies.
- **Travel:** Willingness to travel as needed across Nigeria to meet with government officials and other stakeholders.

### Personal Attributes:

- **Integrity:** High ethical standards and a commitment to transparency and accountability.
- **Proactive:** A self-starter with the ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- **Collaborative:** A team player who can work effectively with colleagues across different functions and locations.

**ACP is seeking a Government Liaison officer with the expertise and qualities outlined above to play a pivotal role in driving the growth and success of the organisation.**

## Our Values

We are a values driven company and our culture is important. We approach things as follows:

- **Think Big:** We aspire to change the world and are pragmatically optimistic in the work we do.
- **Be Creative:** We innovate, bring new ideas and challenge conventional wisdom.
- **Get Stuff Done:** We are practical, action oriented and prioritise execution in achieving our mission.
- **Embrace Risk:** We are entrepreneurial, take risks and are not afraid to fail fast.
- **Be Radically Transparent:** We only do things we believe in and enable the difficult conversations.
- **Bring Respect:** We act with integrity, valuing all people and perspectives – the best idea wins.

## **Interested?**

We are hiring on a rolling basis, with the aim to fill this position by October 2024, so apply as soon as you can. Please send CV and short cover letter/email. Be clear, concise and convincing.

## **Contact Us:**

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