



LOCAL JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The National Forestry Authority (NFA) is a Government agency established under the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, 2003 as a corporate body responsible for sustainable development and management of Central Forest Reserves (CFRs) and provision of technical support to stakeholders in the forest sub-sector.

NFA seeks to recruit a competent, experienced and qualified professional on three-year renewable contract for the following position:

POSITION: Eco-Tourism Specialist (1POSITION)

Reports to: Director Natural Forests

Duty station: Headquarters Kampala

Salary Scale: NFA 4

Terms of Employment: 3 years contract (Renewable)

Job Summary: To ensure the development and effective management of ecotourism sites and business in selected Central Forest Reserves in order to raise revenue and contribute to the self-sustainability of NFA in line with the NFA business strategy.

Responsibilities and Tasks:

- Develop and monitor the implementation of NFA ecotourism development programs and development plans in line with NFA forest utilization guidelines and procedures.
- Facilitate the development and implementation of productive community and private sector partnerships for participation and management of ecotourism businesses in CFR's in line with NFA ecotourism business objectives.
- Market and promote ecotourism sites under the management of NFA hand in hand with the business development unit, by arranging for tours and services through various marketing campaigns
- Ensure efficient revenue collection from both private and NFA Ecotourism sites through monitoring licenses and MOUs and fees collection in line with Finance Policies and procedures
- Implement unit programs, plans, and budgets and prepare regular progress reports in line with the Forest Resources Directorate and finance policies and guidelines.
- Monitor, document and report on environmental impacts associated with the development of infrastructure and ecotourism services by the private sector in line with the NFA Forest Management Plan.
- Identify unique sites and attractions for ecotourism development in CFR's in line with the

Forest Management Plan.

- Formulate and disseminate guidelines for directing and controlling visitors to ecologically significant areas in a safe and professional manner in line with safety guidelines and customer care best practices.
- Develop and manage partnerships with the promoters of ecotourism.
- Train NFA staff on ecotourism and also develop and maintain a database for indigenous flora, fauna, sight plants, wildlife and cultures for access by staff in the ecotourism unit to support and develop the marketing of ecotourism.
- Perform any other duty as assigned by the immediate supervisor

Minimum Qualifications, experience and skills:

- Bsc (Hons)Degree in Tourism or Wildlife orForestry.
- At least 3years experience in Tourism business management working with Private sector tourism entity.
- Skills in Tourism promotion, networking and marketing including developing Information and communication materials.
- Skills in developing and implementing Tourism Business Plans.
- Knowledgeable in Forest Environment and Nature based Tourism.
- Capacity to work with private sector operators to ensure environmentally responsible development of Tourism infrastructure.

Criteria for application

Interested candidates, who meet the above requirements, should submit their applications, certified copies of academic certificates & transcripts and curriculum vitae giving full details of applicants education, qualifications, experience (with evidence), present salary, three referees with their full postal address, email and telephone contacts as well as the candidate full address and e-mail to the address below not later than close of business on **31stJanuary, 2018.**

Candidates who fail to follow the application criteria shall not be Shortlisted.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted and women are encouraged to apply.

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