

POSITION : Country Representative

ORGANISATION : African Parks Network – South Sudan

LOCATION : Boma & Badingilo National Parks

REPORTING TO : **REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER**

EXPECTED START DATE : **As Soon As Possible**

BACKGROUND:

African Parks is a non-profit conservation organization that takes on the complete responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities. We currently manage 22 national parks and protected areas in 12 countries covering over 20 million hectares in: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Sudan.

Boma and Badingilo National Parks are located in South Sudan's equatorial region with a combined area of 30, 000 KM². The parks host the second largest wildlife migration in the Africa that covers over 120,000 KM², and provide habitat for large populations of hartebeest, buffalo, elephant, giraffes and lions.

JOB OVERVIEW:

To understand the AP-SSD strategy, to educate yourself about the model of Land-use management, conservancies and the holistic management of land, resources and human development.

To participate in assessing and attaining the scale that we need to build to in fulfilling a very ambitious vision that will require a steep growth curve over the next 5 years;

MAIN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To firmly establish African Parks as a strategic and implementing partner with humanitarian and development partners in the Boma Badingilo Landscape;
2. To help develop project concepts notes and proposals for donors that embody our Business Plan in collaboration with the Funding and Reporting Manager;
3. To lobby USAID, European Union, World Bank and other bilateral partners to interest them in identifying and funding conservation/development projects which embrace our strategy;
4. To establish good relations with the United Nations SRSG and to develop the Wildlife Interest Group and to establish partnerships with various UN bodies and





their partners working in SSD;

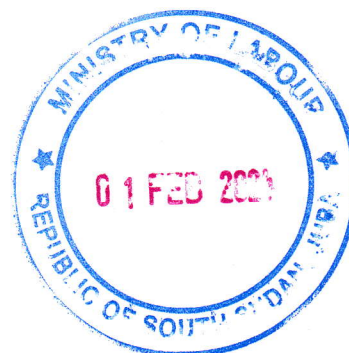
5. To insert African Parks in the "Clusters" to be informed of plans in the international community to influence and insert itself in future action;
6. To ensure effective communication of AP's mandate and our vision and priorities in all communications;
7. To establish a wide variety of provincial, territorial and national contacts, including public institutes and offices, or similar offices, and local and national organisations, including conservation NGOs;
8. To maintain a good relationship with South Sudanese authorities, donors and other stakeholders, including conservation NGOs in South Sudan;
9. To represent African Parks in good faith during donor and Ministerial meetings and other events;
10. To develop strategic partnerships through knowledge of what development partners are doing on the landscape and integrating ourselves into projects that can be turned from a negative to a positive for our model;
11. Act as chief of party on grant agreements and signatory for a variety of categories;
12. Lead on context analysis and keep abreast on socio-economic, major infrastructure, projects, repatriation and political changes and developments in the environment relevant to park management and ensure timely reporting to the Park Manager;
13. Ensure that all administrative procedures with government and donors are adhered to in a timely way via the FRM;
14. To educate yourself about the landscape, participating in field activities, to be able to speak first-hand about our vision and progress.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

1. A degree in conservation, development or other related field of study.
2. Minimum eight (8) years of experience working in project country representation roles, with a preference of three years (3) years with a non-profit organization in South Sudan that engages at the levels described in the functions and responsibilities above.
3. First-hand experience of USAID and EU and other major donor grant implementation and administration.
4. Has personal experience with private donors.

Inter-personal & technical skills required

1. Ability to speak authoritatively and convincingly about our progress and vision.
2. Affable personality with good diplomatic and social abilities;
3. To pay attention to personal appearance to AP standards;
4. Able to use interpersonal skills to win people's confidence and trust;





5. Culturally sensitive, able and interested in working across a multi-ethnic landscape;
6. Enjoys engaging with partners on a daily basis, participating in meetings, consultative processes, attending workshops and social events;
7. Trusted and disciplined person, demonstrating sensitivity to sometimes missed cultural keys to having a productive relationship;
8. Good public speaking skills;
9. Organized and structured, with attention to details and procedures;
10. Able to work independently as well as a team player;
11. Creative "outside of the box" thinking;
12. Showing a high level of respect for his/her staff and people, demonstrating team approach to staff management;
13. Excellent writing, reporting and presenting skills;
14. Good command of written and spoken English; Arabic or other local language beneficial;
15. Has experience operating in difficult and under-resourced situations.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to ssrecruitment@africanparks.org or hand delivery to **African Parks office Thonping, Synergy Suites – Plot No 849, Block No 3-K South** by **Tuesday, 20th February, 2024**. Please mention the position name in the subject line of the email.

In case you do not hear from us within two weeks after the closing date, this means that your application was not successful. We thank you for your interest in working for African Parks.

