Internship in Nepal

NEXUS Centers NL, is the Dutch partner of WECONNEX and helps with funding and finding the right partners to elevate the NEXUS Centers to the next level. WECONNEX is a specialist for sustainable business model development and project management. As a social enterprise, it is dedicated to advising, developing and managing rural infrastructure projects in developing countries. The focus lies on the sustainable and long-term development of Base-of-the-Pyramid (BoP) markets in close collaboration with the local farmers.

Together with their local project partner NEFACO, WECONNEX is currently rolling out NEXUS Centers in the South of Nepal and operates them with lcoal employees. NEFACO invests in processing solutions for agricultural products and supports farmers with know-how and technology to improve and diversify their work on the fields. It also organizes the farmers in cooperatives, ensures training and helps them to sell their products on the market.

We are looking for YOU to support our operation in Nepal in the following areas:

# Topics of Interest:

**1. Growing of crops:**

Which crops can be grown within the Chitwan area to create high value crops for local farmers?

* considering climate impact & seasonality
* considering technological needs or methods to improve yield
* considering economic yield for local farmers when farming as a cooperation
* considering min or max processing needs
* considering maximising soil protection

How would agroforestry work best in Chitwan?

Compare existing supply chains of agricultural products and identify improvement options

* looking at current mushroom farming
* looking at vegetable plantations (cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers etc.)
* looking at fruit plantations
* looking at other, more innovative agricultural products

**2. Processing of crops:**

Identify processing solutions which could be impactful to the local farmers

* Drying
* Milling
* Storing and more

Analyze and compare the impact of these solutions

* Ecological Impact
* Social Impact
* Economical Impact

**3. Selling of crops**

Identify customers for the products

Develop local, national and maybe international distribution channels for the products

Check requirements on certification, quality and quantities for potential clients

# Additional Duties

* Assist the local project leader Susant Tiwari in managing the ongoing projects
* Facilitate a proper reporting from Nepal to Switzerland
* Support local team to train farmers and workers by sharing international experiences.
* Ensure a smooth communication between the project manager from WECONNEX and the Nepalese organisations
* Provide content for the marketing campaign (pictures, videos, blogs etc.) on social media
* Support any local partner if necessary
* Help the local operations to meet deadlines and milestones.

# Qualifications

* Strong interest in social business and foreign cultures
* Education or experience in international agriculture and smart farming
* Target oriented and efficient working style
* Good portion of patience and readiness to adopt to limited infrastructure
* Technical experience on Professional Agriculture sector and communication systems would be a benefit
* Social media, Blogging, Storytelling and Marketing in general should not be totally new to you either
* Englisch and German, Nepali would be a bonus!

# What we offer

* WECONNEX and NEFACO will cover expenses for flights, accomodation and food. Monthly allowance of CHF 200.-.
* Opportunity to gain international experience
* Open communication culture
* Dynamic work environment

# Application process

In case you do identify yoursef in this profile and want to work in a young team, we are looking forward to your application. **The next step is yours!**

Send the letter of motivation, CV and references addressed to Katina Gikas: katina@watertechtrading.com