

## JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

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<b>Job Title:</b>	Living Lands Charter Intern (2x posts)
<b>Division:</b>	Climate Change & Oceans Division (CCO)
<b>Reports To:</b>	Adviser - Climate Change
<b>Duration:</b>	6 Months

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### General Information

The Commonwealth Living Lands Charter was adopted in Kigali - Rwanda at the June 2022 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). It represents a commitment by all 56 member countries to safeguard global land resources, take coordinated action to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and land degradation or desertification, and to promote climate-resilient and sustainable land management. The Commonwealth Secretariat and its member states recognise that land resources are under triple threat from climate change, land degradation and biodiversity loss across the Commonwealth.

Since the adoption of the Charter, an Implementation Framework for driving integrated action across the three 'Rio Conventions': the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification has been concluded. This lays the foundation for implementing the Charter by establishing thematic working groups, delivering technical and policy support to member countries, and providing the necessary research, analysis, advocacy, and opportunities for shared learning.

### Job Summary

The Living Lands Charter Interns will help to contribute to these efforts over a period of six months. The Internships offer a unique opportunity to gain insight into the Commonwealth while being part of an international professional environment. The Interns will gain exposure to a range of professional and administrative tasks, have opportunities to build their networks and receive a stipend. Two Interns will work along the key thematic areas of agriculture, water and soil conservation, livestock and animal rearing, green and biodiversity and indigenous people with an emphasis on their contribution to sustainable and climate resilient development.

Under the direct supervision of the Adviser - Climate Change, or any other staff member assigned by the Director, the Interns will assist in the performance of the following duties:

- Support research across key thematic areas of the Living Lands Charter - including agriculture, water and soil conservation, climate-health, green and biodiversity, and indigenous peoples - as well as best practices in policy and institutional governance, financing, capacity-building and technical assistance related to biodiversity, climate change and land.
- Monitor media and academic developments on issues related to the work and mandate of Living Lands Charter.
- Help to promote awareness of the Living Lands Charter, its work and its results.



## The Commonwealth

- Contribute to updating of relevant databases and to the Living Lands micro-website.
- Support regular updates and content on the Living Lands Charter on the Commonwealth social media platforms, especially X, Facebook and Instagram.
- Perform other duties as determined by the supervising officer that relate to the Internship.

### Person Specification

#### Education

- Postgraduate or completed undergraduate degree in a relevant field. Fields that are relevant include Agriculture, Biodiversity, Ecology, Animal or Soil Science, Climate Studies, Geography, Development Studies, Political Science and Economics.

#### Experience

- Excellent communications skills in English, both written and oral.
- Strong interest in, and knowledge of, environment, climate and global development.
- Team player: works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals.
- Good organizational and time management skills.
- Able to work independently.
- Good social media skills.

#### Desirable

- Knowledge of web publication and photo editing tools.
- Previous working experience from a developing country or in an international inter-governmental organisation.