



CIDSE is an international family of Catholic social justice organisations working together with others to promote justice, harness the power of global solidarity and create transformational change to end poverty and inequalities. We do this by challenging systemic injustice and inequity as well as destruction of nature. We believe in a world where every human being has a right to live in dignity.

Due to a parental leave, the CIDSE Secretariat, located in Brussels, is currently looking for a temporary

Agroecology and Food Sovereignty Officer

to join its team as soon as possible. The position is 80-100 % / 4-5 days per week, on a **temporary 6 -month contract** (*starting date mid-November*) and based in Brussels.

Context: Due to the COVID19 pandemic, most of the important events and processes meant to shape food and agriculture policies have been postponed to 2021. A UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) session in February, the UN food systems summit in July, the Convention on Biological Diversity COP in May, the UNFCCC COP in November etc. In order to be able to influence the above-mentioned processes, the CIDSE Climate and Agriculture working group has been developing positions and strategies (on finance and agroecology and on gender and agroecology in particular). The officer will therefore join the CIDSE network in an exciting period and will engage in the last months of 2020 in advocacy activities and planning, laying the ground for 2021. During the first four months of 2021, we will need to be further developing our planning, coordinate CIDSE presence at CFS (including the organization of potential side events on issues related to gender equality and/or finance), support member organisations and work with allies in their efforts to bring a shift in development financial flows towards agroecology.

Your responsibilities (Working within the Secretariat team on Climate, Energy and Agriculture):

- You facilitate and coordinate the network working group and relations with member organisations working on food sovereignty, agriculture as well as on climate & agriculture issues;
- You develop and/or contribute to implement policy positions and advocacy strategies on your areas of thematic responsibility with your colleagues in the Secretariat, with the members' working group and other key civil society allies;
- You follow policy processes at the UN and EU level, ensure information sharing and networking with partners and allies, including the Catholic Church, and represent CIDSE on various platforms;
- You ensure smooth collaboration and shared learning across CIDSE different thematic priorities;
- You contribute to CIDSE overall strategy based on systemic change approach.

Your profile:

- You have relevant work experience;
- You have education and/or training in global food systems and policy processes, international development, climate justice, agriculture, political science or any other relevant fields;
- You have specific experience and interest in advocating for social justice, food sovereignty, agroecology and alternative food systems, climate justice, and human rights policies, and following UN and EU mechanisms and processes;
- You have knowledge of the European legislative environment on Food, Climate and Agriculture and/or the UN processes related to such issues (e.g: Committee on World Food Security, UNFCCC, ...)
- You have demonstrated facilitation and coordination skills (experience in a network environment – an asset);
- You have excellent written and oral communications skills in English. Additional languages are an asset;
- You have an understanding of, and commitment to the mission and values of CIDSE;
- You have good team-working skills and the ability to work in an international, multi-cultural NGO environment;

- You are a good multi-tasker and results oriented with a professional attitude. You have leadership and diplomacy skills;
- You have proven computer skills and are available to travel.

CIDSE offers:

- the opportunity to work in an international organisation with a dynamic international team;
- the opportunity to work with CIDSE member organisations, allies and partners worldwide;
- the opportunity to work in the Brussels EU-Quarter, an interesting and challenging job.

The terms and conditions of working, including salary range, are those of CIDSE and depends on experience.

Please send your CV and cover letter by October 9 th to: recruitment@cidse.org

Interviews will likely be held in the week of October 12 th.

For more information about CIDSE please visit our website www.cidse.org