Call for experts

to represent ECOS in the field of

Plastics reduction and management in Africa

Application deadline: 20 June 2024

ECOS is looking for experts in the field of plastics reduction and management in Africa, with an important focus on composting and biodegradation, to support with technical guidance in analysing policies and standards aiming to reduce plastics and set alternative product designs. Our experts provide us with technical and scientific input and represent ECOS in multi-stakeholder discussions.

ECOS is an international NGO with a network of members and experts advocating for environmentally-friendly technical standards, policies and laws. With 20 years of experience, ECOS represents nearly 60 national and European members, including the European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, Transport & Environment and WWF. ECOS is a partner organisation of the standardisation organisations CEN and CENELEC, a member of ETSI and a liaison organisation to IEC & ISO. Learn more: www.ecostandard.org

ECOS is looking for expert(s) with an in-depth knowledge of:

• Current policy and regulatory landscape of plastics reduction and management, especially for single-use plastics, including biodegradable and compostable plastics, in East and West Africa,
• Relevant standards linked to plastics circularity, biodegradation, and composting, including their conditions and test methods, in East and West Africa, and/or at the international level.
• Best case studies in plastics reduction and management, including biodegradable and/or compostable plastics use, in East and West Africa, especially focussed on food packaging, agriculture, and forestry applications.

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate in-depth technical/scientific knowledge in the topic area. Candidates should demonstrate a strong commitment to ambitious environmental protection principles and excellent report writing skills. Experience with an understanding of the policy context and/or standardisation developments in the subject area and the geographical area will be considered a strong asset. Fluency in English and willingness to travel are required.

The nominated experts will:

• Prepare technical and scientific input through literature or legal research and provide analyses for policies, standards, or case studies analysis, including position papers and comments.
• Report to and liaise with the relevant ECOS Programme Manager.
• Participate in relevant multi-stakeholder discussions to present ECOS position.
• Exchange information with other experts when needed.
**ECOS offers**

- A daily fee for preparation of meetings, participation, and reporting, as well as other relevant tasks.
- Reimbursement of travel costs.
- Per diem to cover accommodation and subsistence costs.

Please send your **CV and cover letter** outlining your motivation and demonstrating your suitability to support and represent ECOS to **Marxine Waite** (marxine.waite@ecostandard.org) by **20 June 2024 COB**.

The secretariat will assess applications on a rolling basis, applying ECOS procurement policy. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.