

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Chair of the Board

Nexus for Development is offering an exciting opportunity to individuals who wish to make a difference in sustainable development in Asia through serving on its volunteer Board of Directors

ABOUT NEXUS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Founded in 2009, Nexus for Development (Nexus) is an international, not-for-profit organization registered in Singapore with a core operational team in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We are on a mission to urgently mobilize carbon and impact finance to scale enterprises in Asia that benefit both people and planet.

Leveraging our initial experience with carbon finance, we have evolved over the last decade to identify market gaps and develop appropriate financing solutions for enterprises delivering clean energy, water, waste and agriculture solutions that benefit low-income households, smallholder farmers, women and other underserved communities across Southeast Asia. The impetus that drives these initiatives is our commitment to providing useful, affordable and fair financial products and services to enterprises that are improving people's lives in the face of poverty and climate change.

We are a team of regional and international experts with diverse backgrounds in finance, engineering, credit analysis, international development, corporate partnerships, marketing, and operations working together to deliver solutions, create value and achieve our mission.

Specifically, our current work focuses on the following areas:

- Debt finance for climate- and gender- smart social enterprises that fall into the “missing middle”: too big for microfinance and too small or risky for the banking sector
- Carbon credit project technical assistance, from feasibility through certification and issuance
- Carbon credit sales and the structuring of innovative carbon project financing solutions

We collaborate with a range of global funders and corporate partners to unlock finance for social enterprises. Our work is supported by leading development bodies including UN Women and UN Environment Programme.

Our existing Board is composed of leading figures from diverse organizations spanning international development, carbon markets, climate finance and private sector entities.

For more information, visit <https://nexusfordevelopment.org/>

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in Nexus' key sectors or strong interest in supporting an organization committed to the advancement of renewable energy, water technologies, climate change mitigation or adaptation, WASH, and / or sustainable development.
- Deep network within Asia and interest in fundraising (for both Nexus' debt funds and Nexus as an organization). Key investor and donor types include family offices, foundations, and impact investors.
- Strong finance or legal background preferably with experience in Asia and in funds management or carbon finance.
- Interested in taking an active role leading and contributing to Board activities.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair, as the presiding Board member, ensures that the relationships are effective and efficient and further the best interests of Nexus. In performing this role, the Chair must work closely with the Executive Director ("ED") and manage activities of the Board. The Chair, while working closely with the ED, should always retain an independent perspective to best represent the interests of Nexus, members and other stakeholders.

1. Working with management, the Chair shall:

- Act as the principal sounding board and counselor for the ED, including helping to define problems, review strategy, maintain accountability, build relationships and ensure the ED is aware of concerns of the Board, Members and other Stakeholders.
- Lead the Board in:
 - Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the ED;
 - Ensuring accountability of the ED; and
 - Ensuring the implementation of the succession and development plans by the ED.
- Work with the ED and where relevant, the Corporate Governance Officer, to coordinate agenda, information packages and related events for Board Meetings.
- Act as the main point of contact for conflict resolution between Nexus staff and the management.

- Promptly lead the Board in execution of a mitigation plan (interim or otherwise) in absence of an ED or in the event that the ED is not able to fulfill their responsibilities.

2. Working with the Board, the Chair shall:

- Ensure that the Board has full governance of Nexus' business and affairs and that the Board is alert to its obligations to the members and stakeholders.
- Provide strong leadership of the Board and assist it in reviewing and monitoring the aims, strategy, policy and directions of Nexus.
- Communicate with the Board to keep it up-to-date on all major developments, including avoiding surprises through timely discussion of potential developments and ensuring the Board has sufficient knowledge to permit it to comfortably and properly make major decisions when such decisions are required.
- Promote ethical and responsible decision making, appropriate oversight of management and best practices in Corporate Governance.
- Ensure that the responsibilities of the Board are well understood by both the Board and the management, and that the boundaries between Board and management responsibilities are clearly understood and respected.
- Communicate all major developments and issues to the Board in a timely manner, initiate opportune discussion of such matters and ensure provision to the Board of sufficient information to permit the Board to fulfill its oversight responsibilities.
- Set the frequency of the Board Meetings with the Executive Director and review such frequency from time to time as considered appropriate or as requested by the Board.
- Maintain strong reputational standing commensurate with the position.

GENERAL

- Board meetings convene quarterly with exceptional cases permitting. All meetings are convened virtually using video conference applications.
- The Chair of the Board shall be appointed every two years by the Board of Directors.
- Our Board members serve Nexus as a voluntary commitment.

HOW TO APPLY

If interested, please share your CV and cover letter to laura@nexusfordevelopment.org