**CANADIAN NGO:** Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)

**LOCAL NGO:** *Comunidad en Acción/Plataforma Boliviana frente al Cambio Climático*

**JOB TITLE:** Climate Change Adaptation Officer

**COUNTRY:** Bolivia

**VIRTUAL OR IN COUNTRY:** In country

**LENGTH:** 12 weeks

**DESCRIPTION OF CANADIAN NGO:**

CECI seeks to improve the social and economic well-being of the poorest, most disadvantaged people in communities in Africa, Asia and the Americas and volunteers are at the core of this work. Ensuring women and young women are empowered and fully play their role as agents of change for sustainable, inclusive development is central to CECI's work. CECI volunteers work towards women and young women's economic empowerment and the climate change resilience of communities by sharing their skills and expertise and working hand in hand with local partners.

In Bolivia, CECI aims to strengthen the economic empowerment of women and young women who are subjected to gender-based violence, are underemployed or unemployed, or belong to an indigenous group. In urban and rural areas of La Paz, Cochabamba, Nord-Potosi and Santa Cruz departments, CECI volunteers work in collaboration with civil society organizations to develop and implement advocacy campaigns to encourage the enforcement of laws that protect women and their access to rewarding economic opportunities. In order to facilitate women's resilience to climate change, volunteers also support environmental awareness campaigns and the creation of green economic opportunities in growing sectors.

**DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL NGO:**

The Bolivian Platform on Climate Change (*Comunidad en Acción*) is a national network of social and civil society organizations that contributes to the defence of Mother Earth and the realization of the human, economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights of indigenous peoples. It is rooted in a vision of climate justice and gender equity to promote a society that can meet the challenge of global climate change and reduce local communities' vulnerability.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSIGNMENT:**

* Conduct a diagnostic of the partner organization's research needs on the impact of climate change on indigenous peoples;
* Research and produce a short synthesis document that explores and identifies the main current trends and discussions on the forest economy, a topic of interest to the partner organization;
* Analyze and understand CECI's approach to climate change, adaptation and gender to socialize and discuss it with other CECI partner organizations in Bolivia and with other volunteers.

**CROSS-CUTTING RESPONSIBILITIES:**

* Integrate gender equality in all activities with emphasis on the participation and representation of women and young women;
* Integrate environmental issues and climate change adaptation in all activities;
* Deliver at least 3 Canadian public engagement activities (including 2 during the assignment and one post-assignment) which may include a fundraising activity;
* Make sure to respect, at all times, the organization's guides, manuals, guidelines or instructions related to security and safety;
* Take the necessary means to ensure your own security, namely by establishing an individual risk mitigation plan in your place of assignment;
* Write the reports required by the partner organization and the CECI program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* University studies in environment, sustainable development, climate change or other related fields.
* Knowledge and/or experience in climate change impacts on vulnerable populations.
* Experience and knowledge in research methodology considered an asset.
* Demonstrated ability to take initiative.
* Ability to work in a team environment.
* Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a cross-cultural environment.
* Research experience.
* Flexibility and ability to manage ambiguity.
* Fluent in Spanish.

**VOLUNTEER BENEFITS AND SUPPORT:**

* Support and guidance prior to departure and while on assignment in country.
* Participation in a pre-assignment training where you will have the opportunity to learn about CECI and gain practical skills for working in international cooperation.
* Return flights and visas.
* Cost of required country-specific vaccinations and antimalarials approved by CECI.
* Health insurance.
* Monthly living allowance while overseas.
* Accommodation while overseas.
* A personalized and optional debriefing session at the end of the assignment.
* A unique and rewarding work experience!
* Language: Spanish (Spoken and written)