Calling Sustainable Somali Citizens: Ecosystem Restoration Training and Potential Permaculture Internship Program With Dryland Solutions, Somalia

Ecosystem restoration in Somalia is an urgent necessity. Drylands Solutions is a non-profit trying to reverse ecological damages and create resilient environments and social systems for a better future. By restoring ecosystems we can improve the lives of rural communities and create healthy ecosystems and healthy communities who can work in balance with the natural world.

We are looking for enthusiastic Somali citizens to join the training followed by a year long internship in ecosystem restoration and regenerative agriculture. We need applicants who are passionate about restoring natural ecosystems and who are as committed as we are to moving Somalia towards a more sustainable and eco-friendly future.

We are looking for Somali citizens who are over 18, have the desire and ability to work in a community, who are practical, physically fit and able to undertake manual tasks. We are especially in search of students in the fields of ecology, geoinformation sciences, climate change studies, soil science, biology, agroecology, agriculture or other related fields. Though it is not strictly essential that you have a background in one of these areas. The ideal candidate will also have some leadership experience and be capable of supervising others.

We aim for a candidate mix with at least 50% women and will prioritise candidates from the Puntland region, though all Somalians are welcome to apply.

Successful candidates will receive full training and certification in ecosystem restoration and Permaculture Design Course (PDC). Thanks to the generous support of our donors, our program covers all training expenses including lunch & snacks, daily on-site training, so the program is available at no cost to participants.

Following the training period, applicants would go on to aid in the creation of the first Ecosystem Restoration Camp in Somalia - Camp Dryland Solutions, on an internship as the camp is created, which may potentially be extended. Successful applications will commit, after training, to educate other members of their local communities in ecosystem restoration and regenerative land management.

This exciting opportunity would allow applicants to be involved in restoring large areas of degraded land, to aid in climate change mitigation and adaptation, boost food security, and stop desertification. Though interactions with residents in the camp, applicants will also be able to get a unique opportunity to inspire and aid others in living more eco-friendly and sustainable lives.

If you are interested, please email Hello@drylandsolutions.org by Friday 20th August. Send us a resume, cover letter and perhaps a short video explaining why you think this training and internship is right for you, and what you can offer to Dryland Solutions. Let us know how you see your role with us, and include your contact details. We look forward to hearing from you soon.