

Social Accountability International (SAI) – Human Rights @ Work Position: Public Sector Liaison (Contract position, 4 years) Location: Ecuador

Language: Spanish fluency required, English proficiency preferred

Social Accountability International (SAI) is a non-profit organization advancing labor standards and working conditions around the world. We envision a world where workers, businesses, and communities thrive together. SAI is a leader in policy and implementation – developing social standards, guidance and tools, facilitating learning and capacity building, and convening partnerships to drive dialog and consensus-based solutions. Find out more on our website www.sa-intl.org.

Job Description: SAI is applying for a US Department of Labor (USDOL) funded grant project to improve adherence to international labor standards in the agricultural sector in Ecuador, particularly in the banana and cut flower supply chains. The project is expected to run for 4 years starting at the end of 2023 or beginning of 2024. Find out more about the project objectives at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348617

Conditional on the project being selected and funded by the USDOL, the **Public Sector Liaison** will be hired to communicate and coordinate with national and local labor ministries, community organizations, and other programs aimed at eradicating child labor, forced labor, and other labor abuses.

The role of the **Public Sector Liaison** throughout the course of the project, will include, but not be limited to:

- Identifying and mapping public sector stakeholders.
- Maintaining communication with the identified stakeholders, as well as building coalitions and partnerships.
- Creating collaborative initiatives and events with public-sector partners.
- Leading training efforts to capacitate public-sector actors in enforcing labor laws.
- Developing and cataloguing knowledge on local labor laws, policies, and projects aimed at eradicating child labor (or lack thereof) in order to inform project activities.
- Monitoring changes and progress in local laws, policies, and projects aimed at eradicating child labor, forced labor, and other labor abuses, especially in the banana and cut flower sectors.
- Working with the Communications Specialist to report on project activities, impacts, and best practices in coordinating with public-sector partners.
- Traveling within Ecuador, as needed.

Experience/Qualifications

- Minimum of three years of professional experience in the area of government relations and experience
 working with Ministries of Labor and programs targeted at identifying and eradicating child labor, forced
 labor and other labor abuses.
- Ability to maintain working relationships with all project stakeholders, including coalition building and partnership promotion.
- Understanding of key labor issues, including child labor, forced labor, gender discrimination, workers voice and workplace exploitation.
- Ability to meet deadlines, achieve targets, and provide all required inputs to deliverables.
- Fluency Spanish is required. Fluency includes speaking, listening, reading, and writing. English proficiency is preferred.
- Must devote a minimum of 50 percent level of effort to the project

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to <u>recruits@sa-intl.org</u>. All applicants MUST include job title "SAI Public Sector Liaison – Ecuador" in the subject line of their email submission.



The position is based in Ecuador. Compensation commensurate with experience and appropriate for a charitable organization of SAI's size. SAI is an Equal Opportunity Employer.