



Call for Volunteers Trees for the Future Board of Directors Member

About Trees for the Future

Nearly a billion people live in extreme poverty and earn less than \$1/day. Most of them are subsistence farmers whose farming practices have led to the deforestation of their land and the degradation of their local and global environment.

Trees for the Future (TREES) is ending deforestation, hunger and extreme poverty for farmers in developing nations in Africa. Through our “*Forest Garden Approach*,” we train farmers to plant and manage Forest Gardens that sustainably feed families and raise their incomes by up to 400%. Since 1989, with our experience in planting 200 million trees in more than 20 thousand forest gardens, we have demonstrated the transformative power of trees in helping smallholder farmers to break out of the poverty trap.

Today, our work in East and West Africa is helping to end hunger and poverty by over ten thousand families – and soon hundreds of thousands – to grow food and promote economic independence through trees. We receive donations to implement our work in areas where we can have the greatest impact and have experienced rapid growth over last several years.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BOD) is a 100% unpaid, volunteer body that supports the work of TREES with mission-based leadership, fundraising engagement, risk mitigation and strategic governance of the organization. While day-to-day operations are led by the organization’s Executive Director (ED) and staff, partnership with the Board is critical and expected as its members bring a wealth of professional experience to the organization.

The ideal candidate will contribute the following:

- Strong belief in TREES’ mission and culture and a commitment to improving environmental conditions and addressing extreme poverty.
- 12+ years of relevant professional expertise with significant executive leadership accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector. Ideal candidates will have experience in helping organizations chart future direction, measure of program efficacy and/or growth/scaling initiatives.
- Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals.
- Ability to embody TREES’ values of accessibility, respect, diversity, learning, possibility, collaboration, entrepreneurialism and results and act as an ambassador for the organization
- Prior experience with an environmental or poverty focused non-profit board highly valued.
- Make TREES a philanthropic priority and provide an annual financial contribution of at least \$2,000. This contribution may be made through personal giving or in combination with individual fundraising efforts.
- Serve three-year term and attend to quarterly board and periodic committee meetings
- Expertise in marketing analytics, finance/accounting/audit as well as non-profit fiduciary controls are immediately needed.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter, outlining your prior experience and interest in TREES, as well as a resume to hr@trees.org.

