

Country: Ivory Coast

Numer of interns per cohort: 2 interns

Duration (in country): 3 months

City of internship: Adiaké

Partner organization: Association Sterna Africa

Description: Sterna Africa is an association for Education for Citizenship and International Solidarity (ECSI), engaged on the African continent and beyond. Established in Benin, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Togo, it has extended its scope of action by opening a branch in Lyon (France) in 2024.

Our mission: To work for a fairer and more sustainable world by placing local populations at the heart of our actions. Our priorities are structured around four pillars:

- Children: Ensure their well-being, development, and access to inclusive education, particularly in rural areas.
- Women: Combat gender inequality, strengthen their autonomy, and promote their socioeconomic rights.
- Youth: Train and mobilize young people as agents of community change.
- The environment: Protect ecosystems and combat climate change through local solutions.

Our concrete actions:

- ✓ Developing educational programs adapted to local realities.
- ✓ Supporting women's entrepreneurship and social justice initiatives.
- ✓ Raising awareness of climate issues (reforestation, waste management, agroecology).
- ✓ Promoting community health and access to healthcare for all.

By aligning our projects with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sterna Africa is working towards a tangible impact by 2030. We believe in solidarity that is rooted in the territories, in partnership with communities, to build resilient and equitable societies together.

Web site: www.sternafrica.org

Name of supervisor(s) :

- President : Madrick TONAKAMBIO
- Executive director: Grace KOUAME
- External relations officer: Ismaël OUATTARA

Summary work plan:

1) Environmental project manager (SDG 13) “environmental awareness”

The intern will work on environmental projects and contribute to environmental protection and public awareness. Their responsibilities will include:

- Waste management: The intern can participate in projects aimed at improving waste management, whether by raising awareness about waste reduction or organizing waste collections in schools and rural areas.
- Establishing an above-ground garden and vegetable garden: The intern will lead workshops or information sessions to raise public awareness of the benefits of gardening and urban agriculture.
- Raising environmental awareness: The intern can be involved in awareness campaigns, educational workshops, or community events to promote sustainable practices.
- Feasibility studies and grant research: They can also assist in drafting proposals for environmental projects, contributing to fundraising and implementing environmental projects.
- Environmental communication: As part of their internship, the intern can support the association's communications team by developing communication materials on environmental issues.

2) Communications officer

The intern will contribute to the visibility and reputation of the association through various communication media. Their missions will be:

- Content Creation: Write articles, newsletters, and social media posts to promote the association's activities.
- Social Media Management: Manage and moderate the association's accounts on various social platforms, interacting with the public and sharing relevant information.
- Development of communication materials: Design posters, brochures, and other visual aids for events and awareness campaigns.
- Participation in event planning and website improvement: Assist in the planning and implementation of events, such as workshops, conferences, or open days.
- Impact analysis: Monitor and analyze the impact of communication activities, using analytical tools to assess public engagement.

3) Responsible for seeking project funding

The intern will assist the association in the search for and mobilization of funding for projects that will be born during his time in the association. His missions will be:

- Fundraising: Identify and analyze the various available funding sources (public grants, private funds, sponsorship, crowdfunding, etc.) suited to different projects.
- Funding application preparation: Assist in the drafting and preparation of grant applications, ensuring compliance with funder criteria and requirements.
- Application monitoring: Monitor submitted funding applications, maintaining regular communication with funding organizations and meeting deadlines.

- Reporting: Contribute to the preparation of progress reports on the status of funding obtained and ongoing projects, in order to report to partners and association members.
- Communication and awareness: Participate in the creation of communication materials to promote the library project and raise awareness of its importance among the public and potential partners.

Work before departure and upon return:

- All interns will complete a training program before departing for the country in question.
- All interns will prepare a detailed work plan in collaboration with local partners and Alternatives staff.
- Upon their return, each intern will attend an employment strategy workshop offered by Alternatives Montréal and submit a final report with a comprehensive work plan and results

Language: French