**TITLE:** Youth Engagement Officer

**PARTNER(S):** Regional Advisory Information and Network Systems (RAINS)

**COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT:** Ghana, Tamale

**CONTRACT DURATION:** 12 weeks

**DESCRIPTION:**

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 170 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

For more information on the Uniterra program, our approach and countries of focus please visit: Uniterra.ca.

The Artisans Association of Ghana (AAG) is a membership-based association that seeks to create a network of artisans that trains, upgrades and supports the certification of unskilled youth and master craftspeople, enabling them to provide services that meet global standards. Despite vast employment opportunities that the construction sector presents in Ghana, the participation of women and youth is hindered by limited information and support services. As a membership association with over 3000 members from four regions of Ghana, AAG seeks partnerships with businesses, identifies employment opportunities, and provides training and certification for its members. [http://artisansghana.org/](http://artisansghana.org/)

The Employment Officer volunteer will contribute to Uniterra program objectives and AAG by supporting the development of and access to skills development and employment opportunities for members.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Review existing youth and entrepreneurship programs and explore ways of incorporating the needs of students and program beneficiaries;
- Through consultation with youth, identify approaches for their effective engagement;
- Support staff in developing youth engagement and entrepreneurship strategies;
- Sensitize staff on the strategies and provide recommendations for their implementation;
- Ensure equal representation and participation of women and youth in all activities and program benefits;
- Write report as required by RAINS and the Uniterra program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Strong writing and computer skills
- Experience and interest in working with young people is a strong asset
- Ability and willingness to travel to rural communities
- Flexibility, resourcefulness and strong interpersonal skills