**TITLE:** Youth Engagement Officer

**PARTNER(S):** Santa Clara Coffee Group

**COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT:** Guatemala, Guatemala Department

**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.

Finca Santa Clara is Santa Clara Coffee Group’s main farm, producing coffee for over 100 years. The Zelaya family, a founding member of APCA - Genuine Antigua Coffee Producers Association, is committed to both quality and sustainability. They own other area farms and each is scrupulously managed beginning with careful selection of varietals to the close supervision of dry and wet mills. Recently, Santa Clara Coffee Group has committed to promoting corporate social responsibility programs that promote better conditions for their employees and the community.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Help deliver social and employment skills training to youth, and ensure their access to relevant resources to increase likelihood of obtaining fulfilling employment
- Coach students on ways to improve their soft skills and communication skills
- Develop innovative activities to enhance youth entrepreneurial skills and spirit
- Support research vis-a-vis the role of youth in specific value chains and identify where youth could take an active role
- Ensure the participation of women and youth, as well as their representation, in all activities of and all program benefits
- Write reports required by partners and the Uniterra program

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience and interest in youth engagement and in working with youth
- Experience facilitating trainings or workshops to young people
- Ability to work in an intercultural environment
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Broad knowledge and understanding of contemporary development issues, particularly those related to economic opportunities for youth
- Intermediate level of Spanish required