**TITLE:** Production Improvement Intern

**PARTNER(S):** CCUL - FTG-Nepal

**COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT:** Nepal, Chapagaun, Lalitpur

**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.

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CCUL is the district level umbrella organization of eight primary coffee producer cooperatives, which consist of 370 farmers. It was established in 2008 with the objective of improving economic and social status of coffee farmers through the systematization of production, collection, processing as well as transparent marketing. It is playing a vital role in the farmers’ capacity building, organic certification, collection, processing and marketing of coffee. Lalitpur coffee is certified organic from NASAA Australia and is exported to Germany. In the local market CCUL sells roasted coffee with its own Lalitpur Organic Coffee and Jureli Coffee brands.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assess the knowledge of CCUL staff about coffee production including organic management, orchard management and disease mitigation knowledge;
- Compile existing coffee guides and manuals for production into condensed training/manual for farmers;
- Produce the information dissemination material in such a way that CCUL staff and
- Farmers understand the message;
- Develop a system of knowledge sharing between CCUL and major stakeholders such as National Tea and Coffee Development Board and National Coffee Producers Association;
- Coach/facilitate training to counterpart and farmers for improved orchard management practices such as irrigation, pruning, shading, and disease management;
- Facilitate improvements across coffee nurseries, orchards, pulping centers, and processing factory;
- Prepare and draft reports required by CCUL organization and the Uniterra program;
- Promote the accessibility and participation of women and youth in all program activities.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Having knowledge and/or experience in agriculture;
- Knowledge of orchard management such as irrigation, disease control, etc. is preferred;
- Good writing and presentation skills in English;
- Highly motivated, positive, innovative, enthusiastic, and flexible with a desire to learn;
- Strong cross-cultural communication skills;
- Ability to communicate information in simple language;
- Ready to work in a rural setting of Nepal.