

Lilian Kahara (Kenyan)

Host organization: LGT VP

Fellow position: Investment Associate Fellow

Fellowship duration: June 2022 – June 2023

Degree: Masters in Business Administration (MBA)

Professional experience: 7 years



Summary

Support LGT VP’s Africa team as an associate focusing mostly on Environment deals in Africa including preliminary research on potential deals, due diligence, stakeholder management and post-investment value creation support to portfolio organizations.

The problem LGT VP aims to tackle

- LGT VP aims to solve social and environmental challenges through flexible funding and post-investment support aimed at improving the quality of life of disadvantaged people, contributing to healthy ecosystems and building resilient, inclusive and prosperous communities.

The solution LGT VP provides...

- LGT Venture Philanthropy deploys philanthropic growth capital to innovative, effective and scalable organizations tackling social and environmental challenges.

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

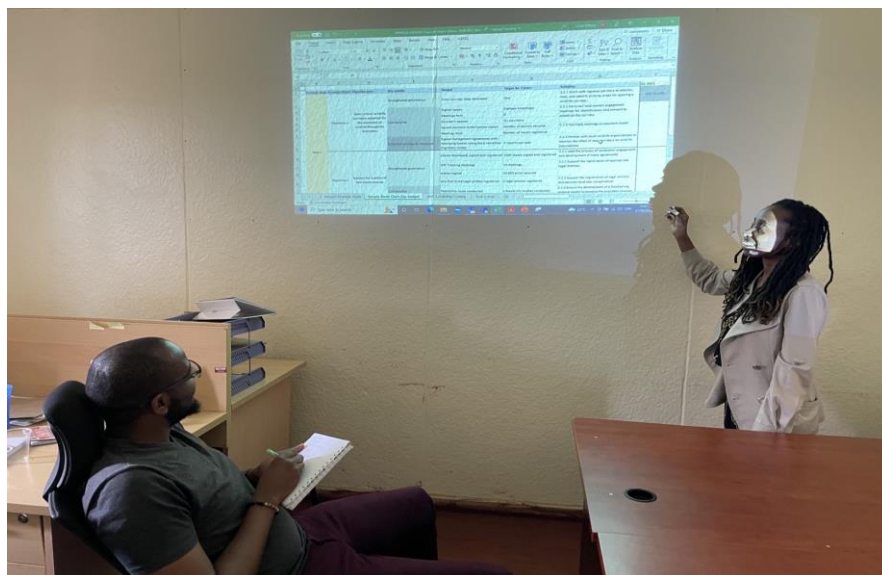
- Fellows get the opportunity to work with the deal team on the end-to-end investment process from due diligence to post-investment support.

“My experience as a Fellow...

... was fast-paced and engaging in the best way possible. I got to learn so much about sectors/themes that I had previously not worked in, including extensive involvement in the design of a carbon project (completely out of my depth but the most intriguing experience so far).

Grateful to the team for believing in my capabilities and extending opportunities to take on more responsibility over various deals, despite being a fellow.”

- Lilian



Lilian's achievements...

- Developed a budget development training manual and conducted the training for MMWCA finance team
- Developed a financial model for the One Mara Carbon Project, based on key value drivers and impact to the business case based on various scenarios
- Developed a project management tool for the One Mara Carbon project highlighting the critical path for successful project implementation and stakeholder management
- Built/strengthened relationships with various key stakeholders in the Mara increasing visibility of LGT VP work in the ecosystem
- Supported the deal team in closing a new deal in Environment focused on community-led conservation model



... contributing to LGT VP and portfolio organizations

- 3** portfolio organizations supported and 1 deal closed
- 3** finance and project management tools developed
- 1** training conducted for a portfolio organization

Lilian's next challenge

Lilian will stay on with LGT VP and continue to lead on various environment deals in Africa. She will also work on new deals to grow LGT VP's footprint in Africa.