

In 2017, we discovered a unique approach to contribute to sustainable growth in rural West Africa. Our startup Koa was born from a sophisticated concept, innovative processes and a lot of passion. We make use of the pulp of the cocoa pods, thus, reducing food waste and enabling Ghanaian cocoa farmers to earn an additional income of 30%. Today, two teams in Ghana and Switzerland are committed to the growth of Koa to boost responsible value creation in the cocoa growing regions, to develop sustainable processes and to integrate them into rural structures. Our products inspire chefs, bartenders and the food industry in Switzerland and internationally. We now aim to establish Koa as the leading supplier of cocoa pulp products after having signed collaboration agreements with large chocolate and F&B players.

Do you also think that this is a great thing, and would you like to become a part of Koa? We are looking for you to start immediately or by appointment as a

Technology & Technical Procurement Manager (m/f/d)

This diversified role combines the international procurement responsibility for all processing equipment for the operations in Ghana with leadership of sustainability projects along Koa's product value chain.

Your tasks

- Plan and facilitate the procurement of machinery, spare parts and usables in close collaboration with other departments
- Collaborate and lead the project management team or offer assistance with technical details for the design of building or equipment fabrication
- Conceptualize and lead in the Company's sustainability projects along the value chain
- Project management of investment projects around existing and new processing plants in Ghana
- Negotiation and management of service contracts (spare parts, maintenance, repair) for production equipment
- Enhance cooperation with technology and production (keyword: automation)
- Collaborate in the continuous improvement of our preventive measures of the processing plants in Ghana
- Maintenance of technical documentation (e.g. process flow diagrams, block plan)
- Establish and maintain supportive relations with suppliers, manufacturers and service providers
- Research and implementation of new and innovative solutions for food processing and sustainable packaging
- Optimization of existing workflows, systems and production processes (analyzes, statistical investigations and troubleshooting)
- Training of employees in sustainable value chains

Your profile

You are committed, motivated and full of energy. Ideally, you are trained as an environmental engineer and completed a degree or training in environmental technology where you developed a profound technical understanding in the areas of environmental protection, recycling and sustainable product design. Alternatively, you have min. 5 years of work experience in the operational engineering of production plants in the food industry and thereby developed an interest and skill set around sustainable value chains. You are sociable, assertive and you approach tasks carefully and independently. Your colleagues describe your attributes as solution-oriented, quality driven and cost aware. You are looking for a way to leverage your strengths and use your knowledge to enable positive development on all levels. You are able to deal with various projects simultaneously and manage stressful situations with a clear head. You are also proficient in English and German and are not afraid of new cultures, people and challenges.

Your workplace

We offer more than just delicious cocoa fruit juice. Our young, dynamic team maintains an open and trusting corporate culture. In our small group of ten, you get a high degree of autonomy and creative freedom. As Technology & Technical Procurement Manager, a diversified job profile is waiting for you in a delicious, international and meaningful environment. Our modern office is located in the heart of Zurich's Kreis 2 in walking distance to the Sihl river.

Interested?

We are looking forward to your application to Benjamin Kuschnik.
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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch and we try our best to answer them as fast as possible.

Type of position: Open-ended
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At Koa, we value diversity and therefore welcome all applications – regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion / belief, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

