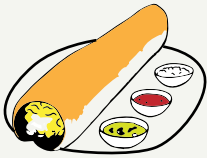


LIKES



NATURE

COLD WEATHER



INDIAN FOOD

MEET **Clementine** FROM **OIKOS**

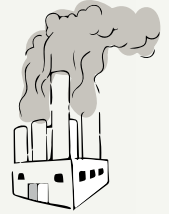


DISLIKES



INEQUALITY

POLLUTION



DISRESPECT

**Tell us about yourself.**

Contrary to all of the others in the swissnex India team I am neither Swiss nor Indian, but French! I was born in Brittany (North-West), moved to Marseille (South-East) for my teenager years and went to study in a business school in Reims (North-East). Let's say I know France quite well! During my masters I also studied for a semester in Lima, Peru. I really wanted to live in an emerging country and get its perspective on life in general but also on sustainability more specifically since I am working in that field. I wanted to get a broader picture, to have a better global and regional understanding of this very complex topic.

**Why India?**

As you can already notice with my time in Peru, I am attracted to what is different! I love learning from others daily and I like day-to-day challenges. Why India more specifically though? While volunteering in an international student organization on sustainability, I worked everyday with Indian colleagues. One of them got married and invited to me to his wedding in India. I was hosted by an Indian friend's family in Delhi for about 2 weeks then went to the wedding in Rajasthan and spent some time visiting this state. When I came back to France, I decided I wanted to get a working experience here, to go deeper in my understanding of this diverse country.

**What are the projects you would be working on?**

As a resident in swissnex India, I am here for a knowledge exchange expedition funded by Mercator foundation. Concretely, it means I would be working 50% for oikos, my employer, on getting to know India's sustainability challenges, and 50% for swissnex India itself. The main goal is to learn and exchange with swissnex on how to work in/with India and on strengthening our respective alumni and faculty networks in India. To do so, during my swissnex working time, I would engage in organizing alumni meetings, write a report on Swiss-Indian academic collaboration possibilities through foundations & NGOs, support some of current swissnex India projects (such as Citizen Science exhibition and academic outreach tour).

**What do you want to take away from this experience?**

This experience will make me grow, both personally and professionally for sure! I hope I will get a deeper understanding of sustainability in emerging countries, and more importantly, a better understanding of the world I am living in. However, the best of the best would be leaving India with life-long friendships!