Job description

Southern Africa Programme Intern

Context

RES4Africa Foundation is committed to working with African countries to create an enabling environment for renewable energy investments at scale. As a private sector and member-driven organization, the Foundation acts as a bridge between its members and African partners for an exchange of perspectives, initiatives, and expertise between companies and institutions working across the renewable energy value chain. As a neutral platform for public-private partnerships, the Foundation's work includes promoting policy dialogue and delivering advisory services to countries on what it takes to enable RE investments; spearheading innovative community-driven energy market solutions; and transferring knowledge and building capacities to empower people, create business, and transform institutions. RES4Africa's activities focus on the electricity generation gap in both large-scale and decentralized renewable energy solutions. In doing so, RES4Africa's programmes take into account financial and economic aspects, policies and regulations, and the socioeconomic impact related to the lack of energy, adequate infrastructure and quality of service available and the factors that undermine wider energy access in Africa.

Role Overview

Within RES4Africa Foundation, special attention is given to South Africa as the largest electricity market on the continent. The intern will join the Southern Africa team, working in close contact with the Area Manager based in Johannesburg, contributing to the design of a roadmap for an effective and just energy transition in partnership with local partners and stakeholders. This is done through 3 main activities:

i. Analysis and Research
ii. Capacity Building and training
iii. Advocacy and policy dialogue

The Intern will support the development of knowledge products, trainings, events and other related activities and contribute to defininition of new project proposals as required. The Intern will dedicate 20% of their time to research and analysis, 60% to capacity building and training, and 20% to advocacy and policy diaolgue.

The candidate must be a South African citizen and hold a Master's degree.
The selected candidate will begin work in January 2025. The role is remunerated.

The internship opportunity is funded by EWSETA (Energy and Water Sector Education Training Authority) in partnership with Nkangala TVET College. The role will be performed for and coordinated by the RES4Africa Foundation.

Duties and Responsabilities

Capacity Building and Training (60%)

- Follow and support the RE-Skilling Lab project which assists an Mpumalanga TVET college with skills and equipment to teach renewable-energy related skills and reduce impact of coal plant shutdowns
- Organise and support the development training workshops and courses - defining the curriculum, partner involvement, management of students

Advocacy and Policy Dialogue (20%)

- Organise and develop events and webinars - concept proposal, agenda creation, invitations, logistical coordination, liason with speakers and attendees
- Support the relationships and cooperation with project partners, RES4Africa members and local stakeholders.

Research and analysis (20%)

- Support analytical work and development of ongoing studies focused on renewable energy integration, regulation, energy market landscapes and trends, and socio-economic impact of the energy transition and energy business models.
- Support the team in developing knowledge products and operational instruments including the preparation of strategic publications and country-specific technical reports.
- Support the Communication Unit in writing articles for specialized journals, websites and magazines.

Qualifications

- Bachelor degree in engineering, social/political sciences, international development or equivalent in relevant field;

- Knowledge of the basis of electricity market regulation, market design and renewable energy supporting mechanisms;
- Proved ability to write and communicate in English, knowledge of another language would be considered a plus;
- Excellent analytics, writing and synthesis skills.
- Advanced use of Microsoft Office package.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment. Tact, diplomacy and a commitment for confidentiality are fundamental.
- Preferred: experience in international companies, consulting firms, NGOs, with demonstrated ability to engage on a range of issues in the energy sector in African Countries

Applications:

- Please send your CV and a motivation letter to Ms Marianna Petrosillo (marianna.petrosillo@res4africa.org) with Mr Lorenzo Vilona (lorenzo.vilona@res4africa.org) in copy, stating in the subject Reference: Southern Africa Progamme Intern Application

Deadline to apply: 10th January 2025 (23:59)