Development Worker as advisor (m/f/d) for the development of the solar energy sector in Cotonou, Benin

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Job-ID:
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Location:
Cotonou

Assignment period:
08/01/2020 - 09/30/2022

Field:
Infrastructure

Type of employment:
Full-time

Application deadline:
05/05/2020

Job description

The project “Green People's Energy” (Energie Verte pour les Citoyens) supports the development of decentralized renewable energy in rural areas of Africa, involving local actors and private investors. It also promotes local value creation and productive and social use of energy, as well as employment opportunities. This initiative is being implemented in nine African countries, including Benin. The Energising Development (EnDev) program is a multi-donor partnership that promotes sustainable access to modern energy services in more than 24 countries, including Benin. EnDev Benin cooperates with private companies to develop a sustainable market of solar energy equipment for households and strengthen the necessary regulatory framework.

Your tasks

- Supporting the development of a commercially viable solar market in collaboration with the two projects
- Engagement with private companies, with financial institutions and government institutions
- Gaining in-depth knowledge about the main actors on the solar market in Benin and the region, facilitating a matchmaking between actors as well as the transfer of knowledge and good practices from other countries
- Advising local companies to adapt their offers to the latest global market trends and innovations
- Supporting international players to invest or to expand their existing portfolio in Benin
- Improving the regulatory framework for energy access
- Identifying areas where GIZ projects can engage for the reduction of bureaucracy and risks for the private sector
- Improving import and fiscal conditions, quality standards, access to finance etc. and carrying out sector analyses on the above-mentioned topics

**Your profile**

- Bachelor in Natural Science, Political Science, Business Management or similar qualification
- Technical/engineering background is a welcome add-on
- Knowledge of the renewable energy sector, energy access and the off-grid market are favourable
- Several years of work experience, ideally within the private or financial sector
- Work experience with renewable energy companies, energy associations or policy advise would be an asset
- Excellent language skills in French and English (written and spoken)

**Location information**

Please use the following link for information about living and working in Benin.

In general, the security situation is calm. GIZ staff must adhere to security measures at all times. Please also check the county-specific information provided by the German Federal Foreign Office. A contact person for security risk management is appointed at the local GIZ office. There are no special restrictions to freedom of movement in the working environment. GIZ does not impose any restrictions on life partners and family members to move with you to the country of deployment. We kindly ask you to inform yourself which forms of relationships are legally and socially accepted in the country of deployment.

**Notes**

Occasional field visits are required.

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