



International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) / GTZ German Technical Cooperation Recruitment of a Project Officer

Introduction

In the framework of a multilateral commitment towards the promotion of peace and security in Africa, GTZ – German Development Cooperation aims at contributing towards the implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region signed by eleven Heads of State in Nairobi in December 2006. It therefore continues the ongoing support of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) which has been operational since the end of 2004. The overall objective of the current second phase of the technical cooperation program “Support to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region” is that: The Conference Secretariat (CS) and the National Coordination Mechanisms (NCM) fulfil their assigned mandates and core initiatives of the Pact show initial impacts. The support components are (1) strengthening the CS and the NCM, (2) supporting the implementation of the regional initiative against the illegal exploitation of natural resources and (3) promoting transborder development cooperation in the African Great Lakes Region.

The ICGLR Initiative against the illegal exploitation of natural resources (“Initiative”)

Based on the Protocol against the illegal exploitation of natural resources, the ICGLR has constituted a Steering Committee (SC) to implement the Initiative in October 2009 in Rubavu, Rwanda. The SC has defined six tools for the implementation of the initiative: 1) harmonisation of applicable laws and regulations in all Member States (MS), 2) development of a database on mining statistics of all MS, 3) establishment of a platform for exchange with the EITI, 4) establishment of a regional whistleblowing mechanism, 5) formalisation of artisanal mining and 6) establishment of a certification mechanism for selected minerals (Au, Coltan, Cassiterite, Wolframite). The ICGLR CS is tasked with the development and introduction of these five elements in the national policy of the Member States (MS).

Description of the post

Under the supervision of the ICGLR Democracy and Good Governance Programme Officer, in close collaboration with the Special Adviser (GTZ), the Project Officer will reinforce the ICGLR team in Bujumbura, Burundi, by assisting in the implementation of the Initiative. He/she shall:

- Support the CS in the development and implementation of a regional certification mechanism for selected minerals;
- Develop strategies and technical concepts including guidelines, manuals, and procedures for the implementation of the regional initiative;
- Support the CS with technical and professional advice and provide input to a broad range of target groups;
- Work with the GTZ team and the CS in setting up a regional database on mining statistics;
- Work with the GTZ team and the CS to assist MS in harmonising their laws and regulations related to mining and trade in minerals;
- Support regular dialogue between the CS, the National Coordinators and relevant Ministries in the MS;
- Monitor and transmit information on relevant developments in the area of the Initiative to the CS, prepare reports and documentation;



- Assist in defining terms of reference, selection, and supervision of contracted third parties in carrying out activities, including performance evaluation;
- Conceptualise and prepare workshops, seminars, and other events on subjects that are related to the regional initiative; Insure the quality of work and propose necessary changes, improvements, and initiatives;
- Proposes relevant priority project activities in cooperation with partners;
- Provide other support to the CS team as needed.

Location of work: Bujumbura (Burundi), at the CS headquarters, with frequent missions in MS.

Competencies

- Understanding of the composition of minerals sectors in the Great Lakes Region (both mining and trade in mineral resources);
- Knowledge of key stakeholders and their interest in the sector as well as state institutions in charge of regulating the mining sector ;
- Understanding of issues related to the illegal exploitation of natural resources,
- Awareness of international transparency initiatives aiming at improving governance in the mining sector (e.g. EITI, ITRI, EU Task Force) as well as national efforts to establish certification mechanisms of natural resources;
- Ability to work in multicultural environment;
- Good understanding of the security, social and political challenges faced by MS of the ICGLR;
- Excellent communication skills,
- Flexibility and willingness to travel on short notice,
- Fully proficient computer skills and use of relevant software.

Qualifications

Master or PhD Degree in International relations, Good Governance, Mining or other related field;

At least ten (10) years of international work experience in the Great Lakes Region, preferably in the area of natural resource governance;

Fluency in English and French, knowledge of Swahili is a plus.

Duration:

The successful candidate will be based at the CS in Bujumbura, Burundi. Frequent missions to MS are foreseen. Duration is 6 months with possibility of extension, starting as soon as possible.

Application

The position will be open until filled. ICGLR as well as GTZ are equal opportunity employers.

Send your CV in English and French with a cover letter in English to silas.sinyigaya@icglr.org as well as markus.wagner@gtz.de.