

Vacancy Announcement

Post: Director (Programme Implementation-II) on Secondment basis
Location : Gurugram, Haryana, India
Type of Contract : Individual Contract
Languages Required : English
Duration of Contract: The initial period will be at least one year and thereafter, may be altered based on ISA's sole discretion.

Background:

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a treaty-based inter-governmental organization providing a dedicated platform for cooperation among its member countries. The primary objective of the Alliance is to work for efficient and affordable utilization of solar energy to realize the objectives under the Paris Agreement.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The ISA proposes to engage an Director (*Programme Implementation-II*) on Secondment basis to help in conceptualizing, planning, designing programme & policies, use of global best practices and their implementation across the ISA member countries.

International Solar Alliance- Director (Programme Implementation-II) –Job description

The International Solar Alliance Secretariat is headed by the Director General, assisted by a leadership team composed of directorates headed by officers at P4/P5 level. The Director (Programme Implementation-II) will lead the directorate in charge of allocated programmes, providing strategic advice on technology and innovation aspects of ISA planned activities, in close coordination with other ISA directorates and will be responsible to achieve targeted and time bound implementation of the programmes in Member Countries.

- 1) To take coordinated actions through Programmes and activities launched on a voluntary basis, aimed at better harmonizing and aggregating demand for, inter alia, solar finance, solar technologies, innovation, research and development, and capacity building.
- 2) In this endeavor, Members cooperate closely and strive for establishing mutually beneficial relationships with relevant organizations, public and private stakeholders, and with non-member countries.
- 3) Each Member shares and updates, for those solar applications for which it seeks the benefits of collective action under the ISA, and based on a common analytical mapping of solar applications, relevant information regarding: its needs and objectives; domestic measures and initiatives taken or intended to be taken in order to achieve these objectives; obstacles along the value chain and dissemination process. The Secretariat maintains a database of these assessments in order to highlight the potential for cooperation.

- 4) Each Member designates a National Focal Point for the ISA. National Focal Points constitute a permanent network of correspondents of the ISA in Member countries. They inter alia interact with one another and also with relevant stakeholders to identify areas of common interest, design Programmes proposals and make recommendations to the Secretariat regarding the implementation of the objectives of the ISA.

“The aggregate effect of the Programmes and other activities under the ISA, in particular in terms of deployment of solar energy, performance, reliability, as well as cost and scale of finance based on assessment of Members Countries.”

The ISA Director (*Programme Implementation-II*) will:

1. Develop, lead and oversee the implementation of allocated programmes under direction and guidance of DG.

- The Director will develop, lead and oversee the implementation of ISA programme, including oversight of proposals, project descriptions, budget development, project execution and spending, and quality assurance.
- The Director will conduct a global review of the current ISA Programmes (“Scaling Solar Applications for Agricultural Use” and “Scaling Solar e-mobility and Storage”) and based on allocated projects, activities, Task Force and Support Group Committees. The Director will implement an annual work plan for the programmes.
- Particular emphasis will be placed on the value added of ISA programmes compared to programmes already conducted by other organisations, while addressing barriers and;
- The Director will define for each programme a set of projects and activities to be taken in a coordinated manner by member countries and relevant partner international organisations and public and private stakeholders as well as resource mobilization for ISA.

2. Cross-cutting strategic advice:

- Provide leadership on the allocated programme and related policy work, including design, implementation and technical support in participating Member Countries,
- Oversee the overall analytical work of ISA and ensure that ISA is developing cutting edge emerging issues relevant to ISA’s mandate in participating Member Countries,
- Promote harmonization and synergy with other divisions across ISA, for instance for the dissemination of recommended practices etc.

- Work closely with the other Directors, ISA Team and NFPs/CPs to establish and maintain a network of engaged stakeholders in Member States and technical institutions, to clearly identify needs for support and achieve ISA results.
- Oversee the Programme implementation operate efficiently, effectively and with value for money as approved by the Assembly in the Work Plan,
- Establish and oversee the implementation of divisional annual workplan, objectives, performance measurements, standards and budgets and monitor results against expected performance under the allocated programmes and projects.
- Prepare a Member Country-wise R&D and Lab infrastructure plan for next five years.
- ISA Standards for solar goods and services.
- Renewable Energy Certificate of ISA.
- Establish a global Task Force on R&D to address technological needs of Member Countries with respect to the allocated programmes will be addressed.
- Video conferencing with all NFPs on a weekly basis using infopedia platform.
- Any other job allocation by the DG from time to time.

Relevant Experience & Requirements:

- 15 years of professional work experience in Government, public sectors, multilateral organisation (including UN), private (academia, non-governmental sector, corporate), with increasing responsibility in the design and development of policies and programmes.
- Proven experience in leading implementation teams, providing policy advice and pioneering approaches in the area of governance
- Demonstrated track-record of excellence in delivering the work programme of complex institutions.
- Proven experience working in different geographical areas, and development settings, including conflict and post-conflict environments
- Excellent negotiating, writing and communication skills and ability to mobilize support from a wide range of partners (public, private, academic, civil society, business community leaders). Experience in Research and Development of Renewable Projects and module.
- Proven track record of management and resource mobilization skills
- Proven track record and leadership experience.
- Preference will be given to officers who have worked in international organisation.
- Preference will be given to female officers.
- ISA operates it Director level post at P4/P5 level.

The Director (*Programme Implementation-II*) will report to Director General, ISA, and in order to promote low carbon commutation officer will be required to be located in Gurugram where ISA HQ is located. They will abide by the UN attendance rules and will confirm to entry & exit regulations of the building premises.

To whom does it apply?

Secondment may be provided by member States, non-governmental/international organizations, multilateral agencies, bilateral agencies, universities, or the corporate/private sector. However, it is relevant to note that the secondment is applicable to individuals with the remuneration scale, technical and professional experience of grades P4 and below levels based on the United Nations common system. In the event the expert/seconded personnel is not from the United Nations common system they shall be required to have technical and professional experience equivalent to the above mentioned grades.

Deadline:

All applicants are requested to send their applications along with the latest CV to anandrao@isolaralliance.org on or before 12 midnight (IST) of 28th June, 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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