

## JOB OPENING:

# STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE & RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADERSHIP PROJECT AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT - AFRICA

Timeline: 12 months, September 2022-August 2023

## ABOUT REN21

REN21 is the only global renewable energy community of actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date and peer-reviewed facts, figures and analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets. Our goal: enable decision-makers to make the shift to renewable energy happen – now.

REN21 creates an enabling environment to support renewables: REN21 offers a platform for a variety of stakeholders to engage and collaborate. Armed with knowledge and tools, supported by a culture of dialogue and debate, and augmented by new ecosystems, this community of change strategically drives the deep transformations needed to make renewables the norm.

[www.ren21.net](http://www.ren21.net)

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

REN21's activities build on a broad and cross-sectoral community and are centred around crowd-sourced knowledge, dialogue and debate, and communication activities. REN21 thrives for a strong integration of those activities to position renewables more effectively.

As part of the **strategic intelligence and renewable energy leadership** project team, REN21 is seeking a new team member to **coordinate the regional activities in Africa**. As part of this programme, REN21 is working to strengthen the African renewable energy voice by helping to create a supportive multi-stakeholder environment in Africa. The activities are centred around providing strategic intelligence, convening and strengthening a community of changemakers, and supporting communication activities. The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall project management and community development of the Africa project and will work in close collaboration with the communications, knowledge and community teams.

This is a temporary (18 months) full-time position based in Paris, France at the REN21 Secretariat office, to start as soon as possible. There is a possibility of extension dependent on funding and results to-date. The working language is English.

## MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

Project activities are grouped into four areas:

1. Strategic Intelligence: Using an AI based-influencing tool and developing short analysis briefs

2. Convening: Gathering the African community—through REN21’s RENdez-vous series— around identified topics on the role of renewables in reaching Africa’s development and climate priorities
  3. Narratives and Campaign: Strengthening the African renewable energy voice in the energy development and climate discourses
  4. Inputs to High-level Processes: Ensuring that these diverse African voices are fed into key political processes and negotiations.
- **Project Management:**
    - Responsible for the day-to-day management of the Africa activities, including setting and monitoring of milestones, timeline, reporting, etc.
    - Establish and convene an African Advisory Group consisting of key organisations across the region to give guidance on approach and activities.
    - Support fundraising activities
  - **Strategic intelligence**
    - Provide input to further develop the AI-based renewable energy influence mapping tool and augment with regional insights and realities
    - Use the insights gathered from the tool, media analysis etc. to identify opportunities to strategically positioning renewable energy (players, entry points, strategic allies, issues, etc.)
    - Develop and coordinate the production of short knowledge products related to renewables in Africa such as dashboards, newsletters, issue briefs that provide information to strategically position renewable energy (on the African continent, globally, thematic)
  - **Convening - Community building and engagement**
    - Develop and maintain a diverse network of partners and contacts related to renewable energy in Africa (institutional partners, ‘champions’; local, regional, global), across relevant sectors (access, infrastructure, industry, agriculture, health...)
    - Identify and mobilise changemakers (RENdez-Vous participants, contributors, collaboration partners) to engage in REN21’s dialogues, crowd-sourced/collaborative knowledge building activities as well as communication activities/campaigns
    - In collaboration with the community team, explore and implement ways and tools to broaden and deepen community of changemakers on renewables in Africa
    - In collaboration with the community and communications team, develop and implement the RENdez-Vous Africa series
  - **Renewable energy voice - Position renewable energy**
    - Use the influence mapping and strategic intelligence to support communication activities and campaigns related to renewables in Africa
    - Narratives and communication campaigns:
      - identify and develop targeted narratives that allow to strategically position renewable energy
      - support/coordinate the development and implementation of campaigns on renewable energy in Africa
      - Support REN21’s knowledge-based outreach and communication: provide evidence, ‘voices’, talking points; authoring of blogs and posts

## APPLICANT PROFILE

The ideal candidate is a versatile team player with high level of strategic and systems thinking, sound judgment, and strong interpersonal skills. He/she is not afraid to ask questions, challenge the status quo and introduce new ideas when appropriate. Track record as an energetic, flexible, self-starting team player with the ability to foster a strong level of engagement across the team and networks.

We therefore require:

- At least three, preferably five years of professional experience in project management, preferably involving network and community development, in the field of energy, development, environment and/or climate
- Experience working in Africa or with African organisations/partners
- Creativity, curiosity and the courage to explore new topics and present new ideas
- Strong organisational skills with outstanding attention to detail
- Leadership skills to build and lead a community of partners and networks
- Self-starter: ability to independently meet deadlines and handle multiple time-sensitive tasks and competing priorities
- The ability to thrive in a collaborative and dynamic environment
- Excellent English communication (written & oral) and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of French

The following are desirable:

- Advanced university degree(s) in a relevant discipline, such as such as sustainable development, political science, economics, renewable energy or similar. An understanding of building networks and working with stakeholders is desirable
- Portuguese or German are a plus

## WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT REN21

We are a small, dynamic team dedicated to the rapid uptake of renewables. We are based in Paris, work in English and come from around the world. We work in an agile, project-based environment; while each team member has a key set of responsibilities, we work collectively to make the shift to renewables happen – now. The REN21 Team works in person at the Secretariat in Paris, with up to two days working from home per week. Salaries are market-based (c.f. APEC salary grid).

## APPLYING.

[Please click here to fill out our online application form.](#) All your application materials should be in **English**. When you upload your documents, make sure the files are named according to the following format: Last name\_First name\_CV and Last name\_First name\_Letter.

**The deadline for submissions is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – 11:59PM CET.**

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.