

Value-Chain Advisor for Affordable Housing Supply in Africa

Skat Consulting Ltd. is looking for an **experienced economist** for the function of the **Value Chain Advisor for Affordable Housing Supply** for our project PROECCO in Africa's Great Lakes Region. Operating in one of the world's fastest urbanising areas, PROECCO promotes the transformation of the local construction sector into a green, socially inclusive industry, supplying safe and affordable housing.

PROECCO is a Swiss (SDC) funded project, implemented since 2012 by Skat Consulting through 3 local offices in Rwanda (main office), Burundi and DRC.

Skat Consulting Ltd. is a Swiss consulting company with a 40-year track record of successful, high-impact projects and partnerships, adding value to companies, organizations, and government agencies at home and abroad. We are well known as an independent resource centre and consultancy working in the fields of development and humanitarian aid.

Duty station and contract duration

- Bujumbura, Burundi or Bukavu, DRC
- 100 % working time
- Value Chain Advisor for Affordable Housing Supply
- During phase 3 of the project: 01.01.2021 – 31.12.24

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The advisor will lead the country office in either Burundi or DRC and provide thematic advice for the project in all three countries in the region.

Regional tasks:

- Analysing and monitoring the urban building supply chains of Africa's Great Lakes Region
- Leading the local team in the design of economically viable Green Building Industry Clusters and business models and participatory design tools for the transformation of informal settlements that minimise gentrification
- Advising local authorities in the development of strategies, policies and legal frameworks required for the green transformation of the construction industry and informal urbanisation patterns

Country Office related tasks:

- Leading a small team of local engineers and economists and coordinating cross border exchange with the two PROECCO sister-teams in the neighbouring countries
- Monitoring and accompanying firms, that pioneer green technologies or offer services along the supply chain for affordable housing
- Advising investors in the concept development of green industrial ventures or affordable real estate projects
- Supporting trade associations and vocational training centres in the promotion of new professional skills required for a highly performing green and locally sourced housing supply
- Leading the writing of handbooks, guidelines, training material, settlement drawings etc
- Responsible for relations with local project partners and the Swiss Cooperation Office
- Leading the local administration, finances and human resources management team
- Leading monitoring and reporting activities, and locally coordinating external technical support

- Leading communication and representation of the project and Skat towards partners, authorities and public

Requirements:

- Economist, with University degree, or other education and working experience in related fields, relevant for the assignment
- Confirmed experience in supply chain development (5 years or more in at least one of the thematic areas of
 - economics of urbanisation in Africa,
 - housing and SME finance in Africa,
 - industry clusters development in development countries
 - construction sector value chain development in Africa
- Confirmed experience in a team leader function (teams of 4-8 full time staff) and project management, including procurement and administrating budgets
- Excellent communicator and strong report writer
- The position is open to Regional and international candidates. Regional applicants need to have international professional experience and unrestricted access to Rwanda, Burundi and DRC. International applicants need to have professional experience in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Fluent language skills in French and English are a must, knowledge of Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, or Swahili is an asset

We offer attractive remuneration and working conditions as part of Skat's dedicated and dynamic team.

Application: Please send your application by email to Violeta.Zivanovic@skat.ch with the subject "*Application: Value-Chain Advisor for Affordable Housing Supply in Africa*" as soon as possible, **latest on 15.12.2020**. Please include contact details of reference persons for at least three recent relevant assignments.