

Internship opportunity

Supporting the activities of SDC's water network "Réseau" and sector knowledge management

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Skat Consulting Ltd. (Skat) is an independent consulting company based in St. Gallen (Switzerland) since 1978 and is working globally in the fields of international cooperation and humanitarian aid. Skat is providing services in the areas of water management, building, reconstruction and settlements, energy production and climate change mitigation, and governance. www.skat.ch

Since 01.10.2020 Skat is implementing a backstopping mandate with the **Global Programme Water (GPW) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** to facilitate the SDC's water network "Réseau" and sector knowledge management. Hosted by the GPW, the Réseau was launched in 2009 as the agency's thematic network for water. Its main objectives are:

- i) SDC and partner staff apply up-to-date knowledge in their water-related work, are connected and exchange among each other;
- ii) SDC's water profile is strengthened, coherent and trend-setting.

Under the global Réseau, there are regional sub-networks called Sub-Réseaus focusing on specific regions where SDC is working. Today the Réseau has more than 500 members, who are staff of SDC and its implementation partners active in water related projects. In its knowledge management endeavors, it synergizes with the AGUASAN: a Swiss community of practice bringing together a wide range of specialists to promote holistic understanding of key issues in water and sanitation in international cooperation.

For more information, visit the Réseau website: <https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Water>.

OUR OFFER

Skat is offering an **internship opportunity for recent graduates or young professionals to support the activities of SDC's water network Réseau**. Due to the current situation around COVID19, this will most likely be a remote internship for the time being. This is subject to change, and if the situation allows work from the office, a partial presence in the St. Gallen office is expected. The intern will have to be Swiss-based, as occasional travel within Switzerland will be required. The working time is preferably **60-80% for min 6 max 12 months** with a start planned on **15.03.2021**. Both, working time and duration period, are subject to discussion with the candidate. The monthly salary of the intern is **3150 CHF (at 100%) with a Master's degree**, and **2700 CHF (at 100%) with a Bachelor's degree**.

This internship is an excellent opportunity to gain insights in Swiss development cooperation and acquire experience in innovative approaches for water.

MAIN TASKS

- Support the organization of activities for RésEAU members e.g. webinars, workshops, networking events, e-discussions, at global and regional levels;
- Contribute to the implementation of the youth strategy of the network;
- Support the development of an offer of advisory services for members;
- Coordinate activities related to the Trend Observatory, an initiative aiming at keeping members informed about emerging trends and innovative approaches in the water and related sectors;
- Support the documentation of best practices of SDC and its partners;
- Contribute to the development of the social media presence of the RésEAU;
- Assist in the conceptualization, development, conduction and evaluation of the AGUASAN Workshop 2021 learning journey whilst supporting the management of the event organization and logistics;
- Participate in planning meetings with the mandate team members and client, whilst assisting the reporting towards SDC.

REQUIREMENTS

- University (Master or Bachelor) degree in a relevant field e.g. communication, environmental sciences, international relations;
- Prior experience in developing countries and/or experience in water and sanitation is an asset;
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multitask;
- High motivation, commitment and creativity;
- Excellent communication and writing skills in English; additional languages, especially German and French, are an asset;
- Swiss residence permit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send your application (CV and a 1-page motivation letter) as well as your questions, if any, to Elodie.feijoo@skat.ch. The deadline for application is 17.02.2021. The interviews will be conducted in the first half of March.