RCREEE Executive Director

1. The Regional Centre for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency

The Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency („RCREEE“) is a regional policy think tank based in Cairo which is dedicated to the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency in the MENA region. RCREEE is active in the development and dissemination of policies in support of renewable energies and energy efficiency, supports relevant research and development and enhances private sector activity in these fields.

Since the first preparatory conference in Cairo in January 2008, RCREEE has managed to gain a high visibility throughout the MENA region and now is recognized as a leading policy institution in its field. For more details on the work program and the activities of RCREEE, please refer to the RCREEE web page www.rcreee.org. RCREEE intends to play a key role in the advance of renewable energies in the MENA region and in the support of relevant regional initiatives, including implementation of the Mediterranean Solar Plan and the Desertec concept.

RCREEE is organized as a regional organization with international legal status with 10 member states from the MENA region, who agreed on a respective organizational charter (the “Charter”) on 2nd February 2009. The Charter provides for a three tier structure, with a member states’ assembly (“Board of Trustees”), an executive committee (“Executive Committee”) and a secretariat (the “Secretariat”), which is headed by the RCREEE Executive Director.

During the first five years RCREEE is supported by the development partners Egypt, Germany, Denmark and the EU with pledged contributions in the amount of EUR 15 million.

2. The RCREEE Executive Director

The Executive Director is expected to provide strategic and intellectual leadership to RCREEE, to represent the centre at regional and international events and oversee the activities carried out through the RCREEE Secretariat, presently comprising a staff of 7.

The Executive Director is appointed by the Executive Committee and the appointment is subject to ratification by the RCREEE Board of Trustees. The term of appointment shall be for three years and can be renewed. The Executive Director is in charge of the RCREEE management, what includes (without limitation) according to the RCREEE Charter the following competencies:

- to appoint the administrative staff,
- to oversee preparation of the draft action plan, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval;
- to implement the research program approved by the Executive Committee,
- to commission studies in line with the research program approved by the Executive Committee,
- to oversee the organization of events (seminars, workshops, capacity building),
- to propose the budget of RCREEE (to be commented on by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees),
- to set up and present the financial statements of RCREEE (to be commented on by Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees),

- to prepare the agenda of the topics of Executive Committee meetings,
- to network with Member States,
- to identify and support the implementation of PPP projects as well as others activities to be carried out in cooperation with the private sector in Member States,
- to support Member States with regard to a closer regional cooperation with EU initiatives,
- to represent the Centre in commercial transactions.

3. The Qualifications

Candidates with the following qualifications are encouraged to apply:

- be a national of one of the ten RCREEE member states (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen);
- have an academic background (at least B.Sc./B.A..) in a discipline relevant to the activities of RCREEE (energy policy, energy economics, engineering, law, finance), M.A. or Ph.D level a plus;
- can demonstrate a specialization in the energy field with a focus on at least one of the three key areas of the centre's activities (policy development, research and development and private sector participation);
- have a profound knowledge of the energy policy landscape in the MENA region, being familiar with the national, regional and international players;
- possess strong communication and leadership skills, to be demonstrated through a position as team leader for a period of at least 5 years;
- must have publications in relevant leading journals and/or presented papers at relevant international conferences;
- have at least 15 years of professional experience, of which 5 years should be in a field relevant to the centre's field of activites with proven regional/international exposure;
- be familiar with the application for and handling of donor funds;
- be fluent in Arabic, the Centre's official language, and in English; further relevant languages are a plus.

The selection process will be made on the basis of the above requirements and in line with the established principles of recruiting for regional organizations.

4. Conditions of Employment

The initial appointment is for a period of three years and can be renewed. The successful candidate, selected according to the RCREEE Charter as outlined herein, shall enter into a contract with an internationally competitive salary and benefits for the term of the appointment, duly reflecting the position of the RCREEE Executive Director. The contract will be funded from the financial contribution of Germany development co-operation to RCREEE.

The RCREEE Executive Director will be required to relocate to Cairo for the duration of the contract.

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