

Job description

Founding Executive Director of D-REC Organization

Job Summary

The D-REC Organization seeks a founding Executive Director to lead the new organization in its mission to accelerate the energy transition in developing & emerging markets.

The D-REC Organization

The upcoming launch of the D-REC Organization follows two years of work by The D-REC Initiative, a not-for-profit, industry-led initiative to create a global market for distributed renewable energy. We are designing, delivering and demonstrating new ways to certify and value distributed renewable electricity attributes through the creation of a new, internationally recognized market instrument called the D-REC (Distributed Renewable Energy Certificate).

Our mission is to accelerate climate justice and the energy transition by reducing the barriers to entry that prevent high-impact distributed renewable energy projects in emerging countries from participating in global environmental markets. We envision a world in which everyone, everywhere, has access to the energy they need to power their homes, their businesses and their lives.

The D-REC Organization is being launched to support and promote the D-REC market instrument, to advocate with global corporations for the highest impact renewable energy projects, and to support distributed renewable energy (DRE) project developers in the developing world to access global environmental markets.

Role

This is a unique opportunity for a person that is highly committed and passionate about expanding access to clean energy in developing and emerging markets. The successful candidate will have experience leading teams, articulating vision and mobilizing resources. She/He will have a deep understanding of global environmental markets and will be committed to accelerating the energy transition.

Expectations

As the founding Executive Director, the ED will proactively lead all aspects of strategic and operational activities of the organization. The ED will ensure that the organization has a viable strategy and implementation plan. They will define the budget, take responsibility for it and be accountable for managing it. The ED will be responsible for recruiting and managing the organization's supporting staff.

Requirements/skills

- A minimum Master's degree, in energy access related disciplines or environmental markets or sustainability
- Direct experience living and working in developing & emerging markets and a close understanding of energy access issues that people in these regions face
- Relevant work experience (the expectation is at least 10 years) in energy access or carbon markets
- Familiarity with renewable energy project financing
- Experience in the development of strategies
- Commercial skills and good business sense

- Ability to identify and engage issues that limit the market environment (e.g. administrative, economic, or cultural barriers)
- Excellent communication and problem-solving skills
- Experience in team management, ideally within an international and multicultural context
- Experience with budget development and management
- Excellent oral and written command of English
- Experience in hiring and developing a team

Tasks and responsibilities

Aim: Alignment and eventual extension to carbon standards to leverage D-MRV functionality and enable automated issuance from DRE projects.

- **Pursue alignment and integration with environmental standards (Issuing Bodies)**
 - Maintain direct contact with issuing bodies of environmental standards (i.e. I-REC Standard, Gold Standard for Global Goals, VERRA) and ensure alignment.
 - Follow the development around digitisation and automatisisation of issuance of the carbon standards
 - Ensure to monitor the development of the registries (and the operational changes such development brings) to guarantee the ongoing cooperation of the D-REC platform with these systems

Aim: Advocacy for the D-REC instrument and promote its recognition as an instrument for corporate RE engagement.

- **Coordinate and supervise proposal preparation** of all opportunities within its portfolio
 - Represent the D-REC Organization and its goals to external stakeholders
 - Promote the D-REC as an instrument for
 - o Corporate Scope 2 engagement
 - o Energy Access finance
 - o Results based finance / impact finance
 - o Energizing the value chain (esp. in agriculture, mining, etc.)
 - Drive communication that supports the market development of D-REC market participants
 - Liaise with associations and organizations that represent target clients, DRE operators, impact investors and other relevant stakeholders, in order to use their channels to promote the D-REC instrument to their members

Aim: Ensuring the robust functioning of the instrument, its further development and market orientation.

- **Ensure the technical functionality of the Platform**
 - Lead workshops with DRE operators and market participants to identify new features, improvements, and enhancements
 - Hire / contract and manage software development team to ensure ongoing feature development, uptime and availability of the platform
 - Liaise with the Energy Web Foundation and other technical stakeholders to ensure ongoing alignment with technical developments
 - Coordinate with registry operators of other standards (i.e. IREC standard) to ensure D-REC platform's governance rules comply with registry operations

Aim: Provide technical assistance to DRE operators when they connect to the D-REC platform.

- **Technical assistance**

- Manage the support DRE operators in connecting to the D-REC Platform via the public API
- Analyze and understand market trends and collect feedback from corporate sales teams / business developers
- Define clear onboarding procedures and develop supporting materials and courses.
- Coordinate with DRE organizations (e.g. GOGLA, ARE, AMDA, CleanNetwork and others) to provide group classes / webinars to their members
- Revise/adapt/extend the onboarding materials over time based on the learnings from any registration case