

Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity: Private Enterprise Officer - Climate Finance Expert - FL-1101-02

Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Organization: Bureau for Africa, Office of Power Africa (AA/AFR)

Location of Position: Washington, DC

Telework/Remote Eligibility: The position is telework eligible.

Open Period: April 11, 2024 - May 2, 2024

Appointment Type: This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment, that is not to exceed five years; may be considered for further extension for a maximum of nine years.

Grade level: FL-02

Salary: (USD) \$132,860 – \$191,900 (Washington, DC Locality)

Number of Vacancies: One

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: All AA employees are measured on how they foster a climate of respect in interactions with others, value differing perspectives, and treat others in a fair, equitable, and culturally sensitive manner. All employees are expected to adhere to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies, and value diversity and inclusion in performing everyday duties and responsibilities.

About the Position: AA/AFR is seeking a highly qualified and motivated FL-02 grade level officer to serve as a Climate Finance Expert for Power Africa and report directly to the Power Africa Deputy Coordinator. The position is based in Washington, DC. and addresses one of the most pressing challenges to sustainable economic growth and development in sub-Saharan Africa – access to electrical power. More than half of the people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to electricity, which limits access to quality health care, education, and economic opportunities for more than 580 million people. Power Africa is a U.S. government-led partnership led by USAID that brings together the collective resources of 12 U.S. Government agencies, 20 development partners and over 170 private sector partners, about half of which are U.S. companies, to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa. Power Africa’s goal is to add more than 30,000 megawatts (MW) of new electricity generation capacity and connect 60 million new homes and businesses to power by 2030. Private Sector Partnership is at the core of the Power Africa model. Power Africa encourages the private sector to play a leading role in facilitating investments in the energy sector and “first-of-their-kind” transactions that create pathways for future power projects to move forward.

Note: This role does not offer promotion potential due to its time-limited nature. To be considered for promotion, the person selected for this role must compete for higher positions.

Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen;
- Must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level (i.e., FL-02 = one year prior at the 03 level). Examples of specialized experience include: Work experience in country affairs, program, and technical areas, especially as it relates to international development;
- Strong organization skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills with technical and non-technical audiences;
- Detail- and deadline-oriented;
- Able to effectively coordinate with other USAID Operating Units (OUs), offices, and Bureaus on matters involving the countries of responsibility;
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret-level security clearance.

Key Duties:

- Provide strategic vision and advice for Power Africa’s climate finance work and programming to achieve Power Africa’s climate finance goals, which directly contribute to the Agency’s high level climate finance goals; be a subject matter expert in financial markets, project finance, climate finance and attracting institutional investors.
- Provide insights and best practices to guide Power Africa’s thinking in this crucial sub-sector and ensure seamless coordination with other climate finance actors in DC and in the field, including private financiers/fund

managers/institutional investors as we respond to the Administration's ambitious climate change agenda through innovation, commercialization, and deployment of clean energy technologies.

- Lead and contribute to design work on any climate finance related Power Africa and/or USAID implementing mechanisms, ensuring PACO priorities are reflected in USG climate finance programs, strategies and initiatives; seek and support interagency partners and opportunities for partnerships to advance Power Africa objectives; link finance-related interagency partners with development and private sector partners, advising and define climate finance-related metrics, approaches and measures to capture the full impact of PA climate finance activities; keep abreast of climate finance best practices and programs to inform PA approaches, representing PA in public and private fora, meetings, conferences, and contributing to climate finance related analysis, reports and presentations.

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Cover letter: Candidates are required to submit a cover letter expressing interest and clearly addressing the stated requirements for the position;
- Resume/CV;
- Transcripts: Official or unofficial transcripts, (if applicable);
- Three professional references.

Other applicable documents: Candidates should submit the following documents as applicable.

- Veteran's Preference: Applicants claiming Veterans Preference must submit all appropriate documentation (DD-214, Service Disability Letter, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, etc.).
- Political Appointee: Applicants serving as a current/former Political Appointee must submit all appropriate documentation (SF-50s, appointment letter, etc.)

Please submit your application package to cfoley@usaid.gov. Please use the subject line: "FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Climate Finance Expert, FL-02." Application submissions are required by 11:59 p.m. EST, January 26, 2024. Incomplete packages, or packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line will not receive consideration.

Additional resources include:

- EEO Policy Statement (<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/equal-employment-opportunity/>)
- Reasonable Accommodation Policy (<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/reasonable-accommodation/>)

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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