ICLEI is a global network of over 2,500 cities and other subnational governments and their associations committed to building a sustainable future. ICLEI provides technical services, capacity building, networking and global representation opportunities, as well as cutting-edge solutions to its member and network cities and regions and their communities.

ICLEI’s African Head Office, which serves ICLEI’s network cities from across Africa, is based in Cape Town (www.africa.iclei.org) and is also home to ICLEI’s Global Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC), a center of excellence in the field of urban biodiversity and nature-based solutions for urban development (www.cbc.iclei.org). ICLEI Africa has established a complementary office in Mauritius, namely the ICLEI Africa Foundation, to support and further enable its expanding services and expertise to governments across Africa. ICLEI Africa’s footprint stretches across the continent, with staff located in several African countries, from where we serve our Members and implement projects.

The ICLEI Africa and ICLEI CBC teams: Our work is conducted by a dynamic and passionate team of well qualified and highly skilled professionals that work with cities and regions to ensure a more sustainable future. As an office that deeply cares for the constituency it works with, the team adheres to a strong set of values. There is a culture and ethos of openness and sharing, where staff are always willing to support each other where they can. There is a diversity of skills and experiences in our team of well over 60 staff that spans from those that work internationally at the highest advocacy, diplomatic and technical levels, carrying Masters and Doctorate degrees, to those that are experienced practitioners in the fields of urban planning, economics, sustainability, social and environmental science, and engineering. Given the number of languages spoken across the African continent and globally, ICLEI Africa has many bilingual and multilingual staff, and also supports staff development in adding more languages and sustainability skills to their repertoire.

ICLEI Africa has the pleasure of inviting leading and suitably qualified individuals to apply for the positions below, to join our African and/or Cities Biodiversity Center global teams of dynamic sustainability professionals.

All applicants for the below positions must be aware that (unless indicated) these are full-time positions, but that there is a level of flexibility to be located elsewhere in exceptional cases or for periods of time, depending on individual and/or project locations.

Candidates should also have a fully internet-connected, functional, dedicated workspace at home for times when they may be required to work remotely (a company laptop will be provided).
Please forward all of the following:

- covering/motivating letter
- comprehensive CV
- copy of SA identity document, visa documents to work in South Africa, or in the case of non-South African applicants, a passport or equivalent identification papers proving the capacity to work in the country where the position is based
- available starting date
- current and expected salary
- three contactable references

to iclei-africa@iclei.org by 17h00 (GMT+2) on 1 September 2023. Note that all these documents will be treated as strictly confidential and only be used internally in ICLEI for this recruitment process.

Please include the correct reference (REF) in your email subject line and covering letter, to clearly indicate which position you are applying for. All applications should be in English.

No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

A market-related and competitive annual remuneration package (TCOE based) will be offered to successful candidates, taking into consideration qualifications and experience, and the current salary scales of ICLEI Africa.

Good team fit within the ICLEI team will be a consideration for all posts.

Applicants who have not been contacted within 90 working days after the closing date of this advertisement should regard their applications as unsuccessful. ICLEI Africa reserves the right not to appoint an individual in relation to any job advert.

We will be processing applications as they are received, and we reserve the right to close this advertisement before the final date stated should we find a suitable candidate. As such, we encourage candidates to apply as soon as possible.

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Professional Officer/ Senior Specialist:
Climate Change: Sustainable Energy
(24-month fixed term contract position with the potential of renewal)

REF – PO/SS: Climate Change: Sustainable Energy

ICLEI Africa is looking for skilled candidate(s) to work with us in creating a conducive environment for improving sustainable energy uptake in African subnational governments, harnessing multi-level governance approaches, and utilising climate finance and market-led interventions to do so.

An important area of work to be tackled by the successful candidate will be to contribute to the creation of thriving sustainable energy sectors, and assist in enabling the energy transition at the local level in Africa.

The position(s) are suitable for someone with a strong technical background, with experience working in all/some of the following areas:

- sustainable energy policy and market analysis and development
- facilitating just transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa
- project development and linking projects to finance
- electric vehicles and non-motorised transport
- climate change mitigation and greenhouse gas management and reporting
• energy access technologies and initiatives
• wider green economy and sustainability sector development.

We are looking for someone to join our team to contribute strongly to the progression of our sustainable energy and mitigation work on the continent; working with subnational and national stakeholders to enable a reduction in current and future carbon emissions, increasing access to sustainable energy, and doing so in a way that is nature-positive and people-centred.

Candidates, via their applications, should provide evidence of the following experience:
• Having worked with stakeholders in Africa to develop policies and practices that promote climate change mitigation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and/or sustainable energy access.
• Worked with the public sector at the subnational level and/or enabling public and private sector partnerships that enable local change in the sustainable energy sector.
• Linking sustainable energy initiatives with other sustainability sectors (such as waste, water, housing etc.). ICLEI works in an integrated transdisciplinary fashion.
• Planning, managing and implementing projects, from both a technical and financial perspective.
• Working in multi-disciplinary, multicultural, multi-location project teams.
• Stakeholder engagement, development of strategic partnerships, business proposal development, project acquisition and resource mobilisation.
• Training stakeholders in-person and remotely on topics of sustainable energy, climate change mitigation, with experience in workshop design and facilitation.

Advantageous experience:
• Understanding of market mechanisms to unlock green economy sectors within Africa.
• Experience engaging with multilateral development banks and/or development finance institutions on funding subnational government projects.
• Developing project concepts and/or pre-feasibility studies to unlock finance and implementation.
• Proficiency in processing climate change mitigation data, e.g. the ability to perform greenhouse gas emissions calculations and reporting.

Requirements of this position:
• Relevant postgraduate degree in energy, engineering, economics, science, climate change, environmental science or a qualification from an equivalent numerate discipline.
• At least 2 years relevant experience for the Professional Officer position(s) and at least 5 years relevant experience for Senior Specialist position(s).
• Experience in project management, delivering outputs with high quality and within deadlines, and with significant benefit to stakeholders.
• Aptitude for working with numbers and budgets, and proficiency in Microsoft Excel.
• Excellent writing ability, as well as public speaking and facilitation skills.
• Proficiency in Microsoft Office programmes, especially Excel, Word and PowerPoint.
• Ability to engage professionally and diplomatically with political and technical officials in African subnational and national governments, as well as with partners that engage with government.
• Ability to play a knowledge broker role between government officials and their counterparts in other sectors, to ensure that ICLEI Africa delivers whole-of-society solutions.
• Ability to produce high quality technical reports, academic papers, popular articles, promotional and social media material.
• Ability to promote, enhance and expand the projects and partnerships she/he is involved in, and make linkages between programmes and projects on the continent, and globally, for maximum efficiency and impact.
• Innovative and agile individual with a ‘can do’ attitude who can think on her/his feet, show initiative and drive, and harness well-established networks to further build ICLEI’s good reputation and networks across Africa and internationally.
• Proficiency in French and/ or Portuguese (in addition to English) will be a strong added advantage.
• Willingness to travel extensively, in Africa and internationally.
• Candidates based in Rwanda, or willing to relocate to Rwanda, are strongly encouraged to apply.