

The Swiss Capacity Building Facility (SCBF) is a public private development partnership to promote financial inclusion in developing and emerging economies. A member-based association founded in 2011, the Facility has funded over 120 projects in 39 countries reaching more than 2 million low-income clients with a variety of financial services, including credit, savings, and insurance.

To reinforce its operations in the region of West Africa the SCBF is recruiting a local

Financial Inclusion & Financial Education Specialist West Africa (50 - 100%)

The Financial Inclusion Specialist will support members and partners in designing high-quality interventions with a focus on West Africa, incl. Chad, one of the geographical priorities of the SCBF. In addition, s/he will take part in the monitoring and evaluation of selected strategic interventions, thereby contributing to SCBF's knowledge management functions.

The Financial Inclusion Specialist will report directly to the CEO and coordinate closely his/her activities with the Operations Manager and the Representative of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in West Africa, based in Ouagadougou. Main tasks include:

- Support members and partners, including SDC offices in West Africa and Chad, in designing high-quality technical assistance proposals with a regional focus on West Africa and Chad in line with the thematic priorities and partner financial institutions eligibility criteria of the SCBF.
- Support members in monitoring selected technical assistance interventions with a regional focus on West Africa and Chad.
- Monitor, analyse and evaluate the performance of technical assistance projects of strategic importance in the region and by drawing findings and conclusions contribute to the knowledge management function of the SCBF.
- Represent the SCBF in West Africa and Chad.
- Liaise with the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and update the BCEAO on the contribution of the SCBF to the objectives of BCEAO's financial inclusion strategy in West Africa, in coordination with SDC (in particular, SDC's Regional Advisor for Rural Development Programmes based in Ouagadougou).
- Various, such as organisation of workshops in support of the SCBF Secretariat, inputs to final SCBF case study reports for the completed interventions, partnership building, and other as requested.

Profile:

The successful candidate, based in West Africa, will bring an excellent understanding of the financial inclusion sectors within West Africa and Chad and a strong network with regional industry leaders, partner financial institutions, national microfinance associations, policy stakeholders, and donors.

She or he will have an excellent understanding of and a proven record in

- at least ten years in responsible financial inclusion, comprising inclusive banking and insurance, gender issues in financial inclusion, and social performance management of financial institutions
- financial literacy training, responsible marketing, business and farmer management skills training, as well as client research
- knowledge management and network facilitation
- entire project management cycle

We are looking for a professional with higher education in a preferred field of study: economics, development finance, business administration, or other comparable field. He or she should have a high commitment to the goal of the SCBF to deepen responsible financial inclusion through tailor-made technical assistance and knowledge sharing. A motivated, fast learner, she or he will have a strong ability to work independently and to maintain a consistent, high level of productivity.

Languages: excellent proficiency in French and fluency (written and oral) in English are required. Local languages and Arabic are an asset.

Please send your application to info@scbf.ch until August 31st 2019.