



Smart Power Myanmar

External Relations & Policy Director

With funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, and support from the World Bank, USAID and Yoma Strategic Holdings, Pact is launching a new platform for accelerating national-level rural electrification and related economic development, the **Smart Power Myanmar Facility (SPMF)**. This platform will act at the intersection of the private, public, financial and community development sectors, and will help to catalyze the overall energy/rural development market. We hope to connect more than 5 million people to reliable electricity access in the next 5 years. We are looking for outstanding candidates to work with us to design, develop and operate SPMF. In particular, we seek experts with proven track records in energy and rural development who are passionate about energy as a driver of Myanmar's economic growth. SPMF team will have exceptional experience and credentials in a range of areas, including but not limited to: policy development and advocacy, investment facilitation, energy project development and demand creation at the community level as well as knowledge and data management.

Role Purpose

External Relations and Policy Director will engage closely with respective ministries in strengthening the policy and regulatory environment for deployment of decentralized energy access solutions in rural Myanmar. S/he will work with the Government of Myanmar and various private, non-state as well as township- and community-level partners to ensure effective collaboration on the implementation of rural energy access initiatives. S/he will guide the SPMF's work on politically sensitive development priorities, such as rural infrastructure development and private investments. S/he will be confident in coordinating with various groups of stakeholders in order to establish and nourish productive dialogue and promote change for improving the livelihoods of Myanmar's rural population.

The **External Relations and Policy Director** will work under the leadership of the SPMF Managing Director in a small team of energetic professionals who are results-oriented and dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in a challenging and diverse environment. The role will require regular travel to Nay Pyi Taw and many States and Regions to represent the work of SPMF with key local actors.

This position is open to highly qualified senior Myanmar candidates with extensive experience in policy and external relations. Applications from women professionals are strongly encouraged.

Key Responsibilities

The **External Relations and Policy Director** will demonstrate exceptional performance in the following functional areas:

- Oversee government relations through close engagement with respective ministries and Union and Region/State level governments
- Facilitate high-level politically-sensitive dialogues and exchanges between respective ministries, donor programs, civil society and private sector initiatives to spearhead coordination and collaboration in advancing the implementation of rural energy access initiatives
- Guide the SPMF team in high-level understanding of Myanmar union- and state/region-level policies and regulations
- Provide technical assistance on energy-related policy and regulatory issues to various stakeholders involved in Myanmar's rural electrification efforts, ranging from the government counterparts to rural communities
- Lead analyses to understand rural electrification issues and to propose respective improvements of policy and regulatory frameworks
- Lead advocacy for rural energy access & liaise with key stakeholders critical to drive policy changes and initiatives that support rural energy access

Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's degree required in politics, international relations, or other related field, advanced degree strongly preferred
- At least 10 years prior experience in leading high level governmental/policy analyses or advocacy solutions, performed in a politically sensitive or unstable environment, direct/indirect experience working with the Government of Myanmar is considered essential
- At least 5 years of experience building high-level, productive relationships with a diverse group of national and international stakeholders; state and non-state actors; high levels of diplomacy and proven experience of trust-building in Myanmar or similar context
- Strong analytical mind-set and political sensibility with the ability to deconstruct large, complex policies into clear and actionable strategies and initiatives
- Familiarity with political environment and history of Myanmar; knowledge on energy laws and regulatory frameworks for rural energy access in Myanmar is considered an asset
- Experience working in private sector, donor/INGO/multilateral initiatives in Myanmar would be advantageous

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume, including contact details, two referees and vacancy reference (05/Apr/039/2018) addressed to the following contact by **2 May, 2018 (Wednesday) 5 PM (MMT)**.

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Note:

- 1) *Earlier application is encouraged to every interested person. After receiving an application from a potential candidate, position may be filled up prior to closing date.*
- 2) Application via email: *Please do not enclose copy (ies) of other relevant supporting documents (such as educational certificate and testimonials) if the application submitted via email. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified*