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Enabel is the Belgian development agency. It implements Belgium's governmental cooperation. The agency also works for other national and international donors. With its partners in Belgium and abroad, Enabel offers solutions to address pressing global challenges - Climate Change, Urbanisation, Human Mobility, Peace and Security, Economic and Social Inequality - and to promote Global Citizenship. With 2,000 staff, Enabel manages about 170 projects in twenty countries, in Belgium, Africa and the Middle East.

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Background

Africa today only produces 1% of the vaccines that are needed on the continent. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown large inequalities in access to quality health services and demonstrated the need for strong health systems and better pandemic preparedness all over the world. Universal health coverage can only be achieved when there is affordable access to safe, effective, and quality medicines and health products.

Technical Support Service (TESS) for Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies in Africa (MAV+) is a new three-year project that aims at boosting local manufacturing capacities in Africa and strengthening pharmaceutical systems in Africa. The TEI operates at continental and national levels on 3 dimensions: supply side, demand and enabling ecosystem. The TEI MAV+ works in close collaboration with African Union, particularly Africa CDC the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) and the recently created African Medicine Agency (AMA).

The overall objective of this project is to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential vaccines, medicines and health technologies for all, in alignment with SDG 3.8 and in the context of promoting universal health coverage (UHC).

The specific **objective** of the project is to enhance TEI MAV+ coordination, technical expertise, progress monitoring and communication.

The project includes four outputs:

1. Operational support to the EC to facilitate the overall coordination of Team Europe members and the TEI monitoring, evaluation and communication
2. Technical Support to TEI-MAV+ workstreams
3. Technical Support to PAVM Secretariat
4. Technical Support to strengthen equitable access to quality health products in Africa

The project is a consortium of 3 European agencies: Enabel (lead), Expertise France and GIZ. It will provide expertise support to EU INTPA, EU delegations and partners and will contribute to promoting Universal Health Coverage. Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is essential to sustainable development (SDG 3).

Job description

As TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT EXPERT within the MAV+ project team and under the supervision of the Project Manager,

- You contribute to the implementation of the program by providing inputs for planning, execution, coordination and monitoring and evaluation of activities in order to ensure that the results of the program (outputs – outcomes) are achieved within the set execution deadline

- You provide multi-country support building on lessons learned and experiences, particularly to INTPA and to EU Delegations;
- You provide technical input to joint programming planning and other forms of collaboration among EU Member States;
- You provide technical inputs for political and policy dialogue to INTPA in the context of international initiatives, the PAVM and other institutions (EMA, AMA, AMRH, WHO, etc.);
- You enhance the private sector engagement ;
- You contribute to INTPA work by developing recommendations, supporting in decision making and strategy setting;
- You contribute to Team Europe Initiatives in the pharmaceutical regulation and the ecosystem for production of vaccines, medicines and health technologies in Africa;
- You contribute to the reflection around strategies to boost vaccines and health products manufacturing in Africa;
- You coordinate with EU MS and Agencies as Technical Focal Point for engaging with the private pharmaceutical sector .

Profile

Required qualifications

- Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related fields;
- Specialisation in the area of technology Transfer and Intellectual property management is an asset.

Required experience

- At least **5 years** of experience in marketing, technical assistance, capacity building, pharmaceutical tech transfer or training in/for pharmaceutical sector;

The following work experiences will be considered as an asset :

- Experience in Intellectual Property identification, strategy and licensing negotiations;
- Experience in a broad range of IP and commercialization issues in the pharmaceutical sector or related sector;
- Experience in researching and sharing best practices in technology transfer and commercialization;
- Experience in fostering a network of regional entities to assist in technology transfer;
- Experience in R&D or production of medicines, vaccines or health products in the private or academic sector;
- An international experience (i.e. in the international development sector and outside your country of origin), especially in Africa.

Required skills and knowledge

- High interpersonal and relational skills to build trust within the team and with the partners
- Pro-active and results-oriented team member within a project team;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Broad and in-depth understanding of the diverse aspects of development cooperation and sustainable development;
- Good knowledge of pro-active multi-actor partnership building and knowledge management;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Adaptability and flexibility with priority setting capacities;
- You are fluent in spoken and written French or Dutch. You work in an international environment; knowledge of French and English is therefore required.

Applicants are also required to **commit to the vision, mission and values of Enabel** (<https://www.enabel.be/content/enabel-vision-mission-values>).

We offer you

- A challenging and varied job in an international environment.
- A contract of **33 months**. You are based in **Brussels**. Missions to the countries where we implement projects are possible (on a quarterly basis).
- A **salary package** that comprises the **monthly gross salary, in accordance with our salary scales (Class 6)**, as well as meal vouchers, hospitalisation/healthcare insurance, a group retirement savings plan, 24h/24h ETHIAS-Assistance, 13th month, double holiday allowance and 100% reimbursement of public transportation costs.

Following this recruitment procedure a shortlist of successful applicants may be constituted which may be sourced in the next three years for similar job openings.

Every person who fulfils the conditions listed in our job advertisements may apply. Enabel is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in its workforce. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability status or any other factor other than competence.

Are you interested?

Apply here on-line with an application letter and your updated CV, at the latest by 26/02/2023. Only applications that are registered here via our on-line portal will be considered.

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