

About CLEAN:

Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN) is a member-based association of organisations engaged in the Decentralized Energy sector in India. The network has been established to help entrepreneurs and organisations overcome sector specific challenges and create a platform to project the needs and priorities of the sector by bringing together practitioners and all stakeholders in the energy ecosystem.

The need for a Clean Energy Access Network arises from the fact that while there are a number of enterprises that are involved in addressing the energy access gaps in India, the replicability and scalability of solutions is often a barrier to their growth in addition to the absence of an enabling environment or a supportive ecosystem.

CLEAN is technology and scale agnostic and represents organisations both in electricity and non-electricity energy. It delivers five core sets of services: Policy Engagement, Access to Finance, Skills and Training, Technology and Innovation, and Information & Networking Opportunities. The key objectives of CLEAN include addressing policy and regulatory uncertainty in the DRE sector, availability of skilled human resources, improving the access to finance and technology development driven by innovation to make energy access affordable and reliable.

Why Policy?

The Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) sector is now almost a decade old in India, and in the last few years has seen a significant growth with better technology, finance and consumer awareness. Policy support for the DRE sector is still in its nascent stages, with a mini-grid policy and application-wise support such as for solar pumps, stand alone systems being taken up by both MNRE and State Nodal Agencies.

CLEAN's recognition as the formal off-grid association by MNRE provides a unique advantage to drive a comprehensive and coherent policy strategy for the DRE sector, thus, ensuring that it becomes mainstream. CLEAN's role also involves engaging with other development-oriented Ministries, such as Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare, Health, Skills and Entrepreneurship, thereby facilitating opportunities for convergence on the ground.

Role: Associate – Policy

Location: New Delhi, India

Last date to apply: 2 Jan 2017; **Position to be filled by** mid/end Jan 2017

Reports to: Manager – Policy and Finance

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with practitioners to develop a ground-level understanding about the ease of doing business, the operational impacts of policy announcements, guidelines, regulations, among other related issues; Synthesise information and develop actionable recommendations particularly related to the DRE sector
 - Develop a strong understanding of the integrated policy space within which off-grid applications for household, community and productive uses facilitate improvements in livelihoods, agriculture, health and education
 - Conduct policy analysis using both primary and secondary data, sourced from CLEAN members, Government and Non-Government sources to contribute towards evidence based policy planning
 - Regularly review and critically analyse policies that are relevant to energy access and its linkages to rural development, at both the national and state levels
 - Engage with the Ministries, Regulators and Government Institutions to represent the off-grid energy access sector and proactively advocate for CLEAN's role in developing relevant policies and guidelines
 - Initiate guideline changes, programmatic planning and pilot projects with Regional and National level Government agencies around energy access challenges
 - Work with CLEAN members, other off-grid players, Policy Think Tanks, R & D Institutions, Multilateral agencies and other stakeholders to develop recommendations for decentralized energy policies and schemes and put forth the same to government and affiliated agencies
 - Create budgets at a project level and building mechanisms for monitoring the deliverables
 - Represent the organization in external events and forums, Contribute to written outputs in the form of papers, reports, policy briefs, as well as articles in other newspapers and online media.
 - Organize periodic outreach activities that bring various groups of stakeholders together to represent the challenges of members and other players as well as present the solutions that hold the potential to address these challenges.
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Core Competencies and requirements:

- Minimum 3 years of work experience in Energy Access and/or Public Policy
- Masters in Economics/Public Policy/Development Studies/Social Sciences or related subject areas
- Highly motivated, responsible, self-directed, resourceful and flexible, ability to multi-task
- Willingness to work in tandem with other team members; Strong engagement and coordination skills
- Interest in Energy Access and ability to integrate issues across a range of related areas and engage with a variety of stakeholders

- Good written and communication skills and ability to bring information together in easily readable forms for a wide range of audiences
 - Willingness to travel for 5-7 days in a month, including rural locations
 - Strong working knowledge of English and spoken Hindi, and other regional languages is desirable
 - Salary will be commensurate with experience/qualifications and in line with the organizational structure.
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Those interested, please contact: info@thecleannetwork.org with your CV and a Cover letter articulating your interest in the position. Please mention the Job title in the subject line. For additional information about the genesis, focus areas and some of the ongoing work of CLEAN, please visit www.thecleannetwork.org

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