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Since 2007, Renewable World has worked with local partners in Africa, Asia and Central America, testing pioneering new ways in which renewable energy can transform the lives of some of the world's poorest communities.

Our small global team are passionate about empowering people whilst also delivering against multiple Sustainable Development Goals, including Affordable and Clean Energy and Climate Action.

The provision of energy and water in an environmentally sustainable manner are huge challenges in the developing world. In many such countries only a small proportion of the population has access to the electricity grid, and the poorest members of the community rely on expensive alternatives which are both heavily polluting and injurious to health. Effective partnerships between NGOs, local communities, devolved government and private suppliers are required to reach the energy-less in these remote areas. This is where Renewable World places itself as a vital conduit to sustainable clean energy access.

Renewable World provides electricity and water in these challenging situations. We have supplied 3 500 households with clean energy and pumped over 450 million litres of water for drinking and irrigation to 84 communities across South Asia, East Africa and Central America, impacting on the lives of 40 thousand people. We are now working towards a strategic goal of 100 thousand beneficiaries by 2022 and must significantly scale up our programmes to reach this target.

Our current Chair, a member of our Board since 2017, is in place in the interim for one year until a permanent appointment can be made. We are therefore seeking to appoint a new Chair to lead us in taking forward this challenge. Working closely with the Board and senior management they will play a pivotal role in growing the organisation whilst ensuring its financial sustainability.

We are seeking a strategic minded individual with an ability to inspire others. You will be comfortable with elevating the profile of the charity, with leadership experience in the public, private or voluntary sector and experience of delivering effective governance. Ideally you will also be familiar with the role of a Non-Executive Director / Trustee.

We are seeking candidates who can also demonstrate strong skills/expertise/experience in the following areas:

- ability to mobilise a network of philanthropic contacts, both personal and within Renewable World
- strong communication skills with the ability to represent the charity externally at the highest levels, and ensure that the safeguarding and openness remain central tenets of the charity
- ability to Chair, lead and inspire the Board to achieve and extend the goals of the organisation
- ability to support, challenge, mentor and work in partnership with the Chief Executive,
- strong understanding of and attention to financial detail

This role is unpaid and requires an active commitment including quarterly face to face Board Meetings in London and more frequent conference calls (e.g. regular call with CEO; monthly and/or bimonthly board committee meetings). You must also be willing to travel to Brighton or other parts of the country on occasion to attend ad-hoc meetings with staff and funders.

Applications, which should include a CV with a supporting statement of up to 200 words, should be sent to Sarah Donnelly, Vice-Chair of Renewable World, via jobs@renewable-world.org or Charity Job

Closing date: 31st May 2020 Renewable World is a registered charity (no 1119467) and registered company (no 06005778) in England and Wales