

Job Description

Job title Industry Associate: Textile and Apparel

Directly Reports to Director – Textile and Apparel

Role Location Nairobi, Kenya

Msingi

Msingi East Africa Limited is an ambitious and innovative industry development organization supporting the growth of competitive industries in East Africa. We identify high potential industries and foster innovation, growth, and competitiveness in these industries by providing support, including investment, to pioneering firms, while catalyzing the right enabling environment for the industry. We are differentiated by our combination of strong private sector-orientation and skills, and the long-term approach needed to catalyze lasting economic development. Ultimately, Msingi's goal is to play a key role in East Africa's long-term economic transformation. The Gatsby Africa (UK) and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) have committed seed funding for Msingi's first 5 years. Gatsby is an independent foundation set up in 1967 by Lord David Sainsbury and has worked in East Africa since 1985. Gatsby initiated the concept of Msingi and is playing a hands-on role in its development. DFID, the UK government department responsible for overseas aid, aims to promote sustainable development and alleviate poverty.

Job purpose

This role will work within Msingi's Textile and Apparel team and will contribute to various industry interventions aimed at unlocking solutions to catalyze lasting change in the sector. The role holder will be guided by the sector strategy of the program and the overall market development guidelines and standards of Msingi East Africa.

Duties and responsibilities

Analyzing constraints, opportunities, and other characteristics of the Textile and Apparel industry East Africa

Developing agreements with key companies in the industry to improve productivity and stimulate innovation and investments

Managing contractual relations with companies, consultants, and partners

Engaging and managing other industry stakeholders, as and when needed, for example, industry associations, private sector representatives, government counterparts, investors etc..

Working closely with the director and the rest of the team in monitoring progress of interventions and changes in the industry

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Undertaking regular field visits to collect and synthesize information to understand end to end industry dynamics and levers of change

Any other duties relevant for the development of the industry as requested from time to time

Minimum Qualifications and Skills

Education & Certifications A minimum of an undergraduate degree, ideally in economics, business, finance, industrial engineering, or related fields from a national or international university with a good reputation

Experience Up to 3 years' relevant work experience.
Relevant manufacturing sector, Textile and Apparel and development sector experience is appreciated but not required.

Skills

- Strong analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Proactive, creative, and entrepreneurial attitude
- Able to analyse data and other sources of information, probe for further information, make rational judgements from the available information and analysis, and understand how one issue may be part of a larger system.
- Good communication and relationship building skills.
- Ability to produce high quality written documents.
- Quick learner and inquisitive
- Flexible to work across different function and set of responsibilities.
- Adaptable and able to respond quickly to change.

Terms and remuneration

The contract for this work will be permanent and full-time. The job will be based in Nairobi with some local and regional travel. The salary will be competitive and is negotiable dependent on experience.

How to apply

If your experience and aspirations match this opportunity, please forward your cover letter and curriculum vitae detailing your qualifications and experience, and quoting Industry Manager – Textiles & Apparel, to Abreham Gizaw at abreham.gizaw@msingi.com and copy TextilesandApparel@msingi.com by XXX