Research associate for conceptualising a community lab in Togo (m/f/d)
(full-time or part-time, initially limited to 6 months)
Deadline for applications: 20.03.2020

The Interactive Textiles Research Department works on interdisciplinary design research projects that bridge the gap between technological innovations and human needs. With more than twenty researchers and under the direction of Prof. Dr. Gesche Joost, we investigate human-computer interaction and social groupings in our digital society.

We are looking for a researcher to support the conceptualisation for a community lab focussing on Open Source in Togo

Your tasks:
» Research, conceptualisation and support for creating a lab-network in Northern Togo (best practices for digital participative processes within development cooperation, overviews for well-proven solutions and communal offline-networks, such as the Open Source Network-Toolkit “MAZI”)
» Development of recommendations and an implementation plan for a lab concept in cooperation with a local expert
» Preparation and implementation of a Design Thinking/Co-Design workshop series on site together with the project consortium at relevant stakeholders (workshop contents: Raspberry Pi in practice, Open Source based networks like MAZI, DIY Open Source solutions)
» Steering of the cooperation in the project consortium, coordination and close alignment with local network partners (universities, Maker Spaces etc.) as well as project participants

Your qualifications:
» Completed university degree
» At least 3-5 years of experience of in the fields of digital education, civic tech, coding tools and experience with open technologies (open source)
» Ideally experience working on international projects and/or development cooperation focusing on sub-Saharan Africa
» Experience in managing projects, ideally in coordinating project teams
» Organisational skills as well as responsible and independent working methods
» Very good command of English, French would be an advantage

We look forward to receiving your informative application documents and your earliest possible starting date.