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## **PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AXIAN UNIVERSITY AND GIZ**

*Through this new partnership, AXIAN University, the AXIAN Group's corporate university, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) are pledging sustained efforts to develop skills that are important to Madagascar's solar-energy sector.*

### **AXIAN UNIVERSITY, A RENOWNED EXPERT**

As part of its project PERER, which promotes electrification through renewable energy, the Germano-Malagasy Cooperative, managed by GIZ, has solicited AXIAN University's expertise to tutor teachers and trainers from Madagascar's Ministry of Education and Professional Training (MEPT) on photovoltaic (PV) systems.

Due to Madagascar's energy sector's demand, the PERER project aims to offer its beneficiaries better returns for investing in electrification through renewable energy. To this end, the GIZ is offering trainings to all educational establishments on the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic (PV) systems.

The partnership formed by GIZ and AXIAN University allows both parties to coordinate a response to the rising need for MEPT trainers and teachers. As part of its role in this partnership, and drawing on the diverse expertise of its people, AXIAN University is a six-month course that focuses on solar-energy solutions and is geared towards electrification in Madagascar. AXIAN University will also lend its support to the professional assimilation of Madagascar's youth while closing the gap between the current job market and both immediate and long-term demand for relevant skills among companies operating in this domain.

This partnership also allows for the implementation of activities that have already been agreed upon between GIZ PERER and its parent ministry, Madagascar's Ministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons (MEH), that are geared towards aligning professional training and education with the Malagasy energy industry's skills demands.

**//** *This partnership with the GIZ shines a commending light on AXIAN University's educators. We are delighted and honoured to be working towards the upskilling of educators and, down the line, of the young people who will arrive on the jobs market.* **//** **Caroline Meurisse, Director of AXIAN University.**

## ABOUT AXIAN UNIVERSITY

AXIAN University is the AXIAN Group's Corporate University.

By training the Group's current and future staff, AXIAN University is allowing everyone to grow their careers as well as their skills. Using any of its three main programs (AXIAN Training Center, AXIAN Diploma and AXIAN Executive Education), the University backs AXIAN's employees in their professional trainings, upskilling and continuing education. Through its multitude of transverse fields of expertise as well as its certifying institutes in fields such as sales, energy, telecoms, finance or even digital skills, the University empowers each and every member of the AXIAN Group to grow by learning or sharing their experience. AXIAN University leverages partnerships with first-rate actors in the field, its pan-African scope and innovative teaching methods to support sustainable growth for AXIAN's people and subsidiaries to prepare them for the future and all the challenges it brings forth.

## ABOUT AXIAN

AXIAN is a pan African group that operates in 7 countries and specialises in 5 industries with high growth potential; namely telecoms, financial services, real estate, energy and innovation.

AXIAN is an engaged partner in the socio-economic growth of the countries where it operates. With over 5,000 daring and passionate staff, the group systematically ensures that its products and services have a positive and sustainable impact on the day-to-day lives of millions of Africans. The AXIAN Group is a signatory of the United Nations' Global Compact initiative and committed to the integration of its 10 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into group strategy, policies and operations.

Find out more about AXIAN: [www.axian-group.com](http://www.axian-group.com)

## ABOUT THE GIZ

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has represented the German federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Madagascar since 1982, and has also implemented projects on behalf of the European Union. The GIZ's National headquarters has been in Antananarivo for over 35 years.


The GIZ's current scope of intervention focuses on the following fields:

- Environment, biodiversity and natural resources.
- Food security and adapting agriculture to the eventual ramifications of climate change.
- Renewable energy and electricity production.

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