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**Job Posting Title**

Political Affairs Officer

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AMISOM 16 03

**Job Title**

Political Affairs Officer

**Organization**

The African Union, established as a unique Pan African continental body, is charged with spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a new partnership worldwide. Its Headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia. In seeking to achieve these objectives, the African Union intends to strengthen its capacity to deliver by, among others, the implementation of new organization structure and the filling of regular and short-term vacant posts.

The Commission of the African Union invites applicants who are citizens of Member States for the short-term post of Political Affairs Officer in the department of Peace and Security of the African Union Commission

**Department**

Job Title: Political Affairs Officer  
Grade: P3  
Section: Political Affairs  
Reports to: Senior Political Affairs  
Duty Station: Mogadishu, Somalia  
Number of Post : 1

**Project**

To assist in monitoring, reporting and analyzing all political aspects of the peace process and reporting on related developments and prospects. Also to follow up on all political, conflict prevention and peacemaking

initiatives and assist in facilitating the work of the Mission in political affairs as directed, including in preparation of drafts, briefs, meetings and reports.

## **Tasks**

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- Assist in the drafting of reports of the SRCC to the Chairperson of the AU Commission.
- Monitor and report political and related developments and progress of the peacekeeping operation
- Update knowledge of political and related events as they affect the mission in country, regionally and internationally;
- Identify and provide early warning briefs on potential challenges and make recommendations as appropriate;
- Draft talking points, speeches, memos and briefing notes for meetings and other correspondences for senior officials
- Act as focal point for collection and analyses of data and information on political issues
- Liaise as appropriate with other sections of the mission as required and under direction.
- Perform any other duties as directed by supervisor(s).

## **Requirements**

### **1. Qualifications and Experiences Required**

Minimum University Master's Degree in political science, international relations, international law or similar fields. Have Seven (7) years' work experience with at least three (3) years' experience in a related field with Government, NGO, and think tank, or similar multi-lateral, regional or international institution.

Minimum University Bachelor's Degree in political science, international relations, international law or similar fields. Have Ten (10) years' work experience with at least five (5) years' experience in a related field with Government, NGO, and think tank, or similar multi-lateral, regional or international institution.

### **2. Skills and Competencies Required**

- Ability to work closely with governments, NGOs and multi-lateral institutions in complex political affairs, peace and security undertakings.
- Computer literate and well versed in the use of the Internet, Power Point, Excel and Word.
- Excellent writing, negotiating, analytical and communication skills.
- Ability to work in a multicultural setting
- Must be prepared to work in a hardship context and highly pressurized and sometimes hazardous environment

### **3. Language requirement:**

Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French and Portuguese) is required. Knowledge of one or more of the other AU working languages would be an added advantage.

### **4. Tenure of appointment:**

The appointment shall be for an initial period of one (1) year, the first three (3) months of which shall be on probation. It shall be renewable subject to performance and availability of funds.

### **5. Equal opportunities:**

The African Union Commission is an equal opportunities employer. Qualified women are encouraged to apply.

6. Remuneration:

The salary attached to the position is a fixed monthly lump sum of US\$ 102,871.50 (P3 Step 5) inclusive of all allowances for internationally recruited staff, and US\$ 91,267.91 inclusive of all allowances for locally recruited staff.

Applications must be made through the AUC E-recruitment Website <http://www.aucareers.org> not later than 12 May 2017.

Applications are pre-screened by the system according to the published requirements of the job opening on the basis of the information provided in the application. In relation to the requirements of the job opening, applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their qualifications, including their education, work experience, and language skills. Each applicant must bear in mind that submission of incomplete or inaccurate applications may render that applicant ineligible for consideration for the job opening. Initial screening and evaluation of applications will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted. Applications cannot be amended following submission. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to a reference-checking process to verify the information provided in the application.

Directorate of Administration and Human Resource Management  
African Union Commission  
Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

***Contract Type***

Short Term

***Employment Fraction***

Full-time

***Branch***

AU Liaison Offices – AMISOM